



Chattanooga Area Veterans Council

Serving veterans and their organizations of East Tennessee, North Georgia and North Alabama

CAVC Elects New Officers

Elections for the 2020 Executive Board were held at the December 2019 CAVC Annual Meeting. The membership elected Charles Alsobrook Chairman, Jack Staples Chairman-Elect and Bill Brooks Vice-Chairman. Elected as Directors were Alden Perry, Terry Siler, Tom Shipley and Sean McMahon. Past Chair Chris Dooley installed the new slate of officers.

Charles Alsobrook, Chairman



Charles "Chuck" Alsobrook joined the Air Force in 2007 and completed the Fuels Apprentice Course at Sheppard AFB, TX. After graduating from the CCAF with a degree in Logistics Management, Chuck was stationed at Barksdale AFB, LA, attached to the 2nd Bomb Wing Logistics Readiness Squadron. He documented over 1000 transactions accounting for a total of roughly \$12.5 million in fuels to support the Global War on Terrorism. Chuck earned his Bachelor's degree in psychology from Louisiana Tech University. Chuck is accredited by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs to represent six Veteran Service Organizations, including The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services. Chuck has served as Hamilton County's VSO for 3.5 years.

Jack Staples, Chairman-Elect



Jack Staples enlisted in the Army on 1 December 1966. He did Basic Training at Ft Jackson, SC, AIT and Field Artillery OCS at Ft Sill, OK. He was sent to Vietnam in fall of 68, as a Forward Observer / Fire Direction Officer. He was XO for a 105mm Howitzer Battery with the II Field Force, then 9th Infantry Division. He extended in country and served as and Artillery Advisor for 5th Special Forces Group. He returned in May of 70 then went to Helicopter Flight School, then back to Ft Sill, OK for Field Artillery Officer's Advance Course. Jack left active duty in 73, joined the Army Reserve in 75 and retired first time in 95. He was recalled to active duty in 2005 but was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 08 and was released from active duty. Jack counts his total time in service as 41 years, 8 months, 24 days (and approximately 9 hours – LOL!).

Bill Brooks, Vice-Chairman



Lieutenant Colonel Bill Brooks received his commissioning from the Army ROTC program at Middle Tennessee State University. After graduation he entered active duty as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, Adjutant General Corps. He Transferred to the Quartermaster Corps in May 1988. His military schooling includes the Command and General Staff Officers' Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Quartermaster Basic and Advanced Course, and the Adjutant General Basic Course. He is a graduate of the Faculty Development Course and the Army's Master Fitness Trainer Course. He is also a graduate of the Army Airborne and Air Assault School. Bill is currently the Director of JROTC for Hamilton County Schools.

The Board of Trustees of the

**CHARLES H. COOLIDGE
NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
HERITAGE CENTER**

Requests the Honor of Your Attendance

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

**10:00 AM • AQUARIUM PLAZA
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE**



The Heritage Center will be open to the public for tours from 1:00-6:00 pm on Saturday and 12:00-6:00 pm on Sunday. Tour tickets may be purchased at www.MOHHC.org/tickets.

For additional details, visit www.MOHHC.org/opening.



2 W. Aquarium Way, Ste. 104 • Chattanooga, TN 37402



HonorAir Chattanooga is one more way for this community to honor and celebrate aging veterans in the Greater Chattanooga area. HonorAir Chattanooga proposes hosting a complementary, biannual flight for WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their respective memorials in honor of their sacrifice. This trip will give them the opportunity to honor those who fought along-side them and unfortunately made the ultimate sacrifice. With HonorAir Chattanooga, our veterans are shown respect and are saluted for their service to our country as well as welcomed and appreciated at every point.

Volunteer Escorts play a significant role on every trip, ensuring that every veteran has a safe and memorable experience. Duties include, but are not limited to the following: physically assisting 3-4 veterans at the airport, during the flight and at the memorials.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Each HonorAir trip costs approximately \$1,500 per Veteran, so financial support by the community is needed to make these flights a reality. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. For more information visit the website: <https://www.honorairchattanooga.org/>

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (WDEF)- CARTA has announced that it will offer free rides on its fixed route and Care-a-van services to all veterans.

The "one-year-fare-free pilot program" begins on Thursday, January 2nd 2020.



To be eligible, all active, disabled and retired veterans must possess and present their Veterans Administration issued photo identification card to the bus operators when boarding.

This program is not available to the spouses or dependents of veterans.

