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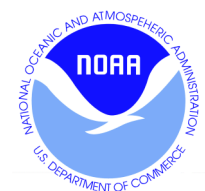
January 22nd Luncheon

On January 22nd, U.S. Representative Scott Rigell, (VA-02) joined us as the guest speaker for our luncheon. Voted 2013 VCOC Legislator of the Year by MOAA, this was the third time in the last few years that Rep. Rigell has visited with us. He described how he was inspired by his father's service in Iwo Jima, his mission to compel Americans to reject apathy and be active citizens, and his "[America First](#)" plan. "With the federal government closed and the nation risking



default, now is the time for a real solution to be advanced," said Rigell, a member of the House Budget Committee. "With a full understanding that default is unacceptable, failing to address the root causes of our deficits is equally unacceptable. Mandatory spending is the primary driver of our debt, and ignoring this fact is reckless." Rep. Rigell answered members' questions for more than 20 minutes. Please visit our Facebook page to watch the question and answer session.

SEE REP. RIGELL PHOTOS CONTINUED ON PAGE 13



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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses:



In this issue, I would like to bid a fond farewell to a hard working board member of this Chapter, COL Dave Wade, USA (Ret). Dave has recently relocated to Lexington, VA and we wish him all the best in his new home and future endeavors. Dave worked diligently as your Community Affairs Board Chairman and was the recent recipient of the MOAA Leadership Award. He has requested to remain a member of this Chapter and continue to work on the Scholarship Program which ends this year. His Community Affairs committee vacancy will be ably filled by CDR John Uhrin, USN (Ret). His Board vacancy will be filled by Jack Hilgers, COL, USMC (Ret) as voted on at the March luncheon. Thank you very much Dave!

MOAA has redesignated Auxiliaries as “Surviving Spouses”. Formerly, MOAA defined “auxiliary members” as the survivors of former national MOAA members who are deceased or as the survivors of deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for membership. These members now will be classified as “surviving spouses.” We have incorporated this change in our publications, websites, and officer rosters. Barbara Smith is now recognized as the “Surviving Spouse Liaison” and is an active member of your Board. For more information, the [“Surviving Spouses”](#) Web page can be accessed from the home page by selecting “Family” and then “Surviving Spouses” from the drop-down menu.



Surviving Spouses of MOAA

As you can see, things are dynamic in this Chapter. We are still looking to fill a secretary position on our Board and I will continue to solicit volunteers to assist us. I am thankful for your continued support of our organization and cherish all of our blessings. Yours in Service, *Bert Ortiz*

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From the Editor

It's warming up outside and so are our chapter activities. Look for some great luncheon events over the next few months.

March's focuses on the Honor Flight in preparation for Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia (HFHTVA) Mission 15. On April 23rd, we will see off our World War II and Korean War Veterans as they depart for a day of visiting the memorials in Washington D.C. We will have at least one of our chapter members serving as a guardian on this trip. Volunteers for the send off should arrive no later than 0430. If you are looking for more details, please refer to page nine of the print version of the [January Newsletter](#) or online at www.hrcmoaa.org and [click newsletter in the menu on the left side of the screen](#). Stay tuned for the May newsletter for an inside scoop on that Honor Flight Mission with some photographs as well.

It was nice seeing many of you at the January luncheon focused on legislative affairs. For those who were unable to attend, look for some robust legislative coverage later in this edition of The Tribute and how to get involved and support legislation that is important to you and fellow veterans.

Your officers and board continues to work hard in support of our chapter and all of its members. Please consider joining us at a board meeting, volunteer event, legislative action event, luncheon, or all of the above. We'd love to have you!

Remember, we are strong together and our voice grows commensurate with our membership. Please bring a friend or two to one of our events and help us find our next group of new HRCMOAA members.

Spring has sprung, *Aaron Zielinski*

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Community Affairs Update

Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund.

Our chapter has met our annual goal of \$5,000 and is on track to complete our goal of \$25,000 by the end of 2016! Students (under age 24) who are children of former, active or retired officers or active or retired enlisted military personnel are eligible to apply. Military academy cadets are not eligible for this program. Selected students must have a sponsor that is a PREMIUM or LIFE member of MOAA or if enlisted, a member of Voices for America's Troops. This chart reflects the current status of our chapter scholarship fund as reconciled through the end of 2015.

