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# SENTINEL



March 2026 Message from President Mike Apicella – [sencland.president@gmail.com](mailto:sencland.president@gmail.com)

## Greetings and Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



As my first act as President of SENCLAND, I had to reschedule our meeting on February 3rd due to a massive snowstorm. Everyone seemed to have survived and we finally had our meeting on February 11th. During our meeting Jim Buell and Jason Howell from the Moores Creek National Battlefield gave an excellent presentation on the 250th Anniversary of the Battle at Moores Creek and discussed the upcoming events that will be held on February 27th and 28th in support of the First in Freedom Festival here in Wilmington and surrounding areas.

On February 10th, we toured the Moores Creek National Battlefield. For this trip we had great weather. Special thanks to Jason Howell and Jason Collins for their presentation during the tour.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday 3 March at the Bluewater Grill. We need to have a good headcount by **Sunday, 22 February** and ask that you please RSVP by then. This deadline set by the Bluewater is to ensure they have the correct set-up, staff and meals on hand for our meetings. Please consider sending your RSVP in as early as possible. It really does help our planning and makes your check in process go a lot smoother. All it takes is a "click"!

For our March 3rd meeting, we are pleased to have – Major General Joe Shrader, of the NC Museum of the Marine in Jacksonville, as our guest speaker. The museum is a New National Landmark at Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville, North Carolina that will be opening on June 8, 2026. Please see additional details for these events in [Programs](#).

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## President's Message (Continued)

Submitted by President Mike Apicella

Please welcome our newest members:

- David "Scotty" Dawson, COL USMC (ret) and his wife Julie.
- Robert McKenzie, Colonel, USA (ret.) and his wife Marimer.

Happy Birthday to all our March born members. May you have many more happy, healthy years ahead.

Wishing everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day — Tuesday March 17, 2026

Many thanks to those of you who continue to contribute to our Scholarship and Outreach programs. As I mentioned during the February meeting, we have had a large number of contributions so far this year and I thank all who have so far contributed to support these worthy causes in 2026.

Our JROTC, Veterans Scholarships and Veteran Outreach programs, in addition to our BG Jim Carper Scholarship Fund are doing great work in our catchment area. But, without your generosity and continued support, we would be unable to help these deserving individuals. Thank you again so much for your support!

Please keep reading your newsletter in its entirety! In particular, read the [SENCLAND Member's Profile](#) for the month, CWO2 David Foster, US Coast Guard, Retired.



### ***SENCLAND Challenge Coins still available.***

The SENCLAND Chapter now has its very own Challenge Coin! Initial sales have been strong but we have many left and will continue to offer them at \$5.00 each at upcoming chapter luncheons/meetings and other functions.



# Chapter Leadership

Below is a list of Officers, Board Members, and Service Directors that comprise the SENCLAND Chapter's leadership. You can contact chapter leaders by emailing [senclandchapter@gmail.com](mailto:senclandchapter@gmail.com)

## Officers

**Mike Apicella**, COL, USA (ret), President, SENCLAND Chapter  
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**Dianne Jinwright**, LtCol, USAF (ret), Newsletter Editor, Sponsorship Coordinator  
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**Leon Rooks**, MAJ, USAR, Outreach Chair  
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**Leslie Roberson**, LtCol, USAF (ret), Membership Co-Chair and Nametags  
**Dianne Jinwright**, LtCol , USAF (ret), Public Affairs, Facebook, Media Publicity  
**Marco Vialpando**, MAJ, USA (ret), Surviving Spouse Coordinator  
**Mike Apicella**, COL, USA (ret), Outreach  
**Allen Allegretto**, CDR, USNR (ret), Webmaster, Member Communication System Manager  
**Karen Murphy**, Social Committee

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**Dianne Jinwright**, LtCol USAF (ret), USAF Service Director  
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**Tim Johnson**, CPT, USMC, USMC Service Director  
**Wayne Gibson**, CAPT, USCG, (ret), USCG Service Director

## Our Mission

**The mission of the SENCLAND Chapter is to benefit members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors and to advocate for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the community and its members.**

## Membership Updates

Submitted by Al Schroetel and Leslie Roberson, Membership Co-Chairs



# Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the Chapter's newest members:

- David Dawson, Colonel, USMC (Ret.). Scotty and Julie live in the River Oaks section of Wilmington.
- Robert McKenzie, Colonel, USA (Ret.). Bob and Marimer live in the Landfall section of Wilmington.



