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 Hampton Roads Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

January 2017 Luncheon

On January 20th at Atlantic Shores, we will be joined by [CAPT Jim Carman, USN \(ret\), Vice President of Council/Chapter & Member Support at MOAA.](#)



Jim Carman served as a Navy pilot for nearly 25 years. His military career was highlighted by command of a maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and command of a maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft wing deployed throughout the Pacific Rim, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf.

His service in Washington, D.C. includes three years in the Executive Office of the President as Assistant National Security Advisor to the Vice President, initially serving Vice President Dan Quayle and later reappointed by Vice President Al Gore.

After leaving active duty, Jim initially served as an Airline Transport Pilot with American Airlines where he qualified in the Boeing 737-800 new generation aircraft and later as a Career and Talent Management Consultant with Right Management, the talent management element of the Manpower Group. He also founded and led a career management consulting practice based in Washington, D.C. where he mentored hundreds of clients through career transition and professional development.

He joined the MOAA in 2012 and serves as Vice President of Council/Chapter and Member Support. Under his leadership MOAA earned the 2012 and 2015 Summit Award from the American Society of Association Executives, recognizing impactful community service initiatives among their 9,300 member organizations.

Jim has also earned graduate degrees in national security studies and business management, and completed the Senior Executive Training Program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management.



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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses:

Suzanne and I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday season and we look forward to a wonderful 2017. This will be my last newsletter message to you as your President. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the last two years. I pass the torch to the good steady hands of MG John McLaren, USA (Ret), who will take the reins for the next two years as your elected President. I know he will garner the same amount of support from all of you as I have and as we continue to do the good work of the Military Officers Association community.



In looking back, we have perpetuated the trend of being recognized as a model Chapter in the country through winning our 12th and 13th straight five-star Level of Excellence (LOE) award as well as a first ever five-star Colonel Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for the chapter's newsletter and website. I can't tell you how much pride I felt in our organization as it was recognized this year at the MOAA National meeting as not only a LOE award winner, but an Honor Scholarship Chapter in having reached our MOAA scholarship donation goal and having Barb Smith recognized with the Surviving Spouse excellence award. All of this happens through the dedicated and passionate support and service of our officers, board members and members in contributing to the causes we represent. I was blessed during my tenure by the help of an outstanding group of volunteer patriots. Thanks to you who attended board and membership luncheon meetings. And thanks to each of you who dedicated and sacrificed your time to attend and represent our Chapter at ROTC events at area high schools and colleges, Legislative and Virginia Council events, Memorial and Veteran's Day events, supporting our veterans at Honor Flight departure ceremonies, and so many other events throughout these past two years. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not give a special shout out to those behind the scenes warriors who also make this chapter hum, Clif Furedy our IT specialist and Aaron Zielinski who works hard on our newsletters. Thanks to you as well my friends.

Maintaining membership remains our biggest challenge. We must stay relevant to the needs of our currently serving, former and retired officers and their spouses. We need your help in doing that with your fresh ideas and suggestions. Please make some time this coming year to be part of our award-winning chapter by attending events and meeting your fellow members. It will be rewarding, I assure you. And I also urge and encourage you to step forward and help with the leadership of our Chapter as well. I think you would also find that to be enormously satisfying as well.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Chapter as your 1st Vice President in the coming years. In that capacity, I will lead the Programs committee so please stay in touch and pass along your suggestions and ideas. May you have a Blessed and Happy New Year!!

Yours in Service, *Bert Ortiz*



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From the Editor



This is the last edition of the Tribute and closes out 2016. The Chapter had many banner achievements such as completing the funding of our initial \$25,000 MOAA Scholarship endowment, achieving another Chapter Five Star Award, superb luncheons, mixers, and once again joining ROWS for their awesome annual Christmas Dinner Dance.

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As we move into the new year, 2017 is sure to bring even bigger and better events for our members. Our officers and board members are working hard to bring you speakers that are both entertaining and informative. We want to ensure that you are kept informed about what MOAA is working towards on your behalf, what our chapter is doing in the community, and what we all can do to support the benefits of our veterans and active duty men and women.