As of 12/31/2015	Total Goal \$25,000	\$21,611	To Goal	-\$3,389
	Annual Goal \$5,000	\$5,841	Over Goal	\$1,611

We remain committed to funding the HRCMOAA Scholarship Fund, which is managed under the MOAA Scholarship at MOAA headquarters.

- Donations are tax deductible.
- Checks should be made out to the *MOAA Scholarship Fund*. In the Memo section at the bottom left on the check, it should be noted that it is for the *HRC Scholarship Fund*.
- Checks can be sent directly to MOAA in the envelope found in each edition of the MOAA magazine, Military Officer or directly to MOAA at:

Military Officers Association of America
 Attn: MOAA Scholarship Fund
 201 N. Washington Street
 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

With the exception of two gifts of \$500 and \$1000, donations during 2015 ranged from \$25 to \$350. The window to help us meet our five year goal will be over in nine short months.

2015 Contributions

PLATINUM - \$500 and above

CDR Roberto & Suzanne Ortiz, USN (ret) CAPT Douglas Williams, USN (ret)

GOLD - \$250 to \$499

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FROM PAGE 4Virginia Veterans and Family Support

At the March luncheon, the chapter will present a \$750 check to the Virginia Veterans and Family Support program (VVFS). The VVFS (formerly the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program) is operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, and other state, local, federal, and non-profit partners. VVFS monitors and coordinates behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services through an integrated and responsive system of care. VVFS provides peer and family support and care coordination services to Virginia veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves (not in federal service), and their families with a special emphasis on those affected by stress related conditions or traumatic brain injuries resulting from military service.

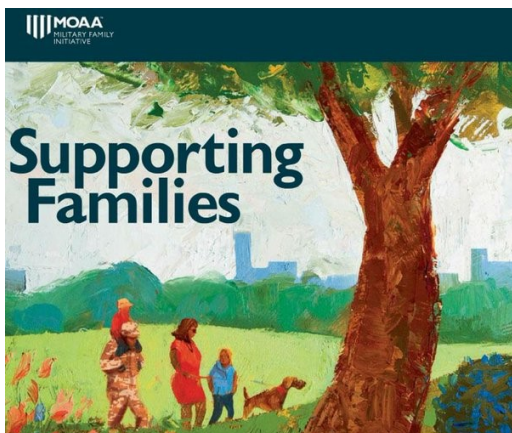
Annual Spring Awards Ceremony

The Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Unit will hold its annual Pass-In-Review and Spring Awards Ceremony at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia on Saturday, April 9th. Over 250 midshipmen march in a Pass-In-Review formation in front of family, friends, distinguished guests and senior military personnel. Students are recognized for their academic accomplishments from various Military and Civilian Organizations. The MOAA LEADERSHIP AWARD will be presented to a most deserving student. CAPT Mike “Breeze” Barea, USN (Ret) will present the award. The audience is normally greeted with opening remarks by Regent University's Chancellor and CEO Pat Robertson. Guest speakers are invited Flag/General Officers who share their respective leadership experiences with the soon to be graduating student body who will be receiving officer commissions in the Navy and Marines Corps.

MOAA Military Family Initiative

As we come closer to fully funding our HRCMOAA Scholarship Fund, we look forward to supporting the MOAA Military Family Initiative (MMFI).

The MMFI creates, enhances, expands, or supports high-impact, proven-successful programs and services that enable the nation's uniformed service members and veterans of all ranks and their families to maintain a quality of life reflective of their selfless service to America. The foundation funds these programs and services through philanthropic contributions from the American people and organizations that support our mission.



- Career Transition Programs
- Disability Assistance Program (VSO)
- Military Family Reintegration Programs
- Military Spouse Programs
- Financial Educational Outreach

We will bring you more information on the MMFI at future luncheons and newsletter articles. For more information now, please visit the website at

<http://www.moaa.org/foundation>



Legislative Affairs

February Luncheon

Legislative affairs is one of the most important things that MOAA focuses on - both at the local and national level. It is so important, we decided to dedicate our most recent luncheon to educate our members on the latest and greatest efforts in support of our veterans. Our February luncheon was jam-packed full of great updates from our legislative affairs committee. COL Jack Hilgers, USMC (ret) and CDR Linc Smith, USN (ret) discussed legislative affairs from a local perspective and shared the committee's mission and vision:

- To monitor local, state and national legislation developments
- To keep Chapter members informed concerning legislative developments
- To recommend courses of action to the Chapter to achieve legislative objectives

Your legislative affairs committee is comprised of COL Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret) Chair, CDR Linc Smith USNR (Ret) Vice Chair, Fourth District Representative, CDR Roberto Ortiz, USN (Ret) Chapter President, COL Jim Edge USA (Ret) Immediate Past President, COL Jim Smith USA (Ret) Virginia Council of Chapters, CAPT Chris Vatisdis USN (Ret) Second District Representative, CAPT Paul Hollandsworth USN (Ret), and LCDR Aaron Zielinski USN (Former). The committee is very active, well informed, attends meetings across the state, and has relationships and lines of communications with critical decision makers.