# Condolences

We regret reporting the passing of two Long-time Chapter Members:

**Walter H. "Bo" Dawson III**, Colonel, USA (Ret.) passed away on 30 January 2026. Colonel Dawson served 31 years in the U.S. Army, enlisting at age 17 in 1948 and becoming an infantry officer in 1951. A combat veteran of Korea and two tours in Vietnam, he earned numerous honors, including the Combat Infantry Badge, Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, and three Air Medals, and was inducted into the Infantry Hall of Fame in 1972. His career included infantry and logistics assignments across the U.S., Europe, and Asia with training as a paratrooper at Fort Benning. Colonel Dawson will be buried at Arlington but no date has been established.

[Obituary | Wallace "Bo" Harvey Dawson III, Col., US Army, Ret. | Andrews Mortuary & Crematory](#)

**Bernadine Teresa Harrity**, Lt Colonel, USA (Ret.) passed away on 10 October 2025. Colonel Harrity graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970 and Duquesne Law School in 1974. She joined the United States Army Judge Advocates General's Corps and practiced in Washington DC. Colonel Harrity remained active in the reserves as she moved to private practice in Pittsburgh, PA. During her twenty years of service, Bernadine received numerous awards for exemplary and meritorious service. In retirement she moved to Wilmington, NC. A funeral mass was held in Levittown, PA on 13 November followed by an interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Bensalem, PA.

[Obituary: https://www.andrewsmortuary.com/obituary/bernadine-harrity](https://www.andrewsmortuary.com/obituary/bernadine-harrity)

## Membership Updates (continued)

Submitted by Al Schroetel and Leslie Roberson, Membership Co-Chairs

**Invite a friend or neighbor to a Chapter Luncheon!** Please invite a friend to one of our monthly meetings or special events. Not only are guests always welcome, but this is also how we can make potential members aware of the benefits of Chapter membership.

**Keeping Current:** We try to keep abreast of the current status of all Chapters Members. In that regard, please let us know of major changes such as relocations, major illness or deaths by sending an e-mail to Al at [downeast@bellsouth.net](mailto:downeast@bellsouth.net) or Leslie at [lesliecotu@hotmail.com](mailto:lesliecotu@hotmail.com)

**Membership Roster:** The chapter's membership roster is available in the password protected section of the chapter's website. This roster is updated every month so you will always have the most current list. If you would like assistance accessing that section, please contact me at [downeast@bellsouth.net](mailto:downeast@bellsouth.net) or Allen Allegretto at [allegrettoa@yahoo.com](mailto:allegrettoa@yahoo.com)



## Membership Dues Update

Submitted by SENCLAND Treasurer, Anna Marie Allegretto

This year was an exciting dues season as we began using [Cheddar Up](#) for collection, recording, and receipt of dues, and we also had some early year donations for the first time. We had people pay online, at luncheons, and through the US Postal Service. This required a lot of tracking to ensure dues and donations were properly credited.

If you paid your dues and continued to receive email notices, it may be that you paid using a different email address than the one we typically use to communicate with you. If that is not the case, please reach out to Anna Marie at [SENCLAND.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:SENCLAND.treasurer@gmail.com) so she can check into the matter. We need to verify our information is correct for accounting but also to make the [Cheddar Up](#) administrators aware of any issues they may have in their programming.

*Thank you to all.*

# February 2026 Meeting/Luncheon

February 11, 2026  
Luncheon/Meeting  
At the [Bluewater Waterfront Grill](#)



Attendees at the SENCLAND MOAA February 11th Meeting/Luncheon heard the story of the Battle of the Moores Creek Bridge of February 17, 1776. Jim Buell and Jason Collins from the [Moores Creek National Battlefield](#), recounted the story of how the patriots foiled the British loyalist plans to restore British Crown rule in the Carolinas. The brief, possibly three-minute, battle marked the first decisive victory of the American Revolution in North Carolina.

