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 Hampton Roads Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

Chapter Bids Farewell to Past HRCMOAA President, Captain Paul "Holly" Hollandsworth, USN (ret)

CDR Linc Smith, USNR (ret)



Captain Paul "Holly" Hollandsworth passed away July 17, 2017. Chapter President from 2011-2012, Holly's career in the United States Navy spanned 32 years serving from 1954 to 1986. He was a member of the Golden Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Association of Naval Aviation.

Holly's service to our nation was marked with extensive war service and bravery. His awards included the Silver Star, three distinguished Flying Crosses, five Individual Air Medals, twenty two Strike Flight Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals with the Combat V and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Air Gallantry Cross with Silver Wings. The Silver Star Medal is the United States' third highest award for combat valor, ranking fifth in the precedence of military awards after the Medal of Honor.

His career included two combat tours in Vietnam. First, Holly served with VA-76 on USS Enterprise (CVN 65) from 1965-1966, completing 146 Missions with VA-76. Next, he served on USS Bon Homme Richard (CV 31) in 1967 executing 116 Missions, also with VA-76. Flying the A-4 Skyhawk, Holly flew a total of 262 combat missions. His total flight hours



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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses,

I hope you all had a great summer! It was busy for many of us and HOT for all of us. Many days above 90 degrees in July made for many quick dips at the pool and trips to the beach.



Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA needs your help! Volunteers are being sought to support our Community Affairs Program. Each year we have an active program to provide assistance and awards to area NJROTC programs; Army, Marine Corps, and Navy ROTC commissioning programs; support for Honor Flights to Washington DC; Memorial and Veterans Day programs and many other Veterans initiatives. All our programs underpin our support for our area youth and our Veterans. For specific program information, call John Uhrin, Community Affairs Chairperson at (757) 689-8988.

I can think of few times in my years of service where our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coastguardsmen have faced the great challenges they do today. Challenges in the Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Korea, Philippines, and across Africa have spread our Armed Forces very thin. Our continued support for their individual and collective tasks are paramount for success in this dangerous world. Our national MOAA team lets our troops know we have their best interests at heart.

God Bless you all, our Service members, and the United States of America.

In Service, *John McLaren*



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From the Editor



I write this month's newsletter with a heavy heart as Paul "Holly" Hollandsworth passed away. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Holly for the past decade or so as an officer and board member as well as newsletter editor.

Many of you have known Holly much longer than I - perhaps as a HRCMOAA member, a

neighbor, or a shipmate. He always had a smile on his face and could light up a room with his charm and repertoire of jokes. He will be missed, but his impact and influence live on.

I hope you enjoy the tribute on Holly contributed by Linc Smith in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September luncheon and making more memories.

Warmest regards, *Aaron Zielinski*



Reminder — Time to renew Chapter Dues

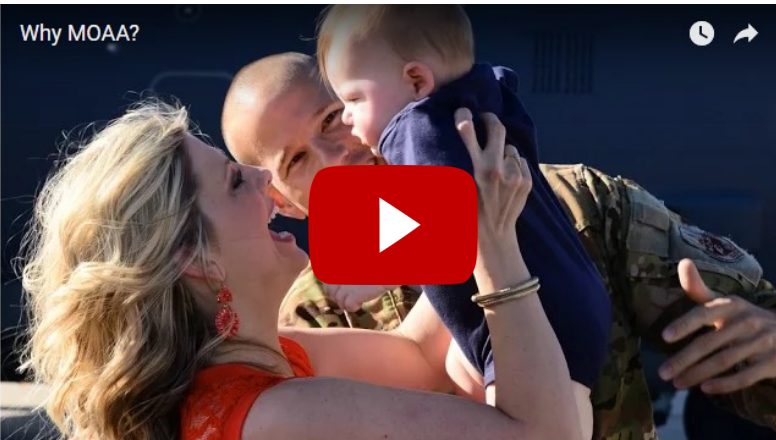
If you haven't renewed your dues for 2017, please remember that they expired on 31 December 2016.

Dues for 2017 remain unchanged from last year:

- \$20.00 for Regular Members (\$35 for 2-yr, \$45 for 3-yr)
- \$10.00 for Surviving Spouse (\$17 for 2-yr, \$23 for 3-yr)

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- Completing and mailing the form on Page 11, with payment, or
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numbered 6,618, with 719 fixed wing carrier landings. Throughout his flying career, he flew multiple aircraft, to include the A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, A-7 Corsair and F-18 Hornet.