Pictured below is COL Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret) as he discusses MOAA's top ten legislative goals for 2016.



- Ensure any TRICARE reform sustains top-quality care
- Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases
- Sustain military pay comparability w/ the private sector
- Block erosion of compensation & commissary benefits
- Protect erosion of compensation & commissary benefits
- Sustain wounded-warrior programs & expand caregiver support
- End disabled/survivor financial penalties
- Fix Guard/Reserve retirement
- Improve spouse and family support
- Assure timely access to the VA, and eliminate the VA claims backlog

CDR Linc Smith, USN (Ret) expanded upon those legislative goals as well as sharing how each of us can stay informed about legislative events as well as contacting our elected officials to share your thoughts and feelings on these issues. He demonstrated a great feature of MOAA's website, the Legislative Action Center (<http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>). Here you can sign up for the Action E-List to be informed whenever important legislative action items and events occur. The Legislative Action Center also has four tabs: Elected Officials, Issues and Legislation, Elections and Candidates, and Media Guide which make it easy for you to educate yourself on legislative items as well as reach out to your elected officials and media outlets.

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Each discussed the committee's top eight activities and expanded a little bit about each of the below:



- Storming of the Hill, D.C.
- Storming of the Hill, Richmond
- Chapter Speaker Program
- Individual Meetings, Virginia Legislators and Congressional delegation
- Congressional Appreciation Luncheon, Capitol Hill Club, D.C.
- Virginia Council of Chapters Meetings, Richmond
- Virginia Council of Chapters Legislative Meetings, Richmond
- Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Meetings, Richmond

The Virginia Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (VCOC / MOAA) - also referred to as simply "VCOC" – is an affiliation of MOAA chapters throughout Virginia. There are 18 MOAA chapters and over 40,000 MOAA members in Virginia. Roughly ten percent of Virginia MOAA members are also members of a chapter. VCOC is one of the 23 Veterans Service Organizations serving on the Virginia Joint Leadership Council (JLC) pursuing state legislation beneficial to veterans. The VCOC works in Virginia to further the goals of national MOAA and the local chapters. The VCOC meets quarterly. A Chapter "VCOC Rep" is designated by each affiliated chapter. The chapter President, VCOC Rep, Legislative Rep, and other interested leaders of Virginia chapters of MOAA are all welcome at VCOC meetings or events.

Virginia's Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) represents 23 Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's) in the Commonwealth. The membership of these 23 VSOs is over 260,000 and was created by Virginia statute in 2003 with members appointed by the Governor for a three year term. The JLC meets quarterly.

The JLC mission is to provide advise and assistance to the Governor and the Department of Veteran Services on issues of importance to veterans. As the "SINGLE, UNITED VOICE" of Virginia veterans, JLC identifies issues of concern to the military community and particularly to veterans, their spouses, orphans and dependents.

On an annual basis, the JLC reviews, approves and presents a listing of key legislative objectives to both the Governor and the Virginia General Assembly for their approval. These objectives are submitted to the JLC by the member Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs). The JLC of Veterans Service Organizations provides a vehicle for veterans service organizations to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Services on meeting the needs of Virginia's veterans. The JLC is open to one representative from each qualifying veterans service organization in Virginia that chooses to participate. Additional organizations will be added as certification documents are submitted. All veterans organizations are encouraged to join this initiative to support Virginia's veterans and their families, by contacting the Secretary of the Commonwealth. For a list of the JLC/VCOC 2016 Objectives, please refer to the November 2015 newsletter.

Please reach out to a member of the legislative committee if you would like to get involved or receive additional information. *(sourced from March Luncheon presentation as well as MOAA, JLC, and VCOC websites)*



Military ID Card Notification Program

This voluntary program is designed to help Chapter members and their dependent's to renew their ID cards in a timely fashion. Once you and your dependents are enrolled, you will be notified of your impending ID card expiration date in sufficient time for renewal prior to the expiration date.