SixTripleEight Battalion Premiere by 6th Cav Museum

The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was an all-black battalion of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). The 6888th had 855 black women, both enlisted and officers, and was led by Major Charity Adams Earley. It was the only all-black, all-female battalion overseas during World War II. The group was nicknamed "Six Triple Eight" and their motto was "No mail, no morale". The battalion was organized into five companies, Headquarters, Company A, Company B, Company C, and Company D. Most of the 6888th worked as postal clerks, but others were cooks, mechanics and held other support positions, so that the 6888th was a self-sufficient unit.

During World War II, there was a significant shortage of soldiers who were able to manage the postal service for the U.S. Army overseas. In 1944, Mary McLeod Bethune worked to get the support of first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, for "a role for black women in the war overseas." "Black newspapers", too, challenged the U.S. Army to "use black women in meaningful Army jobs." The women who signed up went to basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Women who were already in the WAC, like Alyce Dixon, served at different locations, including the Pentagon before they joined the 6888th.



6th Cav Museum is proud to announce the premiere of the SixTripleEight documentary at UTC's University Center set for Thursday, 13 February, 3 pm. Following the premiere a panel discussion with Executive Director James Theres, Producer Edna Cummings, National Park Service Interpretive Ranger Brian Autry and Beverly Foster, president of the Walker County Africa American Historical Association will be held. Learn more about this event at:

<https://www.6thcavalrymuseum.org/the-six-triple-eight>

Freedom Sings USA Hosts Retreat for Children of Deployed Parents



Freedom Sings USA will be hosting a Freedom Sings for the Children Retreat along with Tennessee River Gardens, 300 acres on the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge next to Raccoon Mountain, May 1 and 2. Outdoor Chattanooga will be a partner. This retreat is for children ages 10 and up of deployed parents, Gold Star Children and those children of veterans who do not have much available to them. Ages 8 to 10 will be allowed with a parent. Parents are encouraged to be a part as well. There will be security, a child psychologist, nurse, and counselors on site. There will be a ratio of 3 children per counselor. Any who would like to volunteer will need a background check.

Activities on Friday will be overseen by Outdoor Chattanooga and will include, weather permitting, kayaking, canoeing, archery, a nature hike, scavenger hunt, and other activities. We have planned indoor activities in the lodge as an alternative for bad weather.

Nature activities are another type of therapy. During the afternoon a magician that works with children of veterans will do a short show. Friday night will be a cookout around a campfire and singing with the younger Nashville singer/songwriters. On Saturday will be a songwriting retreat with 6 children of deployed families and Gold Star children whose families feel they could use this alternative therapy. A concert will be held on Saturday night at the John A Patten Community Center in Lookout Valley at 6:00 P.M.. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear the songs that were written that day by the Nashville award winning songwriters, as well as other songs the songwriters have written. Please RSVP if you are coming since finger foods are being provided.

For more information contact Margie Newby, Chair, e-mail: frog1947@comcast.net or call 423-280-2125 or e-mail the main Freedom Sings USA e-mail: freedomingsusa.epbf.com. Website: freedomingsusa.org.

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Recapturing what it was like to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, while staying connected with our military sisters.

Military Women Across the Nation
 TriState Women Veterans, Unit 157
 Saturday, 15 February 2020, 10:30-12:30
 Shoney's, 2318 Shallowford Village Dr. (I-75/Exit5)
 Stay for 5 minutes or 2 hours!
 POC: Patty at (423)326-0839 or pattyjoparks@yahoo.com

29th Annual CAVC Awards Banquet

Friday, 28 February 2020, 6:00 pm, Chattanooga Marriott Downtown,
2 Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, TN. Free parking.

Speaker: Courtney Rogers, Commissioner, TN Department of Veteran Services

Reservation: complete this form and mail it with your check to the address below. Make your check payable to CHATTANOOGA AREA VETERANS COUNCIL

Name : _____

Guest(s): _____

Reserve ____ dinners at \$35.00 each equals \$_____ (total enclosed)

OR

Organization: _____

Reserve ____ table(s) at \$280.00 for 8 seats equals \$_____ (total enclosed)

Payment forms accepted: personal check, business check, or PayPal through the CAVC website: www.chattareaveterans.com

Please note your **PayPal** payment of \$37 per person or \$289 per table is necessary to cover the **PayPal** fee.

Dinner includes:

Panko Crusted Chicken, starch selection, vegetable, rolls, tossed salad, coffee & tea, dessert. Beer, wine and cocktails will be available at the hotel bar.