On the Rolling Thunder Remembered Website narrative dated August 7, 2017, Holly is remembered as follows: “ Paul Hollandsworth was a bold and fearless leader of men who loved to fly and fight. During Rolling Thunder he was part of the Bon Homme Richard, Carrier Air Wing 21 group of warriors that couldn’t be outflown or outperformed in the business of MIG kills, urban removal, bridge destruction and SAM suppression. Bonnie Dick and CAG-21 were the President’s own (PUC) in 1967... Holly went to war in the A-4, Commanded an A-6 squadron and finished up as the CO of VX-5 where he flew everything that delivered weapons, including the conduct of the FA-18 operations evaluation in 1981-3. Holly was of good cheer and deserving of the universal respect and admiration he enjoyed throughout his life of living,

learning, leading, loving and flying... whattaguy!!!”

The remembrances by former shipmates of Holly’s are long and wide. Hardin White says, “A great American, Naval Aviator and a true patriot. A tremendous loss to the Intruder Community.” Ken “KJ” Davis says, “It was an honor and pleasure to serve with him in VA-65 ... he was a man of undoubted ability, integrity, and professional competence, and an outstanding person.” Marty Gunther said, “Holly was the best Commanding Officer I ever had the pleasure of serving under... he was Skipper of VA-65 on my first deployment on the USS Independence in '73-'74. Holly was a great Leader who led the Squadron with passion and determination... setting an example for all to follow... encouraging every one of us to be the very best Aviators and Sailors we could be. Rest in Peace Holly... you will be sorely missed.”



In the January 2013 issue of our Tribute, Holly penned his final letter to the chapter in which he said:



“To all of you, you are all my heroes. We have lived and served in extraordinary times . The many changes in our society had to be reconciled in our military and, you the officers had to make it happen while continuing to be combat ready and in many cases being in the midst of combat. WELL DONE!!!”



Community Affairs—ROTC Commissioning Ceremonies and JROTC Awards

Army Commissioning Ceremony - Friday August 25, 2017

Col Jim Edge, USA (ret)



Old Dominion University (ODU) - Today was a great day for the United States Army and our country. At 1000 hours, Cadet Dylan C. MacDonald and Cadet Kristofer C. Thompson became 2ndLt Dylan C. MacDonald and 2ndLt Kristofer C. Thompson, United States Army as they were administered the Commissioning Oath by LTC William H. Bowers, Professor of Military Science (PMS), Old Dominion University. LTC Bowers praised the two young men for their hard work and dedication as they achieved a college degree and a commission in the US Army. He was right on target with his advice based on his 20 years of service. The parents and family members conducted the pinning of the bars on the LTs. One of the traditional first salutes was rendered by an ODU Cadre Non Commissioned Officer and the other by the LT's dad, a Navy Chief Petty Officer. Col Edge was recognized by the PMS as representing your Chapter in the presentation of a set of gold bars to each LT. He went on to say that we present the gold bars at all of the commissioning for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Pictured to the left are the two lieutenants and Col Edge following the presentation.

HRCMOAA Support for Chapter Events

CDR John Uhrin III, USN (ret)

Every year the Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA supports numerous community events. These events range from presentation of leadership awards at the local college Navy, Marine and Army ROTC's and the NJROTC units at both Virginia Beach and Norfolk High Schools; presentation of Gold Bars to our newly commissioned Ensigns and second lieutenants; laying of a wreath for Memorial Day and Veterans Day in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake; trophy presentations at the Virginia Beach Cavalier Drill Meet; supporting the Honor Flight departure ceremonies; collecting Toys-for-Tots; and even judging the Hampton Roads Auto Body Car Show. These events are supported by the members' dues and especially by the member's participation in these events. It gives our local communities insight into what their local chapter of MOAA does in their backyard. It puts a face on our organization.

Last year I accepted the chairmanship of this chapter's community affairs. Since that time, a curious fact has come to light. We need more participation in these events by the chapters' membership. The board of directors and the various chapter chairmen have stepped up and covered these events. What we now need is for additional members to also contribute a little of their time in these community events. It is not a large effort in each of the events and they are very rewarding in seeing our community come together, especially the youth. I am issuing a plea for you all to come and support just one event per year. I will act as the coordinator with dates, places, and times. Please drop me an email with the events you are interested at juhrin3@verizon.net and I will get back to you with the information. Thank you for your support.