To enroll by mail: make copies of the form below for each dependent and fill out the required information. Mail to Military ID Card Notification Program, HRCMOAA, PO Box 4612, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-0612.

To enroll by email: visit our website, www.hrcmoaa.org and click on About Our Chapter and the ID Card Notification Program link and follow the instructions.

Note: Over age 75 members, who are eligible uniform family members and survivors of deceased personnel are now eligible for Permanent Identification Cards. Apply within 90 days of expiration of current ID card.

CAREER CORNER

Once you transition from active duty, we want you to stay in our community and chapter. Don't wait until the last minute to start networking, learning about transition, and talking with recruiters at career fairs. Here is a list of local military career fairs and networking opportunities:

May 4th
9:30am to 12:30pm
NCOA Career Expos
Norfolk—Norfolk Scope Arena
www.ncoacareerexpos.com (register to participate)

May 12, 2016
11:00am to 3:00pm
RecruitMilitary All Veterans Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
www.recruitmilitary.com

May 18, 2016
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Career Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
www.corporategray.com

June 8th and 9th
U.S. Chamber Foundation—Transition Summit
U.S. Navy TMO Office, 8449 Air Cargo Road; Norfolk, VA 23511
www.uschamberfoundation.org (register to participate)



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New Board Member Spotlight

Major General John P. McLaren, Jr.



John P. McLaren, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1974 to 2011, retiring at the rank of Major General on August 29, 2011. Born in Savannah, GA and raised in an Air Force family, he entered the Army in 1974. After receiving his Regular Army commission as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, he served at Fort Meade, MD with a Combat Heavy Engineer Battalion until leaving active duty in May 1978.

In 1978 he became a member of the 80th Division (Training) serving as a training officer, with the 4th Brigade, Infantry One Station Unit Training. He has held numerous command positions at various levels both on active duty and in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Once assigned to the 80th Division General McLaren changed his Military Occupational Specialty from Combat Engineer to Infantry. During his years of service in the 80th Division he held numerous Company, Battalion, Brigade, and Division level command and staff positions. General McLaren served as the Assistant Division Commander—Operations for the 80th Division (Institutional Training) from August 2002 to April 2005.

General McLaren was mobilized to active duty serving as the commander of the Iraq Assistance Group within Multi-national Corps – Iraq from July 2005 to July 2006. As the commander of the group, he served with both XVII Airborne Corps and V Corps and directed the military transition teams assigned to Iraqi army units at the battalion, brigade and division level—coaching, mentoring, and partnering with them as they began fighting the Counter Insurgency Battle in Iraq. During this mission, then Brigadier General McLaren was the senior representative of the largest mobilization call up of 80th Division Soldiers since World War II.

Upon return from Iraq he was remobilized and assigned as the Vice Commander of the Joint War Fighting Center and Deputy Joint Force Trainer at U.S. Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Virginia. As Deputy Joint Force Trainer he helped in leading the USJFCOM joint force training effort to conduct and support the development of capabilities that train the individual services to fight together as a team. He served as Deputy Commander of Second Fleet for Joint Task Force Operations as they served as the U.S. Southern Command Joint Task Force for contingency operations.

Major General McLaren served as the Commanding General of the 80th Training Command (TASS) from May 17, 2008 to August 29, 2011. During this time the newly reconstituted TASS trained over 100,000 Soldiers in 160 courses of instruction in all Combat Service and Combat Service Support Military Occupational Specialties in the Army. The 80th during his tenure became a National Command with units in 34 States and Soldiers residing in all 50 States.

As a Citizen-Soldier, Major General McLaren retired as a Supervisory Civil Engineer from the U.S. Navy after over thirty-three years of federal service. He has worked for a construction company in Newport News Virginia where he was the Executive Vice President. In 2014 he started a small construction company. He is married to Diane McLaren and they have two grown children, all living in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Major General McLaren graduated from the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Infantry Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge.

SPOTLIGHT FROM PAGE 9Commander John J. Uhrin, USN (Ret)

John is a Graduate of Villanova University (NROTC Program) with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, and from US Naval Postgraduate School with a Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering and an Professional Engineer Degree in Electrical Engineering.

