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## Summer Multi-Chapter Brunch Mixer

Join us on July 22nd at Tradewinds Restaurant at the Virginia Beach Hotel Resort and Conference Center for the Annual Multi-Chapter Brunch Mixer. Members of the Portsmouth (PAC), Peninsula (VIP), and Hampton Roads (HRC) chapters of MOAA will gather for some great food and camaraderie. This event is sure to be a hit and gets better each year. Running more than fifteen years now, it's always great to come together, share stories, ideas, and figure out ways to make our chapters even better! We look forward to seeing those who come every year and hope to some folks for the first time as well!

Please see details on time and RSVP instructions in the upcoming events section on page nine later in the newsletter.



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# President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses,

I hope you have all had a great spring and a magnificent start to summer. I know many of you have big plans for summer fun and travel. I hope and pray for your safe journeys.

The House Armed Services Committee has passed a budget request to the full House of Representatives. The Committee has focused upon readiness, capability and capacity of the Armed Forces. What this means is more troops, an increase in pay that will be the highest in almost ten years, and increased capability for the war fight through new and better equipment. The Senate version of the proposed budget


is expected as I write this article. All major components in the House Committee's proposed budget will, hopefully, make it into the Senate Armed Services Committee version. The good news on the military budget is sequestration was suspended for two years. The bad news is that sequestration will be back after next year, causing all the attendant issues with the military budget. We, as a Nation, have kicked the can down the road on the elimination of sequestration.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the ending of May and the remembrance of our fallen comrades during Memorial Day. This year your MOAA Chapter participated in events in both Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. The solemn ceremonies marking Memorial Day bring back many memories of those who gave their all for our Nation's freedom. At a time in our history when less than one percent of the population is in service, we must never forget the price of their sacrifice. We must also never forget the price the loved ones of each service member lost in the service of our Nation pay each day. Those loved ones deserve both our respect and admiration.

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

In Service, *John McLaren*



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### Chapter Events Since Last Newsletter

#### April Luncheon

Guest Speaker was Paula G. Moran, J.D., President and CEO of the USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia. She discussed the mission of the USO and the services they provide locally for our military personnel and their families. We also presented checks to Virginia Veterans and Family Support, Mrs. Carol Berg and Vetshouse, Inc., Mr. Willard Smith and Mr. Anthony Brown.



[SEE EVENTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 6](#)



### Reminder — Time to renew Chapter Dues

If you haven't renewed your dues for 2018, please remember that they expired 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:

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## Legislative Affairs: Virginia Council of Chapters Holds 34th Annual Congressional Awards Luncheon

*CDR Linc Smith, USN (ret)*

The Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) held the 34th Annual Congressional Awards Luncheon at the Capitol Hill Club, DC on 9 May 2018. The primary purpose of the luncheon was to present the VCOC Legislator of the Year Award. This year, Congressman Rob Wittman (R-1) was the VCOC awardee.

During his speech, Congressman Wittman, Chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, emphasized the critical need to rebuild our Armed Services in order to meet today's threats. In particular, he highlighted the urgent need to grow the United States Navy to 355 ships at the earliest possible date.



*VCOC President Col. Dan Warren, USA, (Ret), Presents Legislator of the Year Award to Congressman Rob Wittman (R-1)*



*Senator Kaine addresses luncheon, discusses his proposal of the Military Spouse Employment Act of 2018, designed to provide military spouses an advantage in federal hiring*

Well attended, Congressional members present at the luncheon included Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA), Congressmen Rob Wittman (R-1), Scott Taylor (R-2), Bobby Scott (D-3), Tom Garrett (R-5), Dave Brat (R-7), Don Beyer (D-8), Barbara Comstock (R-10), and Bob Goodlatte (R-6). All of the members emphasized the need for a strong Defense, thanking MOAA National and all chapters nationwide for an eternal vigilance and unending reminder for such need.



*Representing HRCMOAA, CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) greets Congressman Scott Taylor (R-2), who HRCMOAA will recognize later in this year for his efforts on behalf of Veterans*



*MOAA Headquarters Building Alexandria, now under renovation*



*CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) greets MOAA President Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret) at the close of the 2018 VCOC Luncheon*

Also in attendance at the luncheon were 17 members of the MOAA Staff, including President Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret). During the luncheon Gen. Atkins provided an update regarding the move of MOAA National Headquarters to an interim location, pending renovation of the current MOAA building on North Washington Street in Alexandria.



