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Chapter Member Receives International Award

Col Jim Smith, USA (ret)

In August of this year, Lieutenant Commander Daryl Holland, USN (ret), a long-time Hampton Roads Chapter member, received notice that he had been selected as the 2017 Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Volunteer of the Year.

PATH Intl. was formed to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. PATH Intl. has nearly 5,000 certified instructors and equine specialists, more than 8,000 members world-wide in more than 881 centers world-wide to serve more than



66,000 children and adults. More than 6,200 veterans and active duty military personnel are among those with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges who find strength and independence through therapeutic riding and the power of the horse each year.

Commander Holland was nominated as PATH Volunteer of the Year by the EquiKids and EquiVets Therapeutic Riding Program located in Heritage Park, Virginia Beach. He has been associated with the program for nearly 29 years starting as a volunteer, becoming a member of its Board of Directors, as a member of the staff, and now again as a volunteer. He has devoted thousands of hours to the program and performed every imaginable task associated with it except shoeing and veterinarian services. He was the driving force in creating a series of wooded interactive riding trails at the facility.

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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses,

Fall is upon us and the weather is getting cooler. I am going to take a few lines in my comments for this edition of the newsletter to recognize some of our members that have given donations to the chapter. These members are: Col. Delbert M. Corum, Sr., USAF Ret., CWO4 James J. Fagnant, USCG Ret., CWO4 Kurt U. Krumreich, USN Ret., LCDR Eddie L. Seaton, USN Ret., and CDR Roberto S. Ortiz, USN Ret. Many thanks to each of them for their support to the Chapter through generous donations!

During the month of September, members of the Board discovered an issue which will be of concern for all members of our Chapter. The IRS changed our status as a 501(c)3 tax status to a 501(c)19 in 1977. This change never migrated into our constitution. I can only surmise why it did not make it into the constitution - it was an oversight from the past. The reason for this change, as I understand the reasoning, is when the new tax-exempt provision was devised in 1972, they moved most veteran organizations to this status for tax-exemption to organizations that benefit veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Unfortunately, this status does not convey to the organizations donors (NOT Tax deductible). The good news is the scholarship fund at MOAA, as well as the Military Family Initiative, your gifts our chapter sends directly to the National Headquarters, IS in a 501(c)3 TAX-DEDUCTABLE STATUS. The board is in the process of changing our constitution to clarify this issue for the future. My apologies for this problem.

Some special thanks this month to CAPT Bob Armour, USN (Ret) for putting together a fantastic tour of the USS Ford for the HRC MOAA members, spouses, family, and friends. I learned many things from the young sailors that escorted my group about this new class of aircraft carrier. What a true marvel of engineering and craftsmanship. Well done Bob!

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 looking forward to a fun couple of months. Lots of awesome "stuff" coming up that is sure to put big smiles on all of our faces.

We have our annual Toys for Tots event at the November luncheon which is always a great time. I love to see all of

the unwrapped gifts that are going to make a bunch of children's holiday season much warmer. This luncheon is also packed with ROTC cadets and Midshipman which lends to special conversations at each of our tables. Be sure to not miss this event as we'll also be electing HRCMOAA board member positions.

Also, I'd be remiss to not encourage you to grab your special someone and RSVP to the ROWS Christmas Dinner Dance on December 2. Put on your best outfit and dance shoes and enjoy music from The Dudes.

Warmest regards, *Aaron Zielinski*



Reminder — Time to renew Chapter Dues

If you haven't renewed your dues for 2018, please remember that they expire on 31 December 2017.

Dues for 2018 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)

Dues are payable by:

- Completing and mailing the form on Page 11, with payment, or
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Membership

Col Larry King "Live", USMC (ret)

As we approach the middle of fall, it is a busy time but don't forget to take time to renew your HRCMOAA membership. Many members will have their membership lapse on 31 Dec 2017. Please look at you Tribute mailing label to see if you have a "2017" on it. If you do, it makes sense to renew early so that you don't miss any of the HRCMOAA happenings in 2018!

Congress must pass a budget to fund federal programs through the FY 2018. If not, it threatens portions of the government to shut down. The continuing resolution keeps many government programs funded if Congress can't agree on a deal. Troops, veterans, and their families could face a government shutdown which could leave some DoD personnel without paychecks and access to some on-base services. Access to in- and outpatient care, prescriptions, surgeries, and mental health appointments could be interrupted.

In that line of thinking, HRCMOAA was pleased to welcome 2nd Congressional District Congressman Scott Taylor to our September luncheon! The House Appropriations Committee passed the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill for fiscal year 2018. Included in the bill is funding Congressman Taylor requested for eight Military Construction Projects that are located in and around Virginia's Second Congressional District:

- \$34 M for Joint Base Langley-Eustis Aircraft Maintenance Instructional Building
- \$29 M for ISR operations facility expansion project at Dam Neck
- \$23 M for Special Ops SATEC Range Expansion at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek / Fort Story
- \$2.5 M for electrical upgrades at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek / Fort Story
- \$34.6 M for a Chambers Field magazine recap project at Norfolk
- \$18.5 M to replace a HAZMAT warehouse at Norfolk
- \$36.3 M for a Bachelor Enlisted Quarters project at Yorktown
- \$73.9 M for a Ship Repair Training Facility at Portsmouth

Military personnel, their families, and the veteran community all rely on this funding for housing, disability payments, health care, and so much more. Passing this bill out of committee sends a strong message to our military and veterans' community that Congress supports them, that they stand with them, now and for years to come.