During his naval career, John served on various classes of ships with duties ranging from Division Officer to Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. Ships included: USS CONE (DD-866), USS STURDY (MSO-494), USS BLAKELY (DE-1072), USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC-20), and USS MONONGAHELA (AO-178). On the Destroyer and Destroyer Escort he deployed to Vietnam from their base in Charleston, SC. He finished his naval career as the division head for the Navy's Operational Test and Evaluation Force for cruise missiles including HARPOON, PENGUIN, and the initial introduction of the TOMAHAWK family of missiles. His personal awards include the Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement & Navy Meritorious Service.

Upon retiring as a commander, he worked for Lockheed Martin for 27 years. His initial position was Integration and Test Manager for various programs in Valley Forge, PA and Washington, DC and then transitioned as Program Manager for numerous programs. This was followed by a position as AEGIS Combat Systems Program Manager in Moorestown, NJ. He retired from Lockheed Martin in December 2013.

While John was in Moorestown he was an active member for 14 years and became the Second Vice President for the five star Lakes and Pines MOAA Chapter out of the Joint Dix-McGuire-Lakehurst Base.

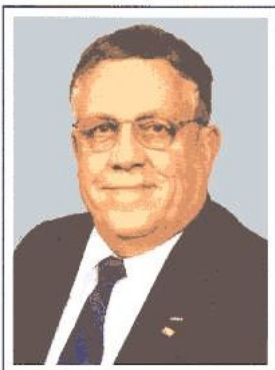
John has been married for more than 48 years to Mary. Their three sons and their wives have blessed them with six grandchildren. He and his wife moved last year to Pungo Ferry Landing in Virginia Beach.

Looking For a Few Good Volunteers

Our chapter is in need of volunteers to help with the administration of the chapter. Our Board recently lost the help of a couple of key board members due to job responsibilities and military orders. The Board works together to run the chapter and we help each other out so no one person has an overwhelming responsibility to shoulder on their own. This only works if we have plenty of volunteers and help. We are in need of a new chapter secretary and a new active duty liaison (or two). We are also looking for additional help on the community affairs committee. You can volunteer to help in any number of ways to get your feet wet and see where your time and talents will help out the chapter. If you are interested in helping, that interest would be greatly appreciated. You can come to our next board meeting to observe and see what might be a good fit for you. If interested, contact president Bert Ortiz or 1st Vice President Loren Heckelman for more information.

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Coming soon:

April Luncheon (4/15)



Come join us at the Virginia Beach Hotel and Resort Conference Center on April 15th for our chapter Luncheon. Rear Admiral Thomas K. Shannon, U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command, Commander will be our guest speaker.

In his current role, Rear Adm. Thomas K. Shannon is the commander of Military Sealift Command.

Shannon graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Nautical Science, and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He attended the Naval War College and received a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies in March 1998.

Shannon served afloat in USS Jack Williams (FFG 24), USS Nicholson (DD 982), and USS Boone (FFG 28). Afloat staff duty includes chief staff officer in Destroyer Squadron 14 and surface operations officer in Cruiser Destroyer Group 12. He was commanding officer of USS De Wert (FFG 45) from September 1999 to April 2001. Shannon served as commanding officer of USS Vicksburg (CG 69) and air defense commander for the John F. Kennedy Battle Group from March 2004 to March 2006. He served as commander of Carrier Strike Group One from November 2011 to February 2013.

Ashore, Shannon's assignments included duty as assistant professor of Naval Science at the University of Texas at Austin; section head in Navy's Joint and Contingency Matters Branch; section head in Navy's Surface Fires Branch; executive assistant to the Director, Surface Warfare; Pacific Command division chief in the Joint Staff, J-3 Directorate; service on the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff; and U. S. Pacific Fleet deputy chief of staff for Operations, Training and Readiness.

Shannon's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various service medals and unit awards

May Luncheon (5/20)



Don't miss our May Luncheon at Atlantic Shores. SES Mr. David Brinkley, TRADOC Deputy G3/5/7 will discuss institutional training ramifications of opening all MOSs to women.

Mr. David Brinkley was selected for the Senior Executive Service in April 2013. He is currently assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7. Mr. Brinkley provides leadership to over 100 Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and contractors in seven organizations, and manages an operating budget in excess of \$29M. Mr. Brinkley's responsibilities include: leading the command's operations, mobilization and readiness activities that include integrating and synchronizing operations across the Training and Doctrine Command; strategic and operational planning for the Command that ensures the command is

organizationally adaptive and responsive to critical Army-focus areas driven by political and operational requirements; preparing, publishing, and distributing command orders, contingency operations plans, readiness reports, and taskings; managing the command's force protection mission to include anti-terrorism, law enforcement, and physical security; developing long-range future training and leader education documents/concepts (to 2025) based on projected operational environment, and learning science to guide near-term investments in science and technology, experimentation, pilot programs, and learning strategies to support a precision Learning System.



