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Hampton Roads Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

January 25th Luncheon

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. At the January luncheon, MG John McLaren, USA (ret)



handed the reigns over to CAPT Loren Heckelman, USN (ret) for his two year term as Chapter President, and those reigns include another Five Star Award. The photo on the left shows CAPT Heckelman (from right to left) presenting MG John McLaren, USA (ret) with a gift from the chapter in appreciation for his outstanding leadership over the last two years.

CAPT Heckelman's first act as Chapter President was administering the oath to the new chapter officers and board members. Photo bottom left (from left to right): COL Jim Edge, USA (ret) - Director; LCDR Jeff Barrett, USN (ret)



- Director; Col. Larry King "Live", USMC (ret) - Director; CDR Bob Armour, USN (ret) - 2nd Vice President; CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret) - 1st Vice President; CAPT Doug Williams, USN (ret), Treasurer; and not pictured is CDR Linc Smith, USNR (ret) - Director.



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President's Message





Fellow Officers and Spouses,

I am honored and humbled to have been elected to be your chapter president for the next two years. I have served on the board in a variety of capacities since 2008 when I visited a board meeting one Saturday just to find out a little bit more about the chapter and was introduced by then president, Jim "Rip" Dellaripa as "our new chapter Secretary". At the meeting that day were several true American patriots including Paul Hollandsworth, Ray Hart, Jack Colgan, Norm Crews, John Vermillion and Rip. There was no way I could walk away. I have been on the board since that day and have found it to be an extremely rewarding experience. The members who serve on the board are among the most patriotic and dedicated men and women I have known. It is a pleasure to serve alongside them in service to this chapter and its membership.

As in year's past, our biggest challenge is to sustain and grow our chapter membership. We have learned that the most effective way to get someone new to join is if they are asked in person by a current member. I would like to challenge every current chapter member to bring at least one new member to our chapter this year. Numbers matter and everyone in the chapter can help us improve those numbers.

Another challenge is to ensure we remain relevant to our membership in terms of the events and services we provide. We will continue our monthly luncheons with speaker presentations of interest to you, our members. Several other events we've sponsored the past couple of years have been successful so we will continue those as well. If there is a topic of interest to you or an event you'd like the

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chapter to try, we welcome your input. You can let me or any one of our board members know and we'll get on our list of potential future program events.

Lastly, the board can always use help. We are in search of a chapter secretary but in addition to a specific position on the board, there are always ad hoc ways you can help either by heading up a single event or participating on behalf of the chapter in a commissioning or award ceremony. I know you would find the experience rewarding and satisfying so I encourage you to give it a try.

Ours is an award winning chapter for a number of years in a row and I look forward to working with the entire board to maintain that standard of excellence and the legacy of those who have preceded us.

Thank you for your trust and confidence. I look forward to serving as your chapter president and representing our chapter with the Virginia Council of Chapters and MOAA National.

In Service, *Loren Heckelman*



Reminder — Time to renew Chapter Dues

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

Dues for 2019 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
- Including payment with your February luncheon payment, or
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Legislative Affairs Update

CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret)

The purpose of this article is to briefly highlight two key legislative events occurring in January this year, and remind our Chapter members of the online MOAA Legislative Action Center. In regards to the two events, first - the Virginia Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Day, which occurred at Capitol Hill in Richmond on January 16. Second - the Annual Commonwealth Coffee honoring Virginia Veterans, held January 17, Room 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

JLC Day



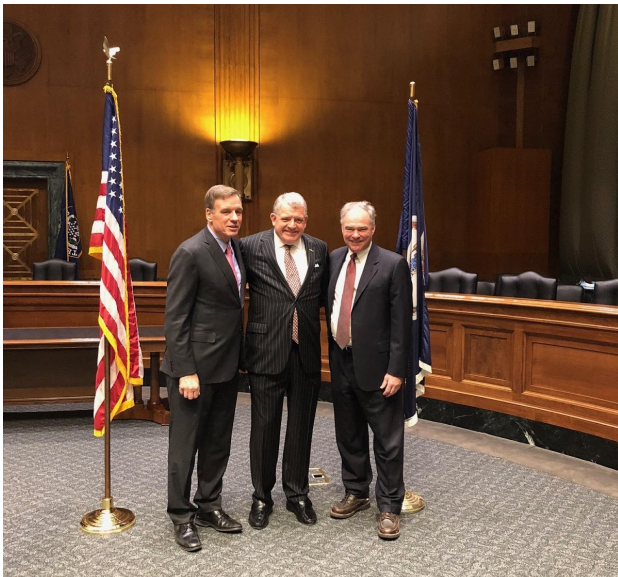
VCOC was one of several service organizations participating in JLC Day this year in Richmond. Primary goals of JLC Day 2019 included increasing visibility and credibility of the JLC and its role as advocate for Virginia Veterans, educate new legislators on the mission of JLC and continue to build strong relationships with both Virginia Delegates and Senators.