The North Carolina First in Freedom Festival will unite communities across eastern North Carolina through historical reenactments, educational programs, arts, music, and cultural experiences, culminating in America's 250th anniversary in 2026. Moores Creek, known as the site of the first significant Patriot victory in the American Revolution, will serve as a focal point of statewide celebrations.

Our mission is to celebrate more than 250 years of our Nation's story and culture viewed through the lens of our historical North Carolina events and the arts.

Moores Creek will serve as a focal point of the North Carolina-wide FIRST IN FREEDOM FESTIVAL, happening February 21-28, 2026. The festival celebrates the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States.

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## SENCLAND Monthly Luncheon

**Date:** Tuesday, 3 February 2026

**Location:** Bluewater Waterfront Grill, 4 Marina St, Wrightsville Beach NC 28480. [Bluewater Map](#)

**Time:** Please arrive by 11:15am to allow for registration and menu selections. The program will start at 11:30.

**Price: \$30.00**

1. Includes water, sweet and unsweet iced tea, soft drinks, cookies for dessert, taxes and gratuities.
2. Beer, wine and cocktails are available for purchase.
3. Payment is made at check-in using cash, check or credit card.

**Menu Selection:**

1. Garden Salad w/Chicken
2. Shrimp Tacos w/seasoned fries
3. BW Cheeseburger w/seasoned fries
4. Grilled Chicken Club w/seasoned fries

Menu choices are made at the event, at your table (no pre-orders).

**Please RSVP no later than Sunday, 22 February**

## Scheduled 2026 Luncheons/Programs

**Mar 3, 2026, Bluewater Grill:** Major General Joe Shrader, NC Museum of the Marine, Jacksonville, NC

**Apr 7, 2026 , Bluewater Grill:** Major General Thomas (Rob) Tempel on Dental programs

**May 5, 2026, Island Way Restaurant, Oak Island:** 1776 Recognition – Hunter Ingram, Historian, Burgwin-Wright House

**Sept 1, 2026 Bluewater Grill:** Eric Kozen - Superintendent of Oakdale Cemetery

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 5, 2026** — Join us for our SENCLAND MOAA Summer Picnic at Long Leaf Park.

## March 3, 2026 Meeting/Luncheon

### Major General Joe Shrader, USMC (Retired)

The featured presenters for the March 3rd SENCLAND MOAA meeting/ luncheon will be Major General Joe Shrader, USMC (Ret), President and CEO, of the Carolina Museum of the Marine . The General will provide a lively and engaging presentation on the development of the museum, general architectural details, key exhibits, and exciting events planned for 2026.



### BIO: Joe Shrader

Joe Shrader is a retired Marine Corps Major General with over 38 years of experience in defense systems acquisition, logistics, and strategic business planning. As the only Marine general officer to lead both the Marine Corps Systems Command and Logistics Command, he has a unique background in Total Life Cycle Management and Force Sustainment. Joe's career highlights include overseeing multi-billion dollar projects and managing logistics and supply chain systems on a global scale.

Currently, he serves as the Senior Strategic Business and Program Management Advisor for CACI International, where he provides expert guidance on Navy and Marine Corps operational warfighting requirements. Prior to

this, Joe was the Commanding General of the Marine Corps Logistics Command and Commander of the Marine Corps Systems Command, among other significant positions.

He holds multiple advanced certifications, including DAWIA Program Management Level III, and has an active Top Secret security clearance. Joe earned a Master of Science in National Resourcing Strategy from the National Defense University and a Master of Science in Military Studies from the U.S. Marine Corps University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology from Bluefield State University.

Joe Shrader will lead the Carolina Museum of the Marine efforts in expanding outreach, enhancing educational exhibits, and spearheading fundraising initiatives to support the Museum's scheduled opening in 2026.



On June 8, 2026, the Carolina Museum of the Marine will open at Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville, North Carolina, bringing to life a long-held vision rooted in service, leadership, and legacy. "This is not just a museum - it is a living tribute to character, courage, and commitment."

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## JROTC Awards & Scholarship Program

Submitted by David Everette, JROTC Coordinator

***We would like to thank everyone who donated to the JROTC Scholarships and Leadership Awards programs and ask you to keep these important programs in mind. Please consider a donation to these worthwhile projects now. Thank you again to all our generous contributors.***

I am notifying all members and soliciting volunteers to attend the various end of the year high school JROTC Awards Ceremonies. I need members to confirm with me that they will be able to volunteer this year. I am gathering the dates for the individual unit awards ceremonies. Thanks to our 2025 volunteers listed in the table below.