Upcoming Gold Bar/Commissioning Ceremonies

NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

Spring Awards Ceremony
Date: Wednesday April 6, 2016
Time: 1600
Location: Robinson Technology Center 136-Auditorium

ODU HAMPTON ROADS NROTC

Pass-in-Review // Spring Awards Ceremony
Date: Saturday April 9, 2016
Time: 1230 Pre-Reception
1300 Pass-in-Review
1345 Spring Awards Ceremony
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AROTC/NROTC
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USA: TBA

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Rep. Scott Rigell, (VA-02) answers questions from members of MOAA and The Retired Officers Wives Society.



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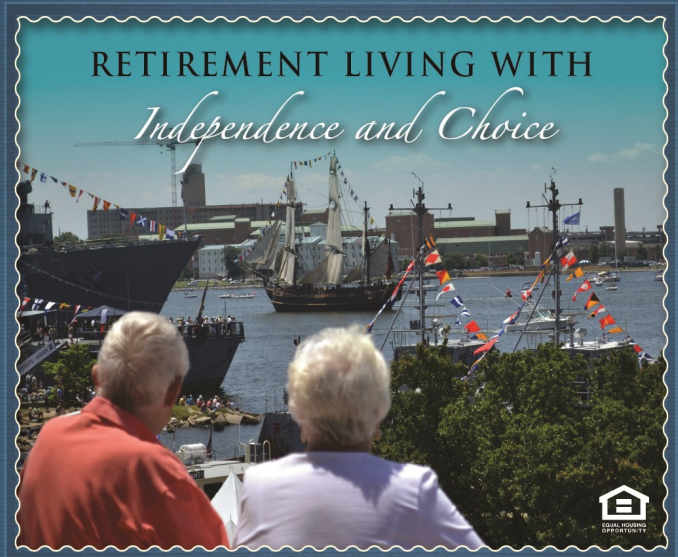
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March Luncheon (3/18) – Atlantic Shores. Honor Flight Historic Triangle (HFHTVA) Mission Director, Matthew M. Hartman, MSGT, USAF (ret).

April Luncheon (4/15) - VB Resort Hotel. Rear Admiral Thomas K. Shannon, U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command, Commander. Norfolk State ARTOC participants and check presentation to VetsHouse.

Honor Flight Departure (4/23) - Southside departure point (Indian River Road Park & Ride; I-64 Exit 286A at Indian River and Reon Roads). 0430 show time.



Thunderbird Air Show (4/23 and 4/24) - Langley

May Luncheon (5/20) – Atlantic Shores. SES Mr. David Brinkley, TRADOC Deputy G3/5/7 - Institutional Training Ramifications of Opening all MOSs to Women.

Retired Appreciation Day (5/21) - For Eustis

June Luncheon (6/17) - VB Resort Hotel. Guest speaker to be announced.

July Brunch Mixer - (7/17 tentative) - VB Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

NAS Oceana Airshow/Blue Angels (9/10 and 9/11)



Above: CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret), Chapter President presents U.S. Representative Scott Rigell, (VA-02) with a Jefferson Cup in appreciation for his efforts and enlightening discussion at the January Luncheon.

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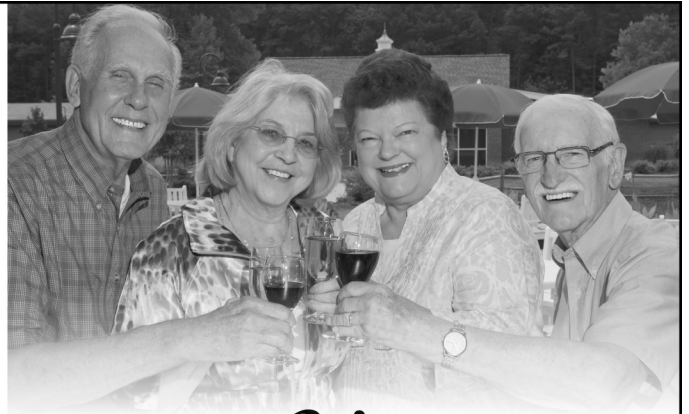
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