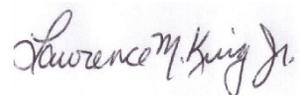
Who is looking out for the troops, veterans, and their families? At the national level, MOAA; at the state and local level, it's your Hampton Roads Chapter, MOAA. The military service men and women need your help in surfacing contentious issues for them. We accomplish this in many ways but one is by "Storming of the Hill" in Richmond and Washington. By meeting with our representatives we make sure our military members have a voice and that their sacrifices are not forgotten. It is up to us to ensure decisions are being made with grass roots/Council or Chapter input.

HRCMOAA does many different local civic activities, by participating in the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades, sponsoring awards for JROTC and college ROTC programs and recently sponsored an evening networking mixer at Bold Mariner Brewing.

Please renew your membership to support the ongoing efforts to protect the pay and benefits that you have earned through a life of service and sacrifice. Never stop serving! Please sign-up for the Hampton Roads Chapter, MOAA at www.hrcmoaa.org or complete the application in the Tribute.

Semper Fi,

Larry King "Live"



Community Affairs

Honor Flight Mission 18 - October 7, 2017

CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (ret)

At Zero Dark Thirty on Saturday October 7, 2017 Old Dominion University NROTC Hampton Roads, Old Dominion AROTC Monarch Battalion, Princess Anne and Landstown High Schools respective Navy/Army ROTC and NJROTC students lined up in preparation to render honors to WWII and KOREAN WAR veterans for Honor Flight Mission 18. The veterans proudly walked to awaiting buses for their journey to Washington, DC to visit various War Memorials. VFW members and riders were present also providing much needed support and motorcycle escort. CPT Robert W. Barrows, USA served as this event's Officer-in-Charge (OIC). CPT Barrows is assigned to Old Dominion University's (ODU) Army ROTC Monarch Battalion as an Assistant Professor of Military Science.

The VFW Riders escorted the motor coaches from Virginia Beach Southern Departure Point to Quantico, Northern Virginia. A beautiful morning and sunrise was the backdrop to the continued presence and support from University ROTC and High School NJROTC students. The continued student support is remarkable mission after mission. Landstown High School's Color Guard and Princess Anne's great turn out, as always, was well received by all and especially the veterans. Many of the veterans commented on the presence of our University ROTC students stating how lucky we are having our country's youth take up the call to defend the cloth of our nation. The veterans were very proud of them all. It is very gratifying seeing them continue to come out and support this very important and meaningful departure event.

As many of you know, Honor Flight is a national organization that takes World War II, Korean War, and now welcomes Vietnam veterans to Washington, DC to visit the war memorials built in their honor. Next year, the Southside Departure Ceremony will take place twice, once in the Fall and once in the Spring and is joined by several civic and veteran organizations. Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia (HFHTVA) is a Williamsburg-based non-profit organization established in October 2008 with one goal: To take every World War II, Korean War and terminally ill veteran in the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas that is able and has not visited the World War II Memorial built in their honor on a charter bus day trip to Washington, DC. There is no charge to the veterans as they paid for it through their dedicated service to our great nation more than sixty five years ago. HFHTVA is a hub of the National Honor Flight Network, which was founded in 2005 and has over 130 hubs throughout the United States. They have taken over 160,000 veterans to the memorial as of November 2014.

PLEASE NOTE: Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia will be making their final two trips next year, Missions 19 and 20 in the Spring and Fall of 2018. Participation of our WWII and Korean War Veterans on these missions to Washington D.C. has been trending down over the past few years. Additionally, the HFHTVA Board feels that by Mission 20 they will have successfully achieved their original mission to escort all local WWII Veterans willing and able to our Nation's Capital to visit the National WWII Memorial. HFHTVA is planning a media blitz for their final year to get any and all willing WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans up to D.C. to see their memorials. Any assistance you can provide in support of their mission is greatly appreciated! We need to get the word out!

MOAA Hampton Roads Chapter President MG John P McLaren, USA (Ret), along with fellow Board of Directors COL Jim Smith, USA (Ret) and LtCol Matt Crouch, USMC were present during the morning's ceremonial departure. The photos provided below were taken by MG John P McLaren, USA (Ret).



