

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*Shown: Paratroopers march past Maj. Gen. Christopher LaNeve and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Capel during the 82nd Airborne Division Review. Photo courtesy of Andrew Craft, The Fayetteville Observer*

## UPCOMING MAC EVENTS

- ▲ **SAVE THE DATE for the  
MAC Range Day on Oct. 3**
- ▲ **Sunset March MAC Meetups  
June 24 at 8:20 p.m.  
July 25 at 8:10 p.m.**
- ▲ **Garrison Commander's Change  
of Command on June 27**

## TOP NEWS

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# UPCOMING EVENT: SAVE THE DATE FOR MAC RANGE DAY

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## ABOUT THE RANGE COMPLEX

Founded by former members of Delta Force (1st Special Forces Operational Detachment - Delta), The Range Complex offers Tier 1 customized tactical shooting courses, specialty training courses, and consulting solutions for government, military, law enforcement, corporate clientele and the public. Our Cadre of Instructors have extensive Special Operations and combat experience; are recently retired from 1st SFOD-D "Delta Force" and other military special units, or are Certified Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors with over a decade of experience training elite SWAT and Special Operations personnel.

Civilian shooting courses range from a 4Hr Basic/Women's Pistol, to 1 and 2 Day Tactical Pistol and Carbine; Low Light Home Defense; Armed Combatives (force on force training ideal for CCH permit holders, church guardians or private security); Precision Rifle/Sniper; Mid-Range Carbine; Wind Reading for Hunters/Competitors, Red Dot Pistol Transition & more. Private training for individuals or groups looking for one-on-one skill development, or group training/team building events can be customized to meet training goals and budget.

**Thursday, October 3**

**11 AM to 3 PM**

**The Range Complex,  
2850 TigerSwan Dr. Autryville**

*IT'S TIME TO BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS*

## EVENT DETAILS

The event will feature a full target day and a 31st Anniversary of Battle of Mogadishu (Black Hawk Down incident in Somalia intervention) memorial ceremony. The event will also feature a Full Auto Fun Shoot.

Snacks and regulation eye/ear protection will be provided. Food trucks will also be on-site for purchase.

**Sponsorships including Range Sites (up to 4) are available.**

Weapons including pistols and rifles will be available for rental. A limited amount of ammo will be available for sale.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon and get ready to have a great day with MAC!



## THANK YOU TO ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED SERVICE MEMBERS

We are recognizing our [Fort Liberty](#) military members with [Military Affairs Council](#) this Military Appreciation Month.

Check out all the great posts and local events, including [#AllAmericanWeek](#), by visiting the MAC [Facebook page](#).

Thank you to all our military members and the organizations that cater to them. We're grateful for your unwavering dedication, bravery and sacrifice in serving our country.



## MAC NOW ACCEPTING NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



### Hello Military Affairs Council members!

We are looking for some additional people to be a part of the leadership of the council. Our first need is for a Vice-Chair of the committee. This position will finish out the calendar year as the vice-chair and then move into the Chair role in 2025.

If you are interested in this position, please email a short statement of interest to me at [winget@campbell.edu](mailto:winget@campbell.edu) no later than June 21st.

The committee will review interested candidates at the June meeting. If you are interested in engaging in other ways, please email me as well.

Thank you for being a part of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber and the Military Affairs Council.

*Your 2024 Chair,  
Nicole M. Winget*

## NEW BENEFITS: MATCH AWARDS AND PEAKE FELLOWSHIP ASSESMENTS



Match Awards is all about connecting you with Federal and State contracts that align perfectly with your business goals. As a chamber member,

you'll have the special privilege of creating your own unique login for access to countless grants, government contracts and more, tailored specifically for your type of business. Made possible by Advanced Internet Technologies (AIT). [LEARN MORE](#) OR CALL OUR OFFICE



Unsure if your business is eligible for DoD and Federal contracts? Utilize our partnership with FSU's Peak Fellowship program and have your cybersecurity clearance assessed plus tips on how to improve. They also offer marketing optimization through a social media/SEO (search engine optimization) assessment. All at no cost to you! This is all included in your chamber membership.