Please continue to think of those you know and are important to you. If you know of friends and family who are not members, but qualify and would benefit from membership, please educate them on MOAA and more specifically, our Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA. We are only as strong as our members and the size of our membership is significant in our quest to support our veterans and active duty personnel.

It all starts with ensuring that our membership is current. you have any question with regard to when your membership expires, take a look at the [address label](#) on the outside of this newsletter. It will tell you what year your membership goes through. If you see 2016, please use the membership form on [page 11](#) (check and mail) or you can go online to renew and pay your membership dues (webpage link and instructions on [page 10](#)).

I would like to take one final opportunity in the newsletter to publicly thank Bert as he wraps up his two year term as Chapter President. I witness on a daily basis how much work and effort he puts into ensuring that we continue to have an awesome chapter. I'm thrilled to see that he is remaining highly engaged in the chapter and our best days lie ahead.

I hope to see each of you at one (or hopefully more) of our upcoming events!

Warmest regards,

Aaron Zielinski

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Legislative Affairs

Virginia Council of Chapters

The 1st Quarter 2017 meeting of the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) will be held Sunday, 22 January 2017, 1300-1600 at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, VA. A reception will be held following the meeting.

The VCOC will conduct its annual "Storming of the Hill" Monday, 23 January 2017, 0730-1600 in the Speaker's Conference Room in the General Assembly Building in Richmond, VA. The purpose of the "Storming of the Hill" is to address, discuss, and make recommendations to Virginia state officials and Legislators, concerning issues of importance to VCOC and the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of veterans organizations, and which affect active duty, reserve component and retired military men and women, and their families. The six issues to be addressed in this session of "Storming of the Hill" are:

*** Please click on the hyperlinks below for the position papers on each initiative ***

Summary Matrix of 2017 JLC Policy Initiatives

The JLC adopted seven initiatives for consideration by the Governor and General Assembly for the 2017 session. Position papers for each initiative may be found below.

2017-01 Virginia Veterans and Family Support Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly change the Code of Virginia to revise the charter of the VVFS; release \$393,494 (GF) to DVS in FY17; authorize 21 new positions in FY17; and appropriate and additional \$700,000 (GF) in FY18 to convert VVFS to an all-state employee service delivery structure.

2017-02 Virginia War Memorial

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate an additional \$100,000 (GF) in FY18, to ensure that the Virginia War Memorial has the resources necessary to accomplish its dual mission of honor and education.

2017-03 Guard Income Tax Subtraction

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly increase the state income tax subtraction level for members of the Virginia National Guard from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.

2017-04 In-state Tuition for Reserve Components

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and the General Assembly change the eligibility for in-state tuition to include all members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserve components, thus recognizing their service to the Commonwealth and treating them equality to the active components and veterans.

2017-05 Virginia Veterans Entrepreneurship Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation creating the Virginia Veteran Entrepreneurship Grant Pilot Program under the Department of Veterans Services and appropriate \$900,000 (GF) per year in FY18 and FY19 to award grants to companies that provide entrepreneurship training to veterans. Also, that the Board of Veterans Services (BVS) continue its work on veteran entrepreneurship and develop additional recommendations for consideration.

2017-06 VMSDEP

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related and within an armed conflict. Instead, a permanent, service-connected disability rating of at least 90%, plus satisfaction of the other requirements currently in the Code, would qualify a veteran's spouse or child for VMSDEP benefits.

2017-07 Electronic Ballot Return

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governor and General Assembly promote development, approval, and budgeting of secure procedures to permit the electronic return of absentee ballot by overseas uniformed military voters.

More information can be found about these issues on the VCOC web site, www.virginiamoaa.com. Also, please be sure to visit MOAA's Legislative Action Center at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>

Commonwealth Coffee

Commander Linc Smith, USNR (ret) meets with U.S. Senators Mark Warner (D-VA) and Tim Kaine (D-VA) at the Commonwealth Coffee honoring Virginia veterans, Wednesday, December 14th, 2016, Kennedy Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. The purpose of the coffee was for veterans, active duty service members, their families, and Virginia's military community to speak with the Senators and members of their staff. CDR Smith assumes duties as MOAA Hampton Roads Legislative Committee, Congressional Liaison Chair in 2017.