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 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 17, 2018
11:00am to 3:00pm
Recruit Military - Veterans Job Fair
Norfolk - Nauticus - Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center
<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/norfolk-veterans-job-fair-may-17-2018>

May 31, 2018
9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
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As a result of his tireless and dedicated efforts in support of both the EquiKids and, more recently, the EquiVets Programs, he was selected from more than 62,000 volunteers world-wide to be PATH's 2017 Volunteer of the Year. He will officially accept the award while attending the PATH International Conference and Annual Meeting on November 10th in San Antonio, Texas.

Hampton Roads Chapter is extremely proud of Lieutenant Commander Holland and the service he has rendered to both the civilian and military communities. Please wish him a hearty congratulations the next time you see him!

Chesapeake Mayor's Breakfast

The 9th Annual Chesapeake Mayor's Breakfast to Honor Veterans, presented by the Mayor's Commission of Veteran Affairs, was held at the Chesapeake Conference Center on Saturday, September 23rd. Mayor Krasnoff welcomed the city's veterans in this annual event recognizing their service to our country. The guest speaker was Admiral John C. Harvey, USN (Ret), the former Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is currently serving as the Director of Strategy, Forces and Resources Division at the Institute of Defense Analysis. HRCMOAA sponsored a table at this event.

The Chapter was represented by COL Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret), CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (Ret) and CDR Linc Smith, USN (Ret) who also served as the emcee for the event.



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Surviving Spouse Corner

Hiring Professional Advisors for Estate Planning

By Michele Costello, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

No one wants to talk about death and dying, but it is a conversation that at some point everyone should have with their loved ones. Estate planning should start early and be reviewed periodically to make sure it accurately reflects one’s wishes and needs.

Lawyers, financial planners, and certified public accountants (CPAs) should be a considered part of estate planning. All have distinct functions, some of which overlap, and depending on the situation, you might need one or all of them. Lawyers provide the necessary legal paperwork — wills, trusts, etcetera — in estate planning and, if necessary, can assist in probating an estate. Everyone should have a will; without one, the state decides what is done with your assets after death.

If you don’t already have one, getting a reliable, trusted, and ethical certified financial planner (CFP) should be a priority, particularly in the aftermath of the death of a supporting spouse. Often, widows become the inheritors of an initial seeming windfall of cash due to the payout of insurance policies, combining IRAs, annuities, etcetera, and without careful planning, it can easily slip away. A CFP can make recommendations on how best to invest or grow the money, but it is imperative a client’s best interests are the priority.

As the saying goes, the only sure things are “death and taxes.” A CPA can assist in making sure taxes are computed correctly and paid on time. While computer programs are available to accomplish much the same thing, it often is beneficial to hire a competent CPA to assist with the computations and filings at least in the first year after a death.

The bottom line: When considering who to hire when dealing with finances, it is important to ensure these professionals are licensed and adhere to fiduciary rules.

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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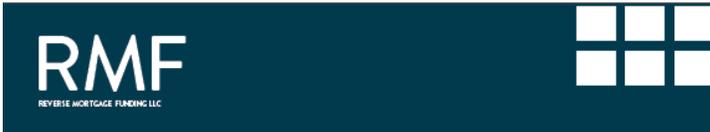


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New Chapter Members

Please take a moment to welcome our new chapter members from 2017:

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- Col Ryan Goulette, USMC
- CW2 Angela F. Ellis, USA (RET)
- CAPT Cynthia B. Piccirilli, USN (RET)
- MAJ Herbert L. Skinner, USA (RET)
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November Luncheon (11/17) - Atlantic Shores - Magnolia Room. Program: Lieutenant General Mark A. Brilakis, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Forces Command, will be our guest speaker. This will be our Toys for Tots event, please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine representatives. The chapter is also inviting N/AROTC cadets/ midshipman and their unit leaders to attend. Elections will be held for open HRCMOAA board member positions.

ROWS Christmas Dinner Dance (12/2) - Atlantic Shores – Magnolia Room. 6-7p.m. - Cocktails; 7-10p.m. - Dinner and Dancing. Music by The Dudes from The Rhondels. Please contact Barbara at (757) 427-3475 with any questions. Reservations, checks, and menu choices must arrive in Barbara’s mail- box by Friday, November 24, 2017.

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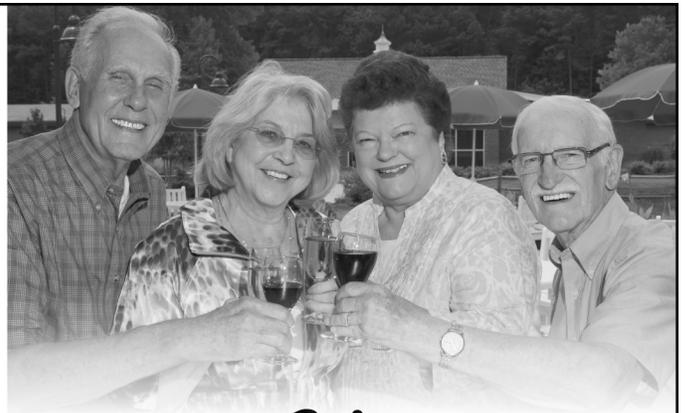


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