In this vein, I joined LTCOL John Down (USAF, Ret.), Legislative Chair of the MOAA Central Virginia Chapter, in a mid morning visit with Senator Bill DeSteph (R 8th), to discuss the seven JLC Legislative Initiatives for 2019, with focus on Electronic Ballot Return by Overseas Military (JLC 2019-03). The recommendation of this initiative is that the Governor provide budget support of \$100,000 for a pilot program at the Virginia State Board of Elections for the return of absentee ballots by Virginia’s deployed military service members. Senator DeSteph is co-patron for this bill.

Photo (Left to Right): Senator Bill DeSteph (R 8th), LTCOL John Down, USAF (Ret.), and CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret)

Commonwealth Coffee

Sponsored by Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, the Commonwealth Coffee honoring Virginia Veterans is not a MOAA event. This noted, a number of MOAA members, both at the chapter and national level, attended this year. Virginia Veterans of multiple generations and services, both active duty and retired, were present. Both Senators emphasized the critical importance of ensuring bipartisan support and delivery of a national defense bill which advances our nation’s security, supports our active duty service members, and provides the resources necessary to keep our nation safe.



During the coffee this year, I spoke with Mike Henry, current Chief of Staff for Senator Kaine, regarding the ongoing concurrent receipt of Veterans benefits. A top priority of MOAA Legislative Affairs for 2019, the goal is for Congress to fully eliminate the law that makes most disabled uniformed services retirees forfeit part or all of their military retired pay for VA disability compensation. Details for this advocacy can be viewed at:

http://takeaction.moaa.org/concurrent_receipt_military_retired_pay

MOAA Legislative Action Center

Be it the Concurrent receipt issue or other MOAA Legislative Priorities for 2019, do not hesitate to make your voice heard, both as a retired military officer and as a member of our chapter. In reminder, a rapid, easy and effective manner to do so is by visiting the MOAA Legislative Action Center on the web, where MOAA members can both track and take action on the top MOAA Legislative Priorities for the year:

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/?tab=Legislative-Action-Center>.

Photo above from left to right: Senator Mark Warner (D VA), CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret), and Senator Time Kaine (D VA)



Community Affairs - Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund

CDR John Uhrin, USN (ret)

As of 12/31/2018	5-Year Goal \$25,000	\$13,367	51%	Need by 12/31/2021	\$11,633
	Annual Goal \$5,000	\$8,367	157%	Need by 12/31/2019	\$0

We have reached our goal for 2018! The following is the final breakdown of the generous people who have contributed to the scholarship fund for 2018. New contributors are *italicized and in blue*.

Our goal for 2019 again is \$5,000. Please consider the scholarship fund as a priority for your annual contribution. **Your donation is tax deductible.**

2018 Contributions

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CAPT Doug Williams, USN (Ret)
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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:

Feb 27, 2019

9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/404>

May 9, 2019

11:00am to 3:00pm
DAV/Recruit Military - Norfolk Veterans Job Fair
Norfolk - Decker Half Moone Center
<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/norfolk-veterans-job-fair-may-9-2019>

May 30, 2019

9:00am to 12:30pm
Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair
Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center
<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/407>

August 1, 2019

11:00am to 3:00pm
DAV/Recruit Military - Hampton Veterans Job Fair
Hampton - venue TBD
<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/hampton-veterans-job-fair-august-1-2019#venue>

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Fall Commission Ceremony

CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret)

The Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Fall Commissioning Ceremony was held on Friday December 14, 2018 at 7pm. The ceremony was held in the Old Dominion University (ODU) Goode University Theater. Despite the rainy and windy weather the event was well attended by family, friends, fellow service members and colleagues. The next generation of Naval and Marines Corps leaders were individually commissioned on stage with immediate family alongside. Active duty service members, family members who were retired service members made their way up on stage to render the "First Salute". The ceremony this year was smaller than in the past. The Naval Service ROTC Unit commissioned three Ensigns in the Navy and two 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 a student's solo performance of the National Anthem that was very moving resulting in a number of emotional displays in the audience.

