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Upcoming HRCMOAA Elections

Before we know it, it will be the time of year where we are electing a new slate of officers and making sure the board is ready to serve you and your chapter in the year ahead. We have a few opportunities available and are looking for members who are interested in serving. The positions available for this upcoming year are President, Vice President, and Secretary. If you're interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact 1st Vice President, CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret).

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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses,



I hope you all had a great summer! School is about to start for our kids and grand-kids. Fall will soon be upon us and those hot days of summer are quickly fading into the past.

As I have said before, your Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA needs your help! We urgently need volunteers to support our Community Affairs Program. Each year we have an active program to provide support 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 of 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 trials they do today. All components of our Armed Forces are being asked to meet the needs of the worlds Combatant Commanders. The good news is they are accomplishing the mission and are succeeding beyond imagination. Challenges lie ahead – but these true American Hero's are up to the task! Our mission in MOAA to support all members of the Armed Forces is a noble one. God Bless you all, our Service members, and the United States of America.

In Service, *John McLaren*



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HRCMOAA Focus on our Stalwart Members

CAPT Loren Heckelman, USN (ret)

As of July 2018, Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA has a total of 362 members. A dozen of those members have been chapter members since 1978 or earlier. The record holder for longest membership in our chapter is CWO4 Neil B. Chandler, USN (Ret.), who currently lives in Corsicana, Texas. Warrant Officer Chandler joined the Hampton Roads Chapter on February 15, 1972 and continues his membership still today.

Another interesting fact about our chapter membership is that we have 26 members who are 90 years of age or over. The oldest current member of the chapter is CDR Lucius E. "Buck" Steere III, CDR, USN (Ret.) who just turned 98 years of age in July. CDR Steere has been a chapter member since March 1984. Captain Wick R. Harlan, Jr., USN (Ret.) who joined the chapter in October 2000 is 96 years old. CDR Steere and Captain Harlan are followed by three members who are all 95 years of age: CDR Roger J. Hall, USN (Ret.), Mrs. Gloria M. Lyon and Lt Col Jesse O. Sandlin, USAF (Ret.). These five individuals and the twenty-one other faithful members of the chapter who are 90 years of age or older are to be commended for their continued membership and support of the chapter. We appreciate their continued membership and are very thankful that they continue to be a part of our chapter.



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:

- Completing and mailing the form on Page 11, with payment, or
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- Visiting the MOAA website
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Legislative Affairs: National Defense Authorization Act 2019

CDR Linc Smith, USNR (ret)

The purpose of this article is to present selected highlights on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2019. For 2019, the NDAA is named the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. First elected to the Senate in 1986, Senator McCain (R-AZ) has served as chair of the Armed Services Committee since 2015. Senator Jack Reed (D-R.I.) is the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee.



John McCain (R-AZ), Chairman



Jack Reed (D-R.I.), Ranking Member

NDAA Basics

Before highlighting NDAA 2019, some brief review in order of what the NDAA is. In short, NDAA is the name for the Federal Laws which state the annual budget and spending of the United States Department of Defense. The initial NDAA was approved in 1961. In short, the NDAA cites the agencies responsible for defense, determines defense funding levels and sets forth policies which determine how money allocated for national defense is spent. With these basics noted the NDAA process is complex and political in nature.

NDAA 2019

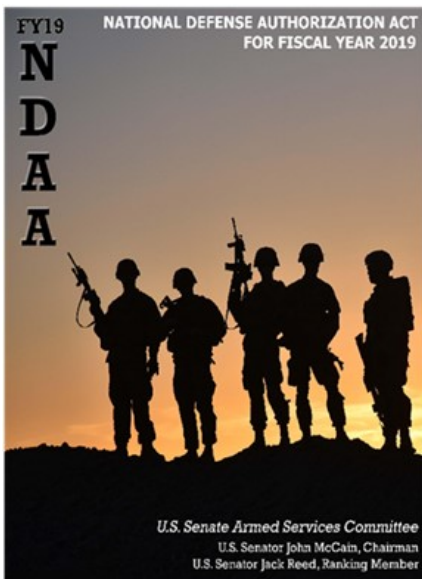
On 24 May 2018, the Senate Armed Services Committee announced by a vote of 25-2, the NDAA 2019 markup was advanced to the Senate floor. Amidst markup, over 300 amendments from both Republican and Democratic Members were offered, considered and adopted. The Senate Armed Services NDAA 2019 Executive Summary says, “The John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 will help the United States change course. It will recalibrate and refocus our efforts on readiness restoration, capabilities modernization, and concept development—all aimed at reasserting a quantitative and qualitative military advantage over potential adversaries. The recent National Defense Strategy provides a framework to address these challenges, and the NDAA builds on the changes outlined in the NDS while providing the DOD with the resources and authorities it needs to play its part in the national effort to restore American power in the new era of competition.”

