

Update for the Southwest OK Chapter Of MOAA

January 2021



**Southwest Oklahoma Chapter of the
Military Officers Association of America**

National MOAA

MOAA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of officers from the seven uniformed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. We are active duty, retired, former, and National Guard and Reserve officers supporting all ranks and branches who serve or have served, as well as their spouses, family members, and surviving spouses.

Vision: To be the leading association advocating on behalf of the uniformed services community.

Mission: Never stop serving and advocating on behalf of America's uniformed services.

Values: Expressed by our commitment to "Never Stop Serving" and articulated through three tenets: service, leadership, and professionalism.



SW Oklahoma Chapter of MOAA

- **To promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America.**
- **To foster camaraderie among retired, active duty, reserve component and former officers of the uniformed services.**
- **To protect the rights and interests of all members and their families and survivors.**
- **To provide useful services for members, their dependents and survivors.**
- **To serve the Southwest Oklahoma communities and the nation.**

Membership Update

➤ National Membership

- **350,000 members in 400 chapters in 50 states**
- **47% Life Members, 19% Premium and 34% Basic**

➤ Local Membership

- **Chapter established in 2001**
- **156 members as of 31 Dec 2020; 119 Chapter Members and 37 Associate Chapter Members**
- **73 National Lifetime Members, 22 National Premium Members and 24 National Basic Members**
- **Member of the Oklahoma MOAA State Council**

SWOK Chapter 2020 - Year in Review

- **Volunteers at Fort Sill National Cemetery and MWC**
- **SW Oklahoma Chapter MOAA Scholarship Fund**
- **Chapter Meeting and Donation to Veteran's Center**
- **Presented MOAA Medals, Certificates and Monetary Awards to Outstanding SROTC/JROTC Cadets**
- **5 Scholarships Awarded to area High School Seniors**
- **4 Nationally Endowed Scholarships Awarded**
- **1st Cameron ROTC cadet selected for a scholarship**
- **Participated in "Virtual Storm the Hill"**
- **5 Star Marvin A. Harris Communications Award**
- **5 Star Level of Excellence Chapter Award**

MOAA National Scholarships

- **MOAA Scholarship Fund was established in 1948 to provide benefits to children of military families.**
- **SW OK Chapter has four nationally endowed scholarships that are permanently funded.**
- **Highly qualified applicants from Southwest Oklahoma are considered as the first priority.**
- **2020 – 2021 National Scholarships awarded to:**
 - **Lane T. Cabler**
 - **Katherine A. Sharp**
 - **Keri A. Sharp**
 - **Carson Shaw**

SWOK MOAA Scholarships

- **SWOK Chapter of MOAA Scholarship Fund awards five \$1000 scholarships each year.**
- **Scholarships are awarded to very deserving university bound high school seniors from our area with military sponsors.**
- **2020 SWOK MOAA Scholarships awarded to:**
 - **Lexia Carter - Elgin High School**
 - **Katie Brooks - Elgin High School**
 - **Andrew Celedon - MacArthur High School**
 - **Aurelia Holquin - Fletcher High School**
 - **Erica Brock - MacArthur High School**

MOAA Auxiliary

➤ Numbers

- **37 Members as of 31 December 2020**
- **Are Associate Members of the SW OK MOAA Chapter**
- **Auxiliary President sits on the Executive Board**

➤ Meetings

- **Meet the 4th Tuesday of each month**
- **Held at the Lawton Country Club**

Military Welcome Center

➤ History

- MOAA Auxiliary saw a need, teamed with ASYMCA
 - Dedicated 23 APR 2012
 - MWC Lounge located at Lawton Airport
 - MWC was expanded/renovated in late 2013.
 - MOAA Grant provided new lounge chairs in 2019
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- MWC Operations currently suspended due to COVID-19

MOAA National Priorities for 2021

- **Advocacy**
- **Expanding the Scope of MOAA's Charities**
- **Increasing Engagement and Member Experiences**
- **Increasing Membership**
- **Innovating Chapters and Councils**
- **Focusing on Diversity**

Chapter Goals and Objectives 2021

- **Promote the aims, objectives and national legislative agenda of the Military Officers Association of America.**
- **Promote state legislation beneficial to active duty service members and retirees.**
- **Provide useful services for chapter members and their families.**
- **Build Chapter membership.**
- **Sustain the SW OK Chapter of MOAA Area Scholarship and Leadership Award programs through the SW OK Chapter of MOAA Scholarship Fund to recognize deserving young men and women.**

Chapter Goals and Objectives 2021

- **Promote individual member, sponsor and chapter contributions and activities.**
- **Earn national recognition for the Chapter.**
- **Build the financial resources of the Chapter.**
- **Develop Chapter Operating Procedures to specify Officer and Board Member Duties.**
- **Support the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center as permitted considering the health concerns of the residents.**

MOAA is your Organization

➤ National Membership

- Three levels of membership (Basic – no cost, Premium - \$40/year, Life – age dependent)
- Join 350,000 members and make your voice heard
- Recommend all officers join; on-line now

➤ Local Membership

- You are encouraged to recruit new members
- Annual Fee only \$20 or multi year discount

A Healthy MOAA Chapter

- **Chapter Purpose!**
- **Legislative Advocacy Engagement!**
- **Community Involvement!**
- **Membership Growth!**

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Scholarship Fund 2020

➤ Funds Transferred from Chapter	\$1210
➤ 19 Individual Century Club + Donors	\$5000
➤ 4 Corporate Donors	<u>\$2750</u>
➤ Total	\$8960
➤ 5 High School Scholarships Awarded	\$5000
➤ Earmark for Cameron Scholarship	\$1000
➤ Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 15</u>
➤ Balance Carried Forward	\$2945

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