University Officials from Regent University and Old Dominion University addressed the audience and 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 first salutes rendered. The Guest Speaker was CAPT Robert E. Clark, Jr., USN (Ret), ODU's Director of Military Activities and Special Projects. CAPT Clark is a 1989 ODU graduate earning a degree in mechanical engineering. His career included a First Division Officer tour as a member of the last crew to serve in USS Wisconsin (BB 64). He later commanded USS Mason (DDG 87) and then became Operations Officer with the George HW Bush Carrier Strike Group (CSG 2). He went on to become the Commanding Officer of Naval Station Norfolk, the free world's largest Naval Base where he later retired. CAPT Clark once served as Grand Marshal for ODU's Homecoming Parade.



NROTC Fall Commission, 2018: (L to R) CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret), ENS William Winslow, ENS Kurt Doyle, ENS Victoria Estrada, 2nd LT Christy Lundgren, 2nd LT Devon Bornschein. Photo by LT Krystle Schreck, USN, Assistant Professor of Naval Science, Hampton Roads NROTC - ODU.



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LEGISLATIVE FROM PAGE 4**Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) Update***Col James Smith, USA (Ret.)*

"The Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) met 15 January 2019 in Richmond at the American Legion Headquarters. Several important issues were addressed. Among them were:

1. Efforts are being made by the Administration, DOD and Congress to reduce the cost of TRICARE, including TRICARE FOR LIFE. Among the contemplated changes are enrollment fees and cost sharing. MOAA is challenging such efforts, but needs members to contact Congressmen and Administration officials to support those efforts. An effective way to go to the MOAA website (www.moaa.org) and enroll in the MOAA Newsletter. The Newsletter is a members-only e-newsletter which provides information on a range of topics most important to you. The Newsletter includes legislative issues involving you and your benefits; up to date information on TRICARE and VA benefits; financial advice and guidance; transition and career information; and gives you access to a MOAA Newsletter. Once in the Newsletter, go to the Take Action dropdown to see the issues that are most timely and which provides you with a draft message you can email to your Senators and Representatives. Once you have registered in the MOAA Newsletter, you will receive regular emails bring you up to date on important issues, and an opportunity to continue to send an email message to your Congressmen. If you are not now a email subscriber to the MOAA Newsletter, do it now; its important!

2. MOAA's "Storming of the Hill" in Washington, DC is scheduled for the second week in April 2019. Contact CDR Linc Smith or COL Jim Smith for more information. This is another opportunity to get your voice heard on issues important to you.

3. The next VCOC meeting is scheduled for 3 April 2019 at the American Legion Headquarters in Richmond. The rest of the quarterly meetings are scheduled for 17 July and 9 October 2019 at the Virginia American Legion Headquarters. Those interested in attending or learning more about the VCOC, its mission, and how it supports MOAA and our Chapter may contact Colonel Jim Smith at (757) 425-5934.

4. MOAA is conducting a one-day (1000-1400) Leadership Training session intended for both emerging and potential leaders in the Virginia Chapters. The date is 1 May 2019 at the American Legion Headquarters in Richmond. It will also be a good update on what's happening in MOAA. Contact COL Jim Smith for more details."

HRCMOAA Social Media Platforms

Our chapter has an online presence on a few different platforms. Our longtime chapter website remains a great resource for our chapter members with regard to membership, events, directory, and contact information for our officers and board members. We also have pages on Facebook and LinkedIn. Below you will find the URL to each of them and the link will take you directory to those pages if you are reading the electronic version of the newsletter.