CDR John J. Uhrin III, USN (ret)
HRCMOAA Community Affairs

The Moving Wall' Memorial Comes to Newport News on September 14-18

The "Moving Wall," Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, will come to Huntington Park, Newport News, Sept. 14-18. The event spans five days with the opening ceremony taking place on September 15th. You can find a full listing of events and timeline for this great event at the event's website: www.vietnamrevisited2017.com



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:

October 18, 2017
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/388>

November 2, 2017
11:00am to 3:00pm
DAV/Recruit Military - Norfolk Veterans Job Fair
Norfolk - Nauticus—Half Moon Cruise & Celebration Center
<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/schedule>

February 14, 2018
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/393>

May 31, 2018
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
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Summer Multi-Chapter Brunch Mixer

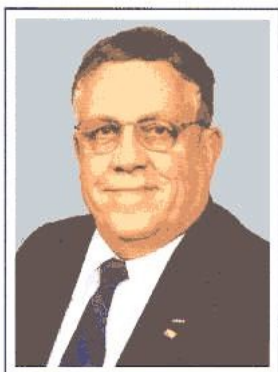
On July 23rd, about 70 members of the Portsmouth (PAC), Peninsula (VIP), and Hampton Roads (HRC) chapters of MOAA gathered for some great food, fun and camaraderie at Tradewinds Restaurant at the Virginia Beach Hotel Resort and Conference Center for the Annual Multi-Chapter Brunch Mixer. This event is always a hit and gets better each year. Running more than fifteen years now, it continues to be a great venue to come together, share stories, ideas, and figure out ways to make our chapters even better! If you weren't able to attend this year, pencil in next July as you won't want to miss the fun next time. Pictured below are members from our chapter who attended.



HONOR FLIGHT

CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (ret)

Be ADVISED ... Mission 18 is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th 2017. I am hoping you can join us to once again help us send off our south side veterans in a manner honoring their service and sacrifice. Honor Flight will be making their two final trips next year, Missions 19 and 20 in the spring and fall of 2018. Participation of our WWII and Korean War veterans are very low to support trips to DC. In addition, the Williamsburg Historic Triangle Honor Flight Board also decided that this area is close enough to DC that most Vietnam veterans have the opportunity to see their memorials. Honor Flight will broadcast heavily for their final year to get any and all willing participants from WWII and Korea up to DC to see their memorials. All the assistance that you can provide in support of their mission is greatly appreciated! We need to get the word out!



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Surviving Spouse Corner: MOAA's New Website

By Michele Costello, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

After a year or more of construction, [MOAA's new website](#) now is complete. The new website launched Sept. 1. MOAA's new super highway to information was rebuilt and contains new signage and exit ramps that offer easy access to a wealth of valuable military- and legislative-related information, interesting and informative publications, and opportunities to take action on legislative issues that affect servicemembers and their families.

At the top of the home page, you'll find several membership categories with drop-down menus. The "Family" category is divided into "Surviving Spouses" and "Spouses." Be sure to follow the "Take Action" link to learn about MOAA's top legislative issues. Visit the "Legislative Action Center" to contact your congressional legislators. Those emails and letters do make a difference!

The home page was designed to emphasize a particular legislative issue or news item. Remember, when navigating MOAA's new website, you'll need to scroll down in order to see everything. Users will know they have reached the bottom of a Web page when they see the motto, "Never Stop Serving." From there, you can link quickly to social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, In, YouTube, and MOAA Connect.

The "Surviving Spouses" Web page, which is undergoing construction, can be accessed from the home page by selecting "Family" and then "Surviving Spouses" from the drop-down menu. The Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) submitted recommendations to ensure as much information as possible can be accessed easily by surviving spouses who are dealing with the loss of their servicemember spouse. Pay and benefits, publications, personal affairs, and legislative issues, such as repealing the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (SBP/DIC) offset, are only some of the areas that will be covered.

Also, be sure to visit and join the [Surviving Spouses of MOAA Facebook Group](#). Search Surviving Spouses of MOAA in your Facebook finder window or click on the link above in the electronic version of the newsletter.



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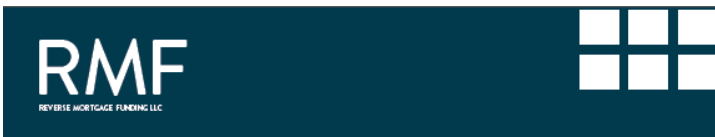
Patriots Colony, sponsored by Riverside Health System, is a LifeCare community exclusively for retired military officers and retired federal civil employees and their spouses.