<b>2025 PRESENTERS/ VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>
CWO2 (Ret) Dave Foster	ASHLEY HS, HEIDE TRASK HS, PENDER HS
CMDR (Ret) Dave Everette Allan Turner	HOGGARD HS, LANEY HS, EAST COLUMBUS HS NEW HANOVER HS
COL (Ret) John Melia	NORTH BRUNSWICK HS
COL (Ret) John Klotsko	SOUTH BRUNSWICK HS, WEST BRUNSWICK HS
LTC (Ret) Lee Hanna	SOUTH COLUMBUS, WEST COLUMBUS HS, WHITEVILLE HS, EAST DUPLIN HS
CAPT (Ret) Steve Bird	LEJEUNE HS, NORTHSIDE HS
COL (Ret) David Benton	JAMES KENAN HS, WALLACE-ROSE HILL HS
ADM (Ret) Karl Schultz	TOPSAIL HS USCG
COL (Ret) Chrissy Sanford	
MAJ (Ret) David James	



## Veteran Student Education Scholarship

Submitted by Tim Johnson, Capt., USMC, Scholarship Coordinator

We are looking forward to our 2026 Veteran Grant/Scholarship Program. Thanks to all donors for your help. We are working with a budget shortfall and are always looking for additional funding. Please reach out to your friends.

In 2025 we awarded a total of \$5,000 to ten student veterans. We hope to be able to match or exceed this amount in 2026 as the need far outweighs the funding. At UNC-Wilmington we had over 130 applicants for our four awards. Additionally, Cape Fear Community College has over 700 veteran students, but we are able to only award scholarships to four students. Brunswick Community College has over 170 veteran students and we've been able to assist two.

## Community Outreach

Submitted by Leon Rooks, Outreach Committee Chair

The 2026 SENCLAND Community Outreach program started the new year with a budget of \$2000. While we expect additional monies, there are veterans in need now. In early January the Community Outreach committee received an application from Kevin Jacobs seeking help. The Outreach Committee awarded him \$500 in February. He is an honorably discharged Army Veteran with 7 years of service. Kevin and his wife both are disabled and unable to work. They are living on a fixed income. In the last two months the electric bills exceeded previous months, resulting in a financial shortfall. The SENCLAND Outreach Committee was able to clear the burden for Kevin and his wife. This is SENCLAND Community Outreach programs mission to help deserving veterans in need of assistance.



A \$500 check was presented to Mr. Jacobs at the Veterans Services Office in Wilmington by SENCLAND President Mike Apicella, Leon Rooks, Committee Chair, and committee members Fred Kuhm, and Hondo Davids.

## Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted by Marco Vialpando, Surviving Spouse Liaison

I continue providing the Surviving Spouses information that is relevant to them that I glean from various sources.

I also developed an email distribution list for all the Surviving Spouses; it helps me rapidly get information to them.

**Marco Vialpando**

**SENCLAND Surviving Spouse Liaison**

910-530-4025, [vipp6@yahoo.com](mailto:vipp6@yahoo.com)

## Wellness Committee

Submitted David Foster Wellness Chair - Email: dwfcwo2@msn.com Cell: 910-604-0034

***“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”***

***Psalm 1:3***



One of our great patriots, Bo Dawson, is now with the Lord. Bo was one of the first members of our SECLAND Chapter, and his contributions to our country and community are an awesome legacy. Our prayers are for joyful memories.

**Wallace "Bo" Harvey Dawson III, Col, US Army ,Ret.  
(Jan 8, 1932—Jan 30, 2026**

We lift in prayer all our members and loved ones who are dealing with physical and emotional hardships. The winter has been challenging, but Spring is on the radar.

We encourage you to let us know about our members in need who may enjoy an uplifting visit, prayer, or a card, so we can share with them that their SENCLAND MOAA family is thinking of them. The Wellness Committee is active and available to provide support to you and your family.