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## IN REVIEW: MAC SPRING EVENT



Chamber CEO Nat Robertson, Peter Marksteiner, CSM Gregory Seymour, GRC Chair Dan Dedrick

Our Military Affairs Council had a fantastic night on Thursday, May 2 at the Arts Council.

Thank you **Dorothy's Catering 2** for the excellent food and **Healy Wholesale** for the drinks! Along with dinner, MAC members enjoyed networking in an intimate setting, plus the privilege of meeting with Mr. Peter Marksteiner and other VIP guests one-on-one.

Other VIP guests include MAC Chair Nicole Winget, Fort Liberty Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Seymour, President of Fayetteville Technical Community College Mark Sorrells and Arts Council of Fayetteville CEO and President Bob Pinson, to name a few.

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Members were able to speak one-on-one with Peter Marksteiner, Lawyer, Retired Federal Court Clerk & Air Force Colonel and featured speaker for our President's Speaker Series. He said a few words about the importance of our military before speaking the next day on human relations, employment laws and cybersecurity measures.



Director Emeritus George Breece, FTCC President Mark Sorrells and MAC Chair Nicole Winget



Grayson Overholt representing US Senator Thom Tillis and Katie Smith from US Congressman David Rouzer with Chamber Key Accounts Manager Jay Elliot

## New Members

April/May 2024

- **Mac Healy**, Healy Wholesale Company, Inc.
- **Anna Meyer**, Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
- **Nikki G. Creecy**, ShineLight Services
- **Minh Courtney**, Adobe Realty
- **Jodi Phelps**, City of Fayetteville
- **Liza Rodewald**, Instant Teams
- **Brittany Campbell**, Blissful Alchemists, Inc.
- **Ashley Deeks**, Holiday Inn, Fayetteville West on Fort Liberty
- **Tyler Nowlin**, 360Clean Fayetteville
- **Bob Doran**, Veterans United Home Loans
- **Dr. Erika McCormick**, VARep Solutions
- **David Dries**, Dries Wealth Management
- **Jamie Tilke**, Pineland Express, Inc.
- **Scott Embry**, United Way
- **Michael Nicoletti**, Rick Hendrick Toyota of Fayetteville
- **James Melvin**, Gateway Capital Wealth Management

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## GARRISON COMMANDER CHANGE OF COMMAND



Shown left to right: Chamber CEO Nat Robertson, Chamber Board Chair Brian Pearce, Garrison Commander COL Wilcox, MAC Chair Nicole Winget, Former Chamber Board Chair Gary Rogers.

Our Military Affairs Council Chair Nicole Winget presented Garrison Commander COL Wilcox with an Iron Mike trophy. COL Wilcox's has shown exceptional leadership and dedication to our Chamber over the past two years. As of this summer, his tour as Garrison Commander will come to an end. While we are sad to see him and CSM Seymour go, we are endlessly grateful for their contribution to our community, and the many lives they have touched in the greater Fayetteville and Fort Liberty area.

On behalf of the XVIII Airborne Corps & Fort Liberty, Commanding General, Lieutenant General Christopher T. Donahue, and the Director of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Readiness, Mr. Patrick J. Appelman, request the pleasure of your company at a Change of Command Ceremony for U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Liberty, at which time Colonel John M. Wilcox will relinquish command to Colonel K. Chad Mixon. On Thursday, **27 June 2024 at 09:00 a.m.** at the Eternal Flame, Main Post Parade Field, Fort Liberty, NC.

To view the invitation and RSVP, please click the link below or see the attached invitation. If you cannot access the link please copy and paste the link into your web browser.

### Reservation link:

[Garrison Change of Command \(afit.edu\)](https://afit.edu)

Please feel free to contact Ms. Wendy Spell if you have any questions or concerns.

### NOTE:

Attendees who do NOT have a Department of Defense ID card, MUST obtain a Fort Liberty Access Pass. Please use the website below to fill out the application and get approved prior to your arrival. Once approved you will be able to use your State DL/ID to access Fort Liberty.

### Post Access Link:

[Home : Fort Liberty \(army.mil\)](https://army.mil)