Community Affairs - Commissioning Ceremonies

Old Dominion University - December 16, 2016

The [Hampton Roads Naval ROTC](#) Fall Commissioning Ceremony was held on Friday December 16, 2016 at the L. Douglas Wilder Center on the Norfolk State University Campus. Despite the chilly, windy weather the event was well attended by family, friends, fellow service members and colleagues. The greatest display of patriotism was on hand as the next generation of Naval and Marines Corps leaders were greeted by active duty service members and by family members who were retired Korean War, Vietnam War, and Global War on Terrorism veterans who made their way up on stage to render the "First Salute". The Naval Service ROTC Unit commissioned 11 Ensigns in the Navy and 3 Second Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps. The ceremony was hosted by CAPT Lennie Reed, USN, Commanding Officer/Professor of Naval Science. The ceremony started with the Joint ROTC Choir singing a rendition of the National Anthem that was very moving, resulting in a number of emotional displays in the audience.



The audience was addressed by University Officials from Old Dominion University (ODU) and Norfolk State University (NSU). HRCMOAA's Board of Director, CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (ret) was in attendance. CAPT Barea presented newly commissioned officers with a set of gold bars and congratulatory letters following their first salutes. The Guest Speaker was Rear Admiral (RADM) Peter A. Gumataotao, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy at NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Norfolk. His career included numerous operational, command and staff assignments. RADM Gumataotao was also the recipient of the first Admiral Zumwalt Award for visionary leadership in 2001.

PHOTO by LT Tom Kellogg, USN, Operations Officer, Asst. Professor of Naval Science, HRNROTC. NROTC Fall Commission Class 2016. "Cowabunga" as proclaimed by RADM Gumataotao. CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret), 2nd from left.

Norfolk State University - December 9, 2016

[Norfolk State University \(NSU\) ROTC "Spartan Battalion"](#) conducted a commissioning ceremony on December 9, 2016 at the Campus Student Center. Hosting the ceremony was Major Cedric G. Lee, USA, Professor of Military Science. Receiving commissions in the Army were Second Lieutenants Tory Barner, Medical Service Corps, USAR; Brittany Belcher, Chaplain Corps, USAR; Ian Douglas, Air Defense Artillery, USAR; and Dominique Johnson, Infantry, USA. All have completed their academic and military requirements and were presented a set of MOAA gold bars by Colonel Jim Smith, Hampton Roads Chapter, MOAA in recognition of their achievement. Guest speaker and commissioning officer was Major General John McLaren, USA (ret), incoming President of the Hampton Roads Chapter, MOAA. Attendees at the ceremony included university president Dr. Eddie Moore, members of the university Board of Visitors, families, faculty, and staff members.

2016 SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON EXCELLENCE AWARD



Mrs. Barbara J. Smith has been the driving force behind our chapter's very high level of participation of Surviving Spouses. She has been instrumental in bridging the gap between our regular membership and surviving spouses, being actively involved in our Board of Directors and the Retired Officers Wives Society (ROWS) group, which enjoys a very close association with our Chapter. Since taking over the position from our former Auxiliary Liaison who passed away in office in December of 2014, she has been tireless and instrumental in working within the Chapter to address and highlight Surviving Spouse initiatives.



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:

February 16, 2017
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
RecruitMilitary
Richmond - Richmond International Raceway
www.recruitmilitary.com

February 21, 2017
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/381>

March 8, 2017
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
CivilianJobs.com
Norfolk - Ted Constant Convocation Center
info@civilianjobs.com

May 24, 2017
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/384>



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November 18th Luncheon



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Annual Toys for Tots Luncheon on November 18th at Atlantic Shores. Colonel Charles “Chuck” Dunne, USMC, Headquarters and Service Battalion Commanding Officer joined us as our guest speaker. Col. Dunne introduced himself and started his speech with a brief history of the United States Marine Corps. He transitioned to the present state of the Marines Corps and some of the different missions of focus. He then discussed U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command (COMMARFORCOM) and naval integration. Pictured to the left is HRCMOAA Chapter President CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret) as he presents Col. Dunne with the Jefferson Cup on behalf of our membership.