Please feel free to reach out if you are called to be a part of this committee or would like a word of prayer or a home visit. **Isaiah 43:2 reads, “*When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee*”**

### **Wellness Team**

**Wellness Chair — David Foster  
Stephen Bird  
Mike Burrous**

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## Legislative Affairs

Submitted by Barry Coyle, Barry Coyle, Sean Murphy, Ray Pelletier and Jeff Morgan

### In Washington

On 3 February, Congress finally passed Appropriations legislation for most of the Government for the remainder of FY 2026. But the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was only provided another Continuing Resolution (CR) which expired on 13 February. Some members of Congress are using the appropriations process to try to limit the tactics of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol officers during immigration enforcement operations. So now DHS is mostly shutdown (ICE is fully operational, having been funded through 2026 in the “Big Beautiful Bill”). This means the Coast Guard and other agencies will not be paid for the duration of the shutdown.

MOAA National has published its legislative priorities for 2026. They are:

1. Pass the Shutdown Fairness Act, which would allow the Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security to continue paying servicemembers during any future funding lapse.
2. Modernize the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), a nonrefundable tax credit employers can take for hiring target group members during the employee’s first year on the job, by increasing the amount of the credit and adding military spouses as a target group.
3. Reinstate criminal penalties for unaccredited claim representatives who charge unauthorized fees while assisting veterans with filing a claim for VA disability compensation benefits.
4. Pass the Military CARE Act, which would require the Pentagon to establish a digital system designed to improve access to care at military treatment facilities (MTFs) by providing beneficiaries with a standardized platform to report barriers to MTF care.
5. Expand health care coverage and career transition support for veteran caregivers, and require a study designed to provide caregivers with a path toward financial security in retirement.

You will be hearing more about these priorities as the year goes on. Additional details are available in the Advocacy section of the MOAA website ([MOAA - MOAA Home Page](#)) or in *Military Officer* magazine. You can always make your desires known to your elected officials through the MOAA Legislative Action Center at <https://moaa.quorum.us>

### In North Carolina

The General Assembly reconvened 12 January 2026 for the Short Session and has been meeting a few days each month, primarily working on overriding Governor’s vetoes and finalizing a budget. No proposed legislation affecting active-duty personnel, retirees, or veterans has been considered so far this year.

### Primary Elections

Primary Elections in advance of the 2026 Mid-term elections will be held in February – March 2026. Election Day is Tuesday, 3 March 2026. Early voting began 12 February and ends 28 February. Absentee (mail-in) voting is also available for the Primary Election. In North Carolina, any registered voter can cast a ballot in the Primary. If you are registered as a member of a political party, you must vote that party’s ballot in the Primary. If you are registered as an unaffiliated voter, you must choose one party and vote that ballot. Detailed information and sample ballots are now available on County Board of Elections websites.

## SENCLAND MOAA Membership Benefits

### The MOAA SENCLAND Chapter Offers Outstanding Programs to its Members and Community

The SENCLAND chapter has meetings with outstanding programs ten months of the year, usually the first Tuesday of the month. The chapter meeting in June is a picnic where we include our JrROTC Scholarship winners and their families. The May meeting is held in Southport and the December meeting is a Holiday social. All other SENCLAND Chapter meetings are held at the Blue-water Waterfront Grill in Wrightsville Beach. Our Board meets several times during the year.

The Sentinel, our monthly newsletter is available electronically and in hard copy. Our chapter supports 18 local JROTC programs and provides generous Scholarships to High School students each year. We also have scholarships for veterans attending local colleges and an Outreach Program that helps local veterans and their families. The Chapter also supports Honor Flights that take veterans on all-expenses-paid flights from the Wilmington International Airport (ILM) to Washington, DC for a day of remembrance as they visit memorials and monuments built in their honor.

**Join SENCLAND**

To join the SENCLAND MOAA Chapter, click on the “Join SENCLAND” button to download and print the application form. Then email the application form to the Membership Chair Al Schroetel at [downeast@bellsouth.net](mailto:downeast@bellsouth.net) or mail it to the chapter at **SENCLAND CHAPTER MOAA P.O. Box 10015 Wilmington, NC 28404**

## SENCLAND Website

Submitted by Allen Allegretto, Webmaster, [allegrettoa@yahoo.com](mailto:allegrettoa@yahoo.com) , or call: **910-617-2307**

The SENCLAND website (<http://www.sencland.org>) can help you stay informed about upcoming chapter events and current activities. It is easy to access and requires no logon. Our website provides Membership information, News and Events, calendar of chapter events, Legislative Information, updates on chapter programs including outreach, scholarships, and JROTC leadership awards, newsletter and meeting minutes, and a page honoring Fallen Heroes. It shows how to make donations and online payments. You can also read about our chapter mission and view current leadership.