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Coming: February Luncheon



WHEN: Friday, 22 February 2019

WHERE: Atlantic Shores, Magnolia Room; 1200 Atlantic Shores Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

TIME: Social starts at 1100 hours. Lunch at 1200 hours

MENU: Seared Blackened Salmon w/ Horseradish Beurre Blanc OR Roasted Pork Tenderloin w/ Apple, Bell Pepper & Mango Chutney served with House Garden Salad w/ Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Shredded Carrots & Red Onions, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes with Chives, Freshly Sautéed Green Beans, Fresh Baked Rolls w/ butter; and Lemon Berry Mascarpone Cake. Coffee, tea and water provided. Cash Bar.

PRICE: \$25.00

PROGRAM: Captain Kevin Buckley, USN, Commander of the Medical Treatment Facility on USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20). CAPT Buckley will discuss the characteristics of the USNS Comfort, its mission and crew

RESERVATIONS / CANCELLATIONS: Reservations required by 1200 hours Tuesday, 19 February 2019.

Please 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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FROM MOAA.ORG: SPOUSE AND FAMILY NEW LAW AFFECTS MILITARY SPOUSE VOTING, TAXES, AND LICENSURE

By: Eryn Wagnon

Military spouses now can choose to take their servicemember's state of legal residency without having physical presence in the state, thanks to a law signed by the president on New Year's Eve.

The Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, sponsored by Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), rolled together a number of individual bills that had been referred to the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees, including H.R. 282 - the Military Residency Choice Act, which was introduced by Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) in January 2017.

MOAA has supported this provision since its inception, actively educating members of Congress and government officials on the benefits of such a law. In March, MOAA submitted a statement for the record to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees outlining our support for the then-bill.

Previously, only military spouses who shared the same state of legal residence with their servicemember were protected from changing their residency every PCS. The new law allows for military spouses to take their servicemember spouse's state of legal residency for voting and tax purposes regardless of their date of marriage and physical location - essentially inheriting their servicemember's residency, if they so choose.

Not only does this law benefit military spouses for tax and voting purposes, but it is useful for military spouses who have occupations that require state licenses. Changing state residency every PCS means that spouses have to change their state license to match their new residence. The cost and time to complete relicensing negatively impacts the employability of a military spouse. Allowing a spouse to maintain one residence during their servicemember's time in the military prevents the headache of getting relicensed and makes it easier to operate within interstate compacts for occupational licensure.

In her testimony to the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, Stefanik emphasizes the importance of this change: "Military spouses serve too, and this piece of legislation eliminates the daunting task of documenting multiple tax jurisdictions, which at times causes some spouses to forego the complication of working altogether. ... This common-sense legislation will make this easier for military spouses to work, and help reduce instances of military spousal unemployment."

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/News-Articles/2019-News-Articles/Advocacy/New-Law-Affects-Military-Spouse-Voting,-Taxes,-and-Licensure.aspx?list=12884902604&cat=12884901933>

UPCOMING Events 2019

The planning committee is hard at work developing a great events calendar for the year ahead. Below is listed a very tentative listing of events for 2019. Events will be updated in the next newsletter, but stay tuned to the chapter website for the most up to date information:

<http://hrcmoaa.org>

February Luncheon (2/22)

March Luncheon (3/22)

April Luncheon (4/26)

May Luncheon (5/31)

June Luncheon (6/28)

Summer Multi-Chapter Brunch Mixer (July)

September Luncheon (9/20)

October Luncheon (10/18)

November Luncheon (11/15)

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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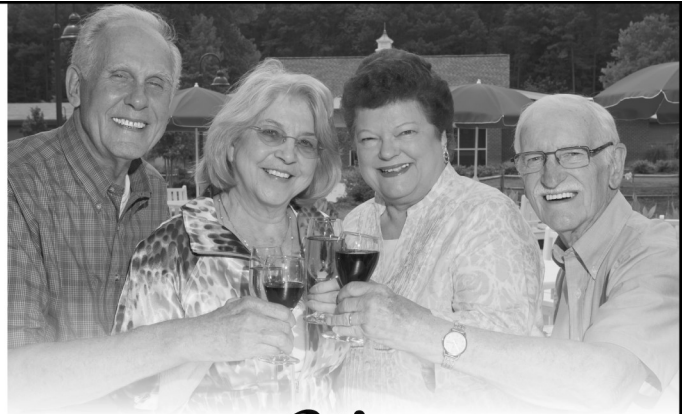


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