We were also joined by ROTC cadets from Hampton Roads Naval ROTC as well as the Spartan and Monarch Battalions. A great time was had by all. ROTC cadets sat at many different tables and many conversations were had between members and the cadets. Pictured to the right (from left to right) are MIDN 3/C Victoria Bursleson (ODU), CDT/MAJ Jaimie Bass (NSU), CDT/CSM Khaleel Bremby (NSU), Major General John McLaren, USA (ret), Major Neils E. Hansen (Executive Officer, Spartan Battallion), and Colonel Charles Dunne. In addition, the chapter donated \$100 to Toys for Tots and our members did a phenomenal job of bringing in 119 toys, 12 stuffed animals and monetary contributions of \$413. We also installed our newly appointed chapter officers for 2017 as presented on the voting slate.



The Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA has been under the superb leadership of a number of different Chapter Presidents over many years. A Five-Star Chapter every year since 2004 (the initial year the honor was awarded), this year is no exception. CDR Bert Ortiz is handing the reigns over to MG John McLaren and those reigns include another Five Star Award. Photo bottom left: (from left to right) are Col. Larry King “Live”, USMC (ret), incoming Chapter President MG John McLaren, USA (ret), CDR John Uhrin, USN (ret), outgoing Chapter President CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret), LCDR Jeff Barrett, USN (ret), and COL Jim Edge, USA (ret) as they add the 2015 Five Star Award pin to our Chapter Banner. Photo bottom right: (from left to right) are Cpl Landolina, Ssgt Strowder, CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret), and LtCol Benjamin “Zach” Woodworth.



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Barbara attends all Board of Directors and Membership meetings. Additionally, she is very interactive with all members and always provides suggestions and solutions for improvement of Chapter activities. She is a diligent representative of Surviving Spouse issues and concerns. She always avails herself to any board or chapter member and is quick to assist on any event.

Barbara diligently assists the Membership Chair and Committee to retain and grow our Surviving Spouse membership. When she initially came aboard, HRCMOAA had 47 Auxiliary Members. We now enjoy 71 Surviving Spouses in our membership. This 34% growth is completely due to her tenacity in contacting former members, proactively communicating with surviving spouses upon notification of death of a MOAA member and her interaction with members at our monthly membership meetings/luncheons and Board of Directors meetings.

Barbara immediately volunteered and assisted with our Membership Meeting Luncheons as part of the Programs Committee. She provides input into programs that would also be of interest to her constituency. She is the point of contact, accepts all reservations, prepares the RSVP listing, table tents and handles the entire check-in process including collection of money. Since she has taken over, there has been 100% accountability in reservations.

As a member of the Personal Affairs Committee, she assisted in the development of the Personal Affairs tab of HRCMOAA's five-star award winning website. She sought useful checklist information that was made available to members through download. She assisted in the development of the Chapter President's condolence letter that is mailed out upon death notification in which she is listed as a resource to grieving widows. She also sees it her responsibility to contact every Surviving Spouse directly to offer support and an ear for them to vent frustrations.

For the past four years, Barbara has been the Treasurer of the ROWS. She has represented MOAA at their events and has coordinated their annual Valentine's Day Dance and Formal Christmas Dinner/Dance with our Chapter. MOAA members are invited and encouraged to attend. Through this cross functional tie, she brings members from both organization together with common interests. She collects money at their luncheons as well and pays all outstanding bills. She provides monthly reports for the members of all income & outgoing expenses. If there is a death in the member's immediate family she coordinates donations to the charity of their choice. She is responsible for the year-end audit and files all necessary non-profit tax forms.