Our chapter Membership Roster is also available on the website. This is the only page that requires log-on to access. If you need help logging onto the website to view the chapter roster, please email or call Allen Allegretto.

## SENCLAND Facebook Page

SENCLAND Chapter Facebook Page - View “Like” and “Share” the SENCLAND Chapter’s Facebook posts with other members and prospective members. The web address for the SENCLAND Chapter’s Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/sencland>.



## MOAA National and NC Chapters Websites

MOAA national website ([www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org)) is a wealth of information for current, former, retired officers, and surviving spouses. Every chapter member is encouraged to visit and explore this site and take advantage of the resources available. Similarly, the North Carolina Council of Chapters website ([www.moaa-nc.org](http://www.moaa-nc.org)) is also a great resource for what MOAA is doing at the state level as well as information on other NC Chapters.

## MOAA National Newsletter

MOAA Newsletter - MOAA National members can easily take advantage of this free email newsletter which publishes news and information that is taking place at the national level. If you would like to receive this go to [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), click on the “News & Info” pulldown menu on the upper right hand side and then click on “Newsletters”.

## About the *Sentinel*

The SENCLAND *Sentinel* newsletter is published monthly (except July and August) in time to provide information on upcoming meetings. We want this newsletter to be of value, but we do not aim to compete with established media, and we do not simply distill what MOAA National is publishing in *Military Officer* each month. We want to keep you informed about the chapter, our efforts to stay connected with each other, and our support of local military and veteran communities. Our newsletter is distributed electronically by email to our members when published. Current and previous editions are also available on our website at <https://sencland.org/documents/>.

We encourage you to provide content for publication in our newsletter and online. Simply send your notices, letters, articles, and photos to our editor, Dianne Jinwright ([senclandsentinel@gmail.com](mailto:senclandsentinel@gmail.com)) by the 15th of the month to be considered for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. All items are subject to editing.

## Statement of Affiliations

The SENCLAND *Sentinel* Newsletter is published by the SENCLAND Chapter, which is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). MOAA and its affiliated chapters and councils are independent, nonprofit, and politically nonpartisan organizations.

## SENCLAND Chapter Embroidered Apparel

SENCLAND Embroidered LOGO Shirts, Caps, & Outerwear are now available at our Chapter Online Store hosted by Queensboro Shirt Co. You can access the store using: <https://senclandmoaa.qbstores.com>

You can save shipping cost if you are willing to pick up at Queensboro Shirt Co at 1400 Marstellar Street in Wilmington. Call Queensboro at [800-847-4478](tel:800-847-4478) after you have placed your order and tell them you want to pick up when ready. They will credit back the shipping cost and call you when ready for pickup.

## MOAA SENCLAND Nametags Available for Purchase

Submitted by Chris Morin, Nametag Program. The Chapter is offering the opportunity for members and their spouses to purchase engraved plastic nametags. The cost of the nametags are \$15 per nametag and they will be the same style and size as in the past (with a magnetic clasp).

We will order Quarterly or when we have at least 10 paid orders. There are two ways to order:

### **ON-LINE:**

*Step #1:* PayPal Payment can be made at: SENCLAND : Membership: (<https://sencland.org/membership/index.php?id=1636387310>)

This will take you to a window where you can pay for your nametag or nametags. (If that link does not work, go to the SENCLAND Website (<https://sencland.org>) and click on the tab for "News & Events" on the home page and scroll down to "SENCLAND Nametags").

*Step #2:* Send an e-mail to Chris Morin at [villa\\_morin@hotmail.com](mailto:villa_morin@hotmail.com) including the information you want on the nametag (name, including nick name if you prefer, Branch of military service, rank and current duty status (Retired, former, active duty). Nametags for spouses only require the spouse's name and / or nickname if desired. Use the form below as a guide.