The cutoff for reservations is 24 February.

Mail your payment to: Chattanooga Area Veterans Council,
c/o Mark Parks, Treasurer, 6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah, TN, 37363-6894

Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

Scammers are pretending to be government employees. Scammers will try to scare you and trick you into giving them your personal information and money. They may threaten you or your family and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action.

DON'T BE FOOLED!

IF YOU RECEIVE A SUSPICIOUS CALL:

1. Hang up!
2. **DO NOT** give them money or personal information!
3. Report the scam at [OIG.SSA.GOV!](https://www.oig.ssa.gov)

What to look out for:



The call or email says there is a problem with your Social Security Number or account.



Someone asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, internet currency, or by mailing cash.



Scammers pretend they're from Social Security or another government agency. **Caller ID** or documents sent by email **may look official but they are not.**



Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

Social Security may call you in some situations, but Social Security will NEVER:

- Threaten you
- Suspend your Social Security Number
- Demand immediate payment from you
- Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card or wire transfer
- Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or email, or to wire or mail cash

Protect yourself, friends and family!

- ◆ If you receive a questionable call, hang up and report it at [oig.ssa.gov](https://www.oig.ssa.gov)
- ◆ Don't be embarrassed to report financial loss or sharing information
- ◆ Learn more at [oig.ssa.gov/scam](https://www.oig.ssa.gov/scam)
- ◆ Share this information with others

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PO Box 24984, Chattanooga TN 37422

2019 Annual Financial Report

1 Jan 2019– 31 December 2019

Total Net Assets at beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 48,631.84
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Income

Dues	\$ 300.00
Awards Banquet	3,180.00
Armed Forces Day Luncheon	11,392.01
Donations	20.00
Armed Forces Parade HC Funding	15,000.00

Gross Income	\$ 29,892.01
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Expense

Awards Banquet	\$ 3,465.00
Armed Forces Day Luncheon	11,505.16
Postage	22.00
P.O. Box	154.00
Veterans Salute	1,346.73
Printing & Copying	180.00
Corporate Filing	100.47
Quarterly Meeting Meals	477.55
Pit Stop Event Portables	474.00
Plaques, Badges, Banners	180.00
Armed Forces Parade	15,551.82

Total Expenses	\$ 33,456.73
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Net Gain or (Loss)	\$ (3,564.72)
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Total Net Assets at end of Fiscal Year	\$ 45,067.12
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Mark Parks, Treasurer



SCENIC CITY CLAY ARTS

Open Studio Night for Veterans

Every 3rd Friday of the month beginning February 21
5:30-7:30 PM
Located at 301 E. 11th Street #100 in Chattanooga, TN

FREE; Registration required. Register online at www.sceniccityclayarts.org/events/military or call 423-883-1758. Open to any active duty, retired, or former military individuals.

George R. Johnson Family Foundation

JOIN US IN OUR STUDIO TO EXPERIENCE CLAY & COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS!

We invite veterans of all ages to join us in our community studio. No experience required!

Not feeling creative yourself? Come observe others create in the studio environment and get a tour of the space. A clay arts facilitator will be on hand to help you be successful in your creations. All materials provided.



Clay Arts Night for Veterans

Scenic City Clay Arts is excited to begin a regular monthly open studio night exclusively for military individuals. Beginning Friday, February 21, we will host this opportunity every 3rd Friday of the month 5:30-7:30PM. For more information visit the website:

<https://www.sceniccityclayarts.org/events/military>

Registration is required and can be completed through the website. Joy Key, Executive Director.

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CAVC is a 501(c)(19) non-profit veteran organization.

CAVC 2020 Calendar of Events

11 Feb	Armed Forces Parade meeting at NOSC
13 Feb	SixTripleEight documentary Premiere
21 Feb	Clay Arts for Veterans begins
22 Feb	Medal of Honor Heritage Center opens
28 Feb	CAVC Awards Banquet
03 Mar	CAVC Executive Board meeting
10 Mar	Armed Forces Parade meeting at NOSC
13 Mar	CAVC Quarterly Membership meeting
07 Apr	Armed Forces Parade meeting at NOSC
21 Apr	Final Armed Forces Parade meeting
01 May	Armed Forces Parade and Luncheon
1/2 May	Freedom Sings Retreat
25 May	Memorial Day Service at National Cem.
05 Jun	CAVC Executive Board meeting
12 Jun	CAVC Quarterly Membership meeting