Barbara Smith's service to this Chapter and her constituency group of Surviving Spouses are immeasurable and invaluable. She remains fully engaged in this passion which is caring for Surviving Spouses. She is the embodiment of surviving spouse liaison excellence and is, without a doubt, very deserving of the recognition the Award bestows.

When you see Barb at one of our many events, please congratulate her on all of her accomplishments. She is an incredibly valued member of our HRCMOAA family!



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WHEN: Friday, 20 January 2017

WHERE: [Atlantic Shores, Magnolia Room; 1200 Atlantic Shores Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.](#)

TIME: Social-1100 hours, Lunch-1200 hours

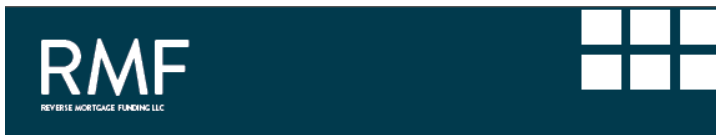
MENU: Choice of one: **Bacon Wrapped Pork Mignon** or **Parmesan Crusted Tilapia** served w/ Mashed Potatoes, Sour Cream & Chives, Steamed Broccoli, Tomato Bisque, rolls w/ butter & Coconut Cream Pie. Water, tea & coffee. Cash bar.

PRICE: \$25.00

PROGRAM: Guest speaker will be **National MOAA representative Capt. Jim Carman, USN (Ret)**. Jim is currently serving as MOAA's Vice President, Council/Chapter and Member Support. He previously served as the Director of the MOAA Transition Center. The installation of our newly elected 2017-2019 Officers and Board members will follow.

RESERVATIONS / CANCELLATIONS: Reservations required by 1200 hours, Tuesday, January 17, 2016. RSVP to Barb Smith: 576-1114 (cell), 427-3475 (home) or e-mail: barb4mom@cox.net. If providing an email or leaving a message, please give the names of those attending, phone number, and meal choice.

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UPCOMING Events

January Luncheon (1/20) - Atlantic Shores. [CAPT Jim Carman, USN \(Ret\), Director MOAA Transition Center](#)

February Luncheon (2/24) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel; program TBD

March Luncheon (3/24) - Atlantic Shores; program TBD

April Luncheon (4/21) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel; program TBD

May Luncheon (5/19) - Atlantic Shores; Spouse Appreciation Event

June Luncheon (6/23) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel; program TBD

July Brunch Mixer (7/16) - venue TBD

Veterans Day 2016

CDR Linc Smith, USN (ret) and CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret) present the MOAA wreath at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Chesapeake Veterans' Memorial.



CDR Tom England, USN (ret) represents MOAA as he drives his 1927 Chevrolet Superior Touring in the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia Beach, VA.



Website Tips

The chapter's website at hrcmoaa.org provides a one stop shopping for the current edition as well as historical newsletters. The website (www.hrcmoaa.org) is a convenient way for you to access the electronic version of our newsletter which contains additional features, resources, and web content based upon that month's newsletter. The current issue is highlighted in yellow with past editions located below it in the center of the page.

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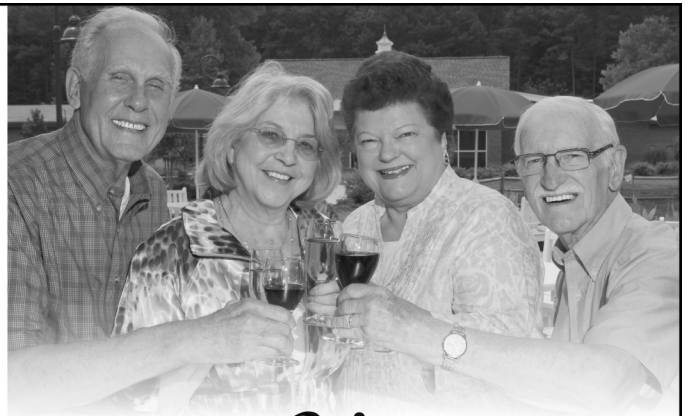
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