Keeping in mind that the United States Defense Budget starts when the President forwards his request to Congress, it is indeed the Congress which ultimately authorizes and appropriates Defense funding. This year, the NDAA supports \$716 billion in fiscal year 2019 for national defense. More specifically, NDAA 2018 authorizes a base defense budget of \$639 billion for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. Additionally, NDAA 2018 authorizes \$69 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations.

NDAA 2019 Markup

In terms of pay raise and military end strength, the NDAA 2019 markup includes the following basics: (note the numbers are increases from those of NDAA 2018)

- Authorization of a 2.6 percent pay raise for members of the Armed Forces.
- Army: 485,741
- Navy: 331,900
- Marine Corps: 186,100
- Air Forces: 325,720



Community Affairs - Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund

CDR John Uhrin, USN (ret)

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) established the MOAA Scholarship Fund in 1948 to provide educational assistance benefits to children of military families. It supports one of the association's founding principles: education is the cornerstone of a strong democracy. It is funded by donations from MOAA members, Councils and Chapters, corporations, and others with a desire to help military families.

Through 2017, the MOAA Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$140 million in educational assistance to more than 14,000 students. The majority of support is provided through interest-free loans. This allows us to reuse the donations over and over again.

The MOAA Scholarship Fund is a public, non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in Virginia and declared tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its tax identification number is 54-1659039. MOAA is committed to demonstrating the highest standards of public accountability and stewardship of donors' gifts.

Beginning in 2012, the Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA began a chapter scholarship fund effort and established an initial five year goal of \$25,000 with sub-goals of \$5,000 annually. Those goals were met thanks to the generosity of our chapter members and a number of local area students benefited from the chapter's efforts. Due to the success of the first five year campaign, the chapter board decided to renew the effort with a second five year campaign which began in 2017. We are currently in year two of this second effort and at present we have \$1,672 collected toward our annual goal of \$5,000.

The scholarship fund drive is one of the cornerstone efforts under our Community Affairs committee which emphasizes future service through helping provide for the education of our military families' children. In the current year, the MOAA Scholarship Fund has contributed a large number of scholarships, grants, and interest free loans (\$390,000) to worthy students in Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Chesapeake.

- Scholarships:** 8 Students @ \$500.00 each (\$14,000 Total)
- Grants:** 2 Students @ \$5,500 each (\$11,000 Total)
- Interest Free Loans:** 73 Students @ \$5,000 each (\$365,000 Total)

In the 2017-2018 school year 75 children in our Chapter area received scholarship loans or grants under this program. Eight of those students also received scholarships.

Below is the status of our current chapter scholarship fund contributions.

As of 7/12/2018	Total Goal \$25,000	\$6,672	27%	Need by 12/31/2021	\$18,328
	Annual Goal \$5,000	\$1,672	33%	Need by 12/31/2018	\$3,328

We are not very close to our goal for this year! We need to meet the annual goal in order to remain on track to meet our final goal by the end of 2021. The following are the ways in which you can contribute:

For online donations, please go to <http://www.moaa.org/Content/About-MOAA/Scholarship-Fund/Scholarship-Fund.aspx> There is no means of indicating your chapter affiliation. MOAA will match up your name with our chapter to give us credit for your donation.

- If you wish to contribute by mail, 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 ROTC Scholarship Fund*.
- Donations are tax deductible.

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 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.

Chapter Events Since Last Newsletter

June Luncheon

HRCMOAA hosted Amanda Williams, MacArthur Memorial Education Director at our June luncheon. She shared her fascinating, fact-filled "Monuments Men" presentation. Ms. Williams took us along on a journey through Europe and Hitler's quest to confiscate all culturally significant art wherever the Nazis marched. If you haven't been to the [MacArthur Memorial](#), get there now!



Summer Multi-Chapter Brunch Mixer

On July 22nd, about 50 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.