### **US Postal Service MAIL:**

*Step #1:* Complete the information on the form below and mail it with a check made out to SENCLAND MOAA (\$15.00 per ordered nametag) to:

SENCLAND Chapter of MOAA, PO Box 10015, Wilmington NC 28404

## MOAA SENCLAND Nametags Available for Purchase (Continued)

	SENCLAND NAME TAG NAME/RANK/SERVICE BRANCH/STATUS
<b>1</b>	FIRST/NICK NAME _____ LAST NAME _____ RANK _____ SERVICE BRANCH _____ STATUS _____ Active Duty, Reserve or Guard, Retired, Former Officer (not retired)
<b>2</b> (Form for a spouse's nametag)	FIRST/NICK NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

Orders will be placed as soon as we have enough completed orders to meet the minimum required by the supplier, but no later than each calendar quarter.

When the nametags are received they will be available for pickup at Chapter luncheons or other events. If you have any questions, please contact Chris at [villa\\_morin@hotmail.com](mailto:villa_morin@hotmail.com) or [703-798-1754](tel:703-798-1754).



(Example of completed nametag)

## SENCLAND MEMBER'S PROFILE

### *David W. Foster, CWO2, USCG (Retired)*



CWO2 Foster joined the United States Coast Guard in 1978 from the recruiting office in Winston-Salem, NC, and retired from active duty in 1999. While stationed on USCGC DILIGENCE in Wilmington, David, his wife Carol, and daughter Amanda settled in Rocky Point, NC on the Northeast Cape Fear River. David's Coast Guard engineering career included five ships, a search-and-rescue station, and a Loran-C station operating north of the Arctic Circle. David participated in numerous high-profile search and rescue operations, drug and migrant interdictions, and many humanitarian efforts. After over 20 years of active duty, David began instructing Naval JROTC cadets at Hoggard High School. The school's robust program supported 3 instructors, each from a different sea-going service. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. In 2001, David was asked by the Navy to be the Senior Instructor at the newly built Sergeant Eugene Ashley High School near Carolina Beach. David had the honor of instructing hundreds of cadets over 10 years. Many of those cadets are now serving our country proudly as officers and enlisted service members of every branch.

**EDITOR:** Why did you join MOAA, what are MOAA's best benefits, and what MOAA services have you used? *I became a Lifetime Member of MOAA because of the dedicated people who put others first and serve our nation and community. I wanted to be a part of that veteran network. I think education is one of the best MOAA benefits, along with camaraderie. Before I was enrolled in Medicare, I used MOAA supplemental health insurance. It was great.*

**EDITOR:** Why did you join the SENCLAND MOAA chapter and what do you enjoy most about the chapter? *I was introduced to Bob Jones in the year 2000 when he was the then TROAA President of our local chapter. I worked with Bob to arrange for the JROTC awards that year. I joined TROAA when I saw what a wonderful organization it is and how it supports our Veterans and youth. SENCLAND MOAA has grown tremendously in 25 years through outstanding leadership and member participation. I am proud to be a part of this awesome community, and I am excited for the honor to serve as your Wellness Chair/Chaplain.*

**EDITOR:** What activities do you most enjoy or most frequently engage in within your community or local area? *I enjoy serving where needed. I make visits to local veterans who may be in rehabilitation facilities or under hospice care. I am a member of the veteran pinning team that volunteers with Lower Cape Fear Life Care. The team visits veterans in their homes and/or at the hospice inpatient facility. I am an avid motorcycle rider and ride with the Patriot Guard, who honor our veteran community. I also ride with the Baptist Faith Riders, who share the Lord's love through motorcycling fellowship. I enjoy our Church at Northside Baptist, camping adventures with my wife, and spending time out on the river.*

**EDITOR:** Do you have other comments to share with SENCLAND members or other newsletter readers? *I am humbled by serving as your Wellness Chair and Chaplain. I have had the privilege of being the Lay Chaplain at many of my Coast Guard units and have led Sunday School and Bible Studies within our local community. God has truly blessed our lives, and I pray I will be able to be a positive example of His Love. Micah 6:8 "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*



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## Leanos Earns Christie's International Masters Circle Designation

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