## Community Affairs - NROTC Commissioning Ceremonies

### Old Dominion University (ODU); Spring Army and Naval Service ROTC Commissioning; May 4, 2018

CAPT Mike Barea, USN (Ret)

The US Army's ODU Monarch Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Michael Warren, USA commissioned eight Second Lieutenants in the US Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserves. The Hampton Roads NROTC Unit, commanded by Captain Lennie E. Reed, USN is a consortium comprised of four universities and a community college; Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Regent University, Hampton University and Tidewater Community College. The Naval Service ROTC Unit commissioned 28 Ensigns in the Navy and one Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. A total of 37 students were developed morally, mentally, physically and were imbued with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty in order to commission college graduates as military officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the military, and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government. Opening remarks were provided by University Representatives and the ceremony was honored to have, as its guest speaker, RDML Jesse A. Wilson, USN, Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic who pro-



*Panoramic photograph of Joint Commission Class 2018. Photograph taken by CAPT Mike Barea, USN (Ret) on May 4, 2018 at the Ted Constant Convocation Center, Old Dominion University*

vided keynote remarks and issued the Oath of Office.

RDML Wilson, USN, is a Naval Academy graduate. He received a B.S. in Mathematics a M.S. in Operations Research at Post-graduate School Monterey, California and M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Additionally, RDML Wilson is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar Fellow and is a graduate of the Navy Corporate Business Course at University of Virginia-Darden. He commanded numerous surface combatant units and most recently commanded Carrier Strike Group 10, USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Carrier Strike Group during a combat deployment leading them during Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Odyssey Resolve and Operations Oaken Steel in the Arabian Gulf and eastern Mediterranean Sea.

MOAA Hampton Roads Chapter past president Colonel Jim Edge, USA (Ret) and Board of Director Captain Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret), attended the ceremony presenting GOLD BARS to newly Commissioned Officers following respective ceremonial first salutes.



**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](http://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.**

EVENTS FROM PAGE 3



**May Luncheon**

We enjoyed honoring our loved ones at our annual Spouse Appreciation Luncheon featuring "The Silver Tappers of Virginia Beach". This volunteer dance troupe is organized to give women 50 and over the opportunity to dance and share the joy of performance, friendship, and fun.

**May Networking Event**

HRCMOAA hosted a networking event at Wasserhund Brewery in Virginia Beach. This semi-annual social event was organized to invite all MOAA members, retired and active duty officers to enjoy some camaraderie and socialize.



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### NJROTC Presentations

On Thursday, May 24th, Princess Anne High School NJROTC held their 2018 awards ceremony. Pictured bottom left, CDR John Uhrin, USN (Ret) presented the HRCMOAA Leadership Medal and certificate to Cadet ENS Beatrice Manlapaz.

On the same night, CDR Dan Edwards, USN(ret.) presented the five Norfolk NJROTC schools leadership awards at a combined ceremony at Booker T. Washington High School. These high schools and the cadets awarded the leadership medals and certificates were: Booker T. Washington (Cadet Chief Armonie Ferrell); Granby (Cadet Chief Arianna Abrahante); Lake Taylor (Cadet LTJG Maddi Nance); Maury (Cadet Master Chief Elisha McCattry); and Norview (Cadet. Senior Chief Lauren Lane). This night saw the last of the ten NJROTC awards presented by HRCMOAA for this year.

Pictured below on the right, MG John McLaren, USA (Ret) presented the Hampton Roads Chapter MOAA NJROTC Leadership Award to Cadet Midshipman Francis Perez at Green Run High School a few days earlier on Wednesday, May 9.



### Memorial Day - Chesapeake, Virginia

Once again, our chapter participated in the Chesapeake Memorial Day Ceremony and wreath laying in front of Chesapeake City Hall at the Veteran's Memorial. CDR Linc Smith, USN (Ret) officiated on behalf of the Chesapeake's Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs. Pictured below inside City Council Chambers from left to right are CDR Linc Smith, USN (Ret); MG John McLaren, USA (Ret); CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (Ret); CDR Matt Krakower, USN (Ret); and Chesapeake City Mayor Rick West.



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**Norfolk State Army ROTC Commissioning**

COL Jim Smith, USA (Ret)

The Norfolk State University (NSU) ROTC Program, "Spartan Battalion," conducted an Army commissioning ceremony on 4 May 2018 at the Douglas Wilder Auditorium on the NSU campus. The ceremony was hosted by Lieutenant Colonel Cedric Lee, Professor of Military Science. Receiving commissions were 2LTs Marshall K. Bailey, Stephen R. Bennett, LaShawn Gaines, Ronnie E. McKinzie, Autumn E. Moore and Anthony Winston.

Commissioning officer and guest speaker was retired Lieutenant General William E. Ward, former Deputy Commander, United States European Command, and the inaugural Commander, United States Africa Command. All the newly commissioned officers were presented with a set of MOAA Gold Bars by Colonel Jim Smith, Hampton Roads Chapter, Military Officers Association of America as a symbol of their achievement. Following the commissioning, each officer was "pined" with his or her shoulder boards by family members, and received their traditional first salute by an enlisted soldier.

Attending the ceremony were Colonel Farrell J. Duncombe, Commander, 4th Brigade, US Army Cadet Command, university faculty and staff members, and family and friends of the newly commissioned officers.

**Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Annual Pass-In-Review and Spring Awards Ceremony, Regent University**

CAPT Mike Barea, USN (Ret)

The Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Unit held its annual Pass-In-Review and Spring Awards Ceremony at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia Saturday April 7, 2018. Over 250 midshipmen were scheduled to march in formation in front of family, friends and senior military personnel . Unfortunately rain show-



*CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret); MIDN I/C Ariana Caraway; photo: LTCOL Colonel Claude Vann, III, USA (Ret)*



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*Coming: Multi-Chapter Brunch*



**WHEN:** Sunday, 22 July 2018

**WHERE:** Tradewinds Restaurant, Virginia Beach Hotel Resort and Conference Center; 2800 Shore Drive in Virginia Beach. There is plenty of parking available at the hotel. Dress is casual.

**TIME:** Starts at 11:00 am

**MENU/PRICE:** \$27.00 each plus tax and gratuity, which will be billed individually by the hotel staff.

**RESERVATIONS / CANCELLATIONS:** Reservations required by Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Please call or email Bert Ortiz at (757) 560-3671 or email: [bertortiz@cox.net](mailto:bertortiz@cox.net). If providing an email or leaving a message, please give the names of those attending and your phone number.



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ers canceled this portion of the ceremony. Regent University has hosted the Spring Awards ceremony on their campus since 2014.

The Hampton Roads Naval ROTC consortium is comprised of Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Hampton University, Regent University and Tidewater Community College. The consortium is the fourth largest NROTC in the country and the largest east of the Mississippi River. Over 40 students were recognized for their academic accomplishments and demonstrated leadership from various Military and Civilian Organizations.

CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret), Hampton Roads MOAA Board of Director and former Hampton Roads NROTC Unit Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science, presented the MOAA LEADERSHIP AWARD to Midshipman First Class (MIDN 1/C) Ariana Caraway. Naval ROTC Commanding Officer CAPT Lenzy Reed, USN and Consortium University representatives greeted the audience with opening remarks. The guest speaker was Rear Admiral William W. "Trey" Wheeler, III, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group. He graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Oceanography from the United States Naval Academy in 1988 and was awarded a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College, Washington D.C., in 2008.

**ODU 43rd Annual President's Review & Awards**  
COL Jim Edge, USA (Ret)

The U.S. Army ROTC Monarch Battalion, Old Dominion University (ODU) conducted the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual President's Review and Awards Ceremony on 19 April 2018. Pictured below is COL James G. Edge, USA (Ret) presenting the MOAA Leadership Award to Cadet Mary Jane Lenderman, a Junior (3<sup>rd</sup> year AROTC Cadet). Following the Honors to our Nation - the Invocation, Cadet Creed and Soldier's Creed were presented by three outstanding Cadets. The ODU Professor of Military Science, LTC Michael E. Warren welcomed attendees and introduced the President, Mr. John R. Broderick. As always, President Broderick who participates in virtually all the AROTC ceremonies praised the Cadets for their dedication, leadership, military/academic achievements, and for setting the high standard for the University.



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July Board Meeting (7/14) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

July Brunch Mixer (7/22) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

September Board Meeting (9/8) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

September Luncheon (9/21) - VA Secretary of VA and Homeland Sec - Dr. Carlos Hopkins. Award presentation to 82nd District Delegate Jason S. Miyares; Atlantic Shores

October Board Meeting (10/6) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

October Luncheon (10/19) - Ms. Michelle Banks, TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) transition to FEDVIP; Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

November Board Meeting (11/3) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

November Luncheon (11/16) - Annual Meeting; Award Presentation for Congressman Scott Taylor; MARFORCOM is guest speaker/ROTC Units/Toys for Tots/USMC; HRCMOAA Officer and Board elections; Atlantic Shores

December Board Meeting (12/1) - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel

Look for more details on each event as they draw closer. Please keep in mind that sometimes speakers' schedules change and we may need to adjust this prospective schedule accordingly.

Also, we encourage you to invite an active duty, retired, or any prior service officer to our events. We'd love the opportunity to meet them and show them what our organization offers.



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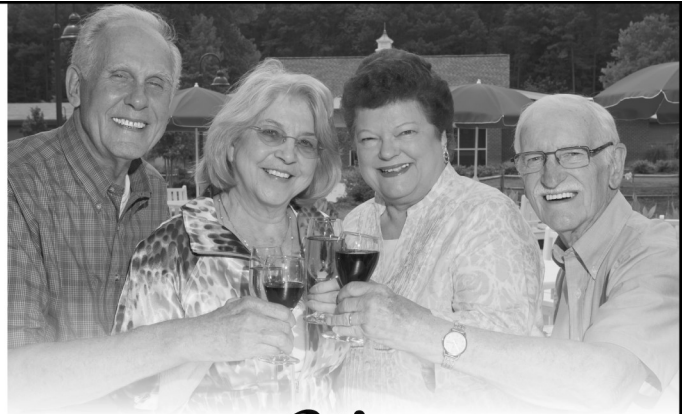


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