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HRCMOAA Membership Report

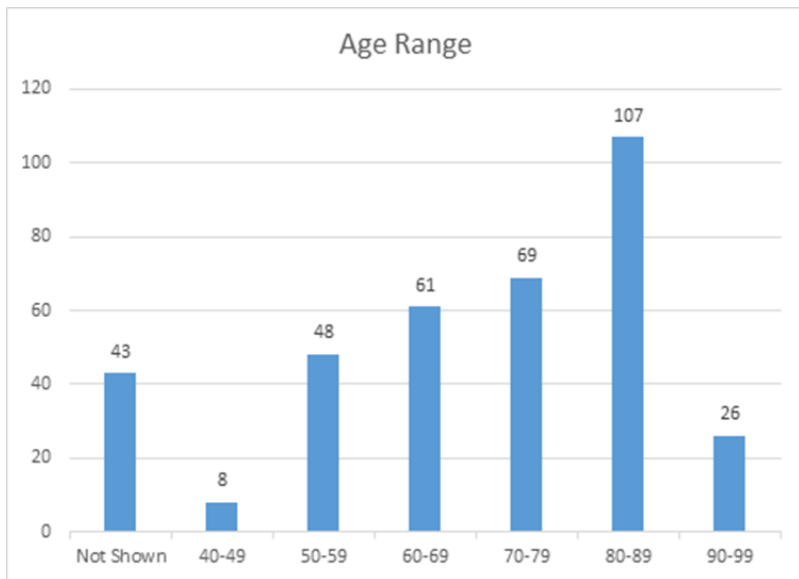
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The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), formerly The Retired Officers Association (TROA), was founded in 1929 to counsel and assist all officer in matters related to retirement. Over the years, the association has broadened its scope to work on behalf of the entire uniformed services community (active, reserve, National and Air Guard, retired and former officers, dependents and survivors).

MOAA is an independent, non-profit organization operated exclusively for the benefit of its members. MOAA is dedicated to preserving and protecting earned entitlements for members of the uniformed services, their families and survivors. MOAA spends much of its time and effort lobbying Congress and various federal agencies on behalf of its constituents. MOAA also has more than 400 affiliate chapters nationwide, such as the Hampton Roads Chapter. The chapters are the lifeblood of MOAA, as they provide the basis for the “grassroots” support which has been extremely effective in urging federal legislators to support issues of interest to MOAA. Affiliated chapters, in consort with MOAA state Councils of Chapters, lobby state legislators on items of importance to MOAA members at the local level.

MOAA members have access to expert benefits information and advice, money-saving products and services, plus a team of legislative professionals fighting to preserve and protect what you are earning or have earned through your military service. MOAA also provides job placement assistance for those members interested in pursuing second careers after military service.

As of July 2018, Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA membership stood at 362, down significantly from 2008 when we were 615 strong. This is not a unique situation for our MOAA chapter. Many veterans and other fraternal organizations are facing similar challenges in membership recruiting and retention. If you are reading this membership update report, then you understand the importance and the benefits of belonging to an organization like MOAA, which advocates for your benefits on both the national and state levels through the national organization, your local chapter and the Virginia Council of Chapters. We appreciate your continued membership and ask for your help at the grass roots level to spread the word about the activities and efforts of both national MOAA and the Hampton Roads Chapter. Your help in talking to others in the uniformed services community who may not currently be a member can be significant in our efforts to sustain the vitality of our chapter in the years ahead. Active, reserve, retired or former commissioned or warrant officers of the seven uniformed services and the surviving spouses of any deceased officers are eligible for membership.



The table shows the age range of our current membership. The average age of our current membership is 73. That fact and the data shown in the table reflect the challenge we face in the months and years ahead in sustaining our chapter membership.

We can use the help of every current member in recruiting currently serving or recently retired service members to join our chapter and national MOAA. We have found over the past several years that the very best way to recruit new members is through personal contact. Our membership chair and committee members work very hard to recruit new members to the chapter but they are a small group and need the help of every member to spread the word about MOAA and the Hampton Roads Chapter.

Your Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA board asks that you help in recruiting one new member to both the chapter and national MOAA before the end of the calendar year. There is a membership application at the back of this newsletter or you can refer potential members to the chapter website at hrcmoaa.org where there is a link to join the chapter online.

Your efforts can and will make a significant difference to the chapter and will be greatly appreciated.



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NDAA 2019 is not without far reaching goals to modernize the military officer personnel system. Quoted from the NDAA 2019 Senate Armed Services Executive Summary, the goals are as follows:

- Begins to modernize the 38-year-old officer personnel system to provide career flexibility and better serve the demands of today's force.
- Creates alternative promotion and continuation process for selected officers that allows for multiple opportunities for promotion, removes predetermined officer promotion timelines, and creates a term based selective continuation process.
- Expands officer spot promotion authority to all services up to the grade of O-6.
- Abolishes year-group officer management policies.
- Increases constructive credit to allow initial appointment up to the grade of O-6.
- Allows officers in grades O-2 and above to extend careers to 40 years of service.
- Repeals age-based officer appointment requirements.
- Revokes statutory office grade limitation table and requires annual authorization of mid-grade officers.
- Authorizes high-performing officers to promote ahead of peers.
- Mandates more detailed officer manpower requirements process.