Tour of USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)

The Commanding Officer of the USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78), our Navy's newest Aircraft Carrier, has invited Hampton Roads Chapter MOAA Members and their spouses to visit and tour the ship at 1000 on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

USS GERALD R. FORD is the Navy's newest, biggest and most modern aircraft carrier. You have probably read about its new magnetic catapults, water turbine arresting gear and latest technology. USS GERALD R. FORD is 1,106 feet long and ties up at the carrier piers, Naval Operating Base Norfolk in Norfolk when it is in port. Members, spouses, and guests should be prepared for substantial exercise during this tour. We will not be using elevators or escalators. We will have to walk from the parking lot to the ship and then climb ladders (Navy speak for stairs) to access the hangar, flight deck, island, "Pri-Fly", and bridge spaces before descending to the ship's store which serves the crew and Air Wing of 5,500 which is just below the hangar deck. The tour should last about 1.5 hours. For more information about the ship, please see http://www.navy.mil/ah_online/USSFord/index.html

If you would like to participate in this tour or have questions, please contact CDR Bob Armour, USN (Ret). Please text Bob's Cell: [757-477-5348](tel:757-477-5348) or Email: bobpetraarmour@cox.net. If you or your spouse would like to take part in this Tour, please contact Bob ASAP so we can give an estimate of how many will participate. We will add names to the list of visitors through September but must provide the ship with a list of visitor names well before Saturday, September 23. Additionally, FORD personnel will need the names of HRCMOAA visitors for the sentry guarding the pier entrance and keeping track all of our MOAA visitors.



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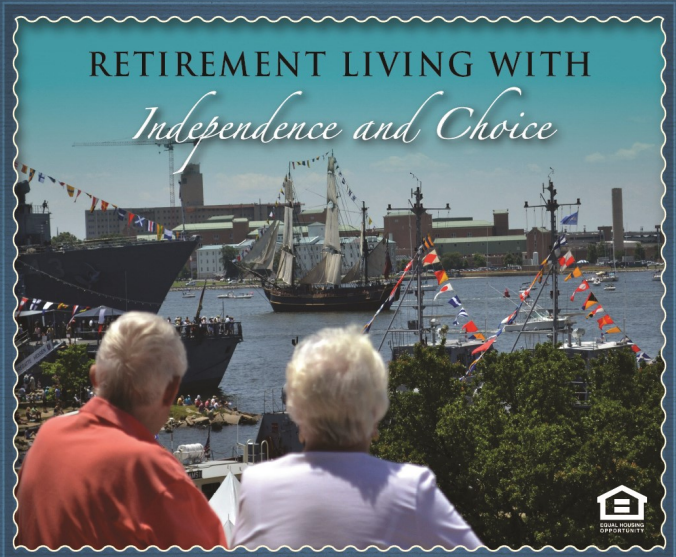
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September Luncheon (9/15) - Atlantic Shores – Magnolia Room. Program: U.S. Congressman Scott Taylor, 2nd Congressional District of Virginia (VA-02).

Evening Networking Mixer (Thursday, 10/5) - 5-8 p.m., Pizza, Wings and Beer . Bold Mariner Brewing; 2409 Bowdens Ferry Rd, Norfolk

October Luncheon (10/20) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center. Program: Rear Admiral Meredith Austin, Commander, US Coast Guard 5th District.

November Luncheon (11/17) - Atlantic Shores - Magnolia Room. Program: MARFORCOM speaker and annual Toys for Tots and ROTC program participation.



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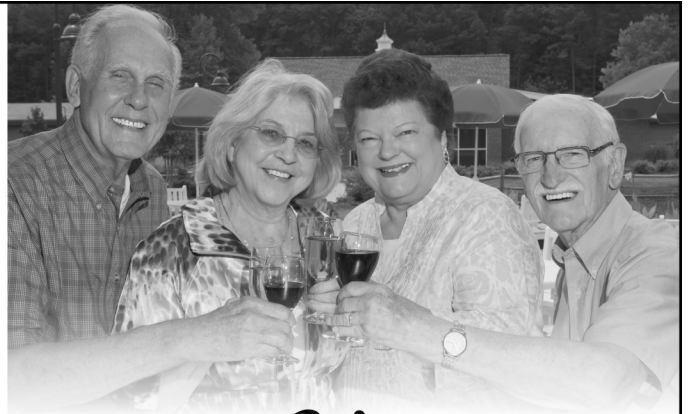


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**“I’m never far from
the military, in my heart,
or in my home.”**

Residents choose to live at Atlantic Shores for many reasons: the amenities, natural beauty, culinary excellence, personal connections with staff members, quality on-site healthcare, security and more. But for Bob Sage, U.S. Navy Capt. Ret., proximity to the area’s military bases sealed the deal. Dam Neck and Oceana bases are less than a mile away.

Another factor in Bob’s decision was financial, both in pricing and equity ownership. Bob also values the ability to be involved in the community instead of being told what to do. “*Independence means living your own lifestyle,*” he says. He especially loves getting together with “the guys” for meals and trading war stories – literally.

You can arrange a visit or learn more about our community at AtlanticShoresLiving.com or call 757.716.3000. Oh, and one last word from Bob, on our culinary offerings: “*Our Sunday brunches are the best kept secret out here!*” Not anymore, Bob. Not anymore.

