

August Membership Meeting

- **Topic: Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)**
- **Presenter: Mason & Hanger**
- **When: Tuesday, August 26, 2025**
 - Networking/lunch @ 11:30 AM (lunch will be provided, donations will be accepted)
 - Program from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- **Where: Fort Bragg DPW Classroom**
(Butner Rd, Fort Bragg, NC 28310)

Come learn more about the **Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)** and it's design implications which aim to support our warfighters and veterans. A few facts:

- Passed in 1968, was the first law to require accessibility in federally funded buildings. It grew out of the experiences of disabled veterans coming home from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam who found federal buildings full of barriers.
- The ABA Standards contain **Scoping Requirements**, which tell us *what must be accessible and how many of each element are required*. These apply not just to new buildings, but also to additions, alterations, leased facilities, and even certain historic properties.
- Alongside scoping, the Standards include **Technical Requirements**, which define the details of compliance — from the correct slope of a ramp to doorway clearances, signage, and communication systems.

When done right, compliance isn't just about avoiding mistakes — it's about carrying forward a commitment to accessibility that began with our veterans and continues in every facility we design today.