NDAA 2017; A Recent Historical Comparison

In May of 2016, I had the opportunity to hear SASC Chairman McCain present, "New Demands on the military and the *National Defense Authorization Act 2017*" at the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC. During his presentation, Senator McCain addressed, "ongoing budget challenges for the Department of Defense and his views on what needed to be done." Under the 114th Congress, Second Session, NDAA 2017 authorized, "\$602 billion of discretionary spending for national defense - \$543 billion for base functions in the Department of Defense and for nuclear functions within the Department of Energy and \$59 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funding for the Defense Department. Similar to the President's budget submission, \$5 billion of the Overseas Contingency Operations funding supports functions traditionally supported through the base budget." In comparison, the NDAA 2019 mark up represents an increase of some \$114 billion in defense spending over NDAA 2017.

Update and Conclusion

In her brief to the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) Third Quarterly Meeting on 20 July 2017 at the American Legion in Richmond, MOAA Senior Director, Council and Chapter Affairs,

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Donations so far this year range from \$25 to \$1000. If you have not participated in making a contribution to the fund, this is a great time of year to do so. Last year our chapter was off to a great start in funding our scholarship fund. However, this year we are behind based on our contribution history for the past six years. For more information on the scholarship fund, please contact John Uhrin or any member of the chapter board.

The following is a breakdown of the chapter members who have contributed to the scholarship fund this year.

2018 Contributions

PLATINUM - \$500 and above

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CAPT Victor R. Olivarez, USN (Ret)
LTC Franklin C. Haskins, USA (Ret)
CAPT Joan C. Kanter, USAF (Ret)

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COL Terri Coles, USA (Ret), noted that NDAA 2019 passed the Senate by a vote of 85-10 on 18 June 2018. In sum, be it the 2.6% pay raise, increased end strength for the services or non-reduction of Basic Allowance for Housing, the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 seeks to revitalize America's Armed Forces.



CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) with Senator John McCain (R- AZ), Brookings Institution

For a full read of the Senate Armed Services Executive Summary of NDAA 2019, navigate to:

<https://www.armed-services.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/FY19%20NDAA%20Executive%20Summary%20FINAL.pdf>

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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

Virginia Council of Chapters (VCO) 4th Qtr Meeting (10/10) American Legion Headquarters, 1708 Commonwealth Avenue, Richmond, VA; see COL Jim Smith for further information

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

November Board Meeting (11/3) -Location TBD

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) - Location TBD

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.

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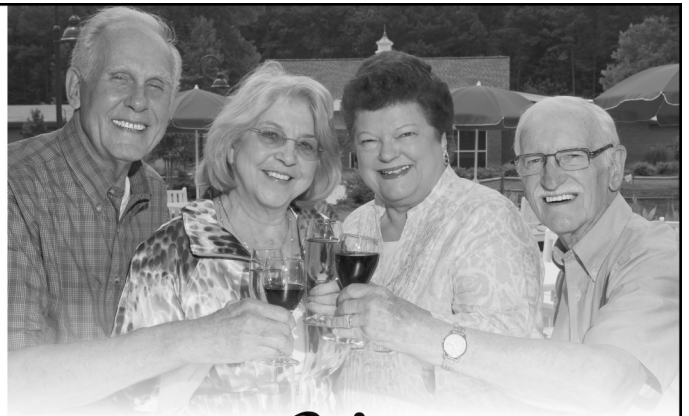


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At Atlantic Shores you'll find comrades and mates who share your experiences, and a staff and community that honors and cares for you as you deserve. With a wealth of community activities and interest groups, you'll always have plenty to do. Don't feel like cooking? Atlantic Shores features three distinct dining venues and an award-winning culinary team. Situated on 100 beautiful wooded acres on the shores of Lake Redwing, our neighborhood is located within five miles of US Naval Air Station Oceana. The Commissary and Navy Exchange are conveniently accessible. In fact, within 10 minutes are major shopping districts, resort beaches, museums and performing arts. Secure and secluded, yet in the center of everything, at Atlantic Shores you have the freedom to create your perfect retirement – on your own terms.



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