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HRCMOAA 60th Anniversary Celebration and Christmas Dinner Dance (12/07/19)

It's hard for many of us to believe that our chapter is getting ready to celebrate its 60th birthday. Upon hearing the news, I started to do a little reading as I didn't know much of our chapter's history. I was re-



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warded with finding the documented history of our chapter. The chapter history was prepared and updated by CAPT George I. Garner, USCG (Ret), until his death on July 25, 1998. CAPT Garner served as Chapter Historian during his chapter membership years and took photos at many chapter functions. He was elected as Chapter President for 1992. I hope each of you enjoy learning (or reading again) about our chapter's formation as much as I did!

 Hampton Roads Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

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Visit our website at www.hrcmoaa.org, read the Electronic Newsletter, access Virginia Council of Chapters, MOAA National, Service Departments, Health and Benefit locations, U. S. Senators and Representatives and many others. If you do not have the Members Only "Password" please contact any of our Officers. The HRCMOAA Newsletter is published by the HR Chapter, which is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). MOAA and its affiliated chapters are nonpartisan. The advertisements that appear in this publication do not reflect an endorsement by MOAA or this affiliate."

President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses,



Your Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA was chartered and granted chapter status on April 23, 1959. In celebration of this landmark for our chapter, we will hold a commemoration celebration dinner and dance for our membership on December 7, 2019 at Atlantic Shores. Lieutenant General Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret.), CEO of MOAA, will attend and present the chapter with its 60th anniversary certificate. I hope to see many of you at this event where we will celebrate our chapter's history.

The board has been putting together the schedule of events and speakers for next calendar year. Luncheon speakers starting off the year will include the commander of Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, the F-22 wing commander, Shane Ostrom from National MOAA and many more. We plan to include a briefing on TRICARE and Dental benefits later in the year as we have done in the past and we are also working on arranging more tours of aircraft and surface combatants at local area bases. There will also be quarterly Surviving Spouse and Spouse luncheons again in 2020.

Please share your Tribute newsletter and monthly post card invitations with potential members in your neighborhood and other organizations you participate in. The best recruiters of new members are our current members and the best way to get a new member is through a personal contact. We need your help to grow and sustain our membership numbers and you can help by bringing neighbors and friends who are eligible for membership to one of our events and introduce them to the chapter. Our calendar of events and programs for 2020 will bring a lot of great events and interesting speakers to our chapter membership. Please plan to bring a potential member and help us sign them up for membership.

As I have frequently mentioned at the luncheons and in my President's Message, we are a small group of volunteers working hard as your board officers and committee chairs and we can always use more help on the board and with

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HRCMOAA DIRECTORY		
		
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our committees. There are a number of ways to contribute depending on the level of effort you can offer. None of our volunteer opportunities are very time consuming but every single one of them is very rewarding and meaningful. Please consider visiting a board meeting, setting up an event, joining one of our committees or participating in one of the many community service or veteran related events we participate in throughout the course of the year.

In closing out this year, I'd like to extend my wishes to each of you and your families for a very special holiday season... have a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your support of our chapter. Never stop serving!

Yours 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
- Visiting the MOAA website
<https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx>



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Community Affairs - Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund

CDR John Uhrin, USN (ret)

Our chapter is committed to funding the HRC ROTC Scholarship Fund, which is managed under the MOAA Scholarship at MOAA headquarters. The scholarship fund supports qualified ROTC cadets in need with financial support in the form of grants and low interest loans. Our goal is \$25,000 by the end of 2021 which is the last year of a 5-year program with annual goals of \$5,000. We are in the third year of that 5-year commitment. Below is the status of our chapter scholarship fund both for this year and overall for the 5-year goal.

As of 10/1/2019	Total Goal \$25,000	\$15,545	62%	Need by 12/31/2021	\$9,455
	Annual Goal \$5,000	\$2,678	54%	Need by 12/31/2019	\$2,322

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

2019 Contributions

PLATINUM - \$500 and above

CAPT Doug Williams, USN (Ret.)
CDR John J. Uhrin III, USN (Ret.)

GOLD - \$250 to \$499

CAPT Loren V. Heckelman, USN (Ret.)

SILVER - \$100 to \$249

LTC Burrell Jones, USA (Ret.)

Bronze Under \$100

MAJ Clifton Furedy, USAF (Ret.)
Mrs. Barbara Smith
CDR John J. Uhrin III, USN (Ret.)
COL Jack W. Hilgers, USMC (Ret.)
LCDR Daryl T. Holland, USN (Ret.)

Please consider contributing this year!

There are three ways of donating. All donations are tax deductible since the MOAA Scholarship Fund is a qualified IRS 501(C)(3).

The **first** way is for members to submit their donations online by utilizing the following website URL (Although the chapter is not an input on that page, MOAA will credit the contribution to the chapter utilizing your name and address): <https://ebiz.moaa.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=171>



EMERGENCY/SURVIVOR CORNER - PART II

Co-authored by MG John McLaren, USA (ret) and COL James Edge, USA (ret)

The last article began the processes you must use to get “into the system.” This is edition two of four. Let’s get into some of the details which are significant for you to be able to quickly and efficiently navigate the bureaucracy that goes with dealing with the government at all levels.

The VA must be contacted on a burial plot, if your desire is to be buried in a Veterans Cemetery, and if that is your choice. Headstones are free to veterans, honorably discharged, no matter where you decide to be buried. The VA is available for discussions on these options at (800) 827-1000. There are three state run cemeteries for Veterans in Virginia. These cemeteries are in Dublin, Amelia and Suffolk. The funeral home can help with the VA and it may be wisest to let them handle the arrangements. The VA does have a preapproval form that can be submitted at any time for burial in a National Cemetery. Pre-Need burial eligibility determinations are made on a first in - first out basis. Information on obtaining Pre-need burial eligibility can be found on the web and is a VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery.

Government Identity Cards must be turned in upon the Veteran or Spouses passing. This process is begun by contacting DEERS. DEERS contact number is (800) 538-9552. The DEERS contact will cut off medical benefits for the deceased and will inform you to make an appointment at your nearest DEERS facility to turn in their ID Card. It may take weeks to get an appointment, so don’t be too surprised in the delay. DEERS contact will lead you back to DFAS. DFAS will ask for a DD 2656-6, with a death certificate, if it is a spouse that has passed away. This form must be filled out and notarized. It will suspend a retired servicemember from paying into the spousal support option, if that option was chosen upon retirement. DEERS will also lead to FEDVIP, for suspension or cancelation of Dental and Vision coverage. The DEERS representative will give you information to your specific Dental and Vision coverage provider.

HRCMOAA BULLETIN BOARD

CDR Bob Armour, USN (Ret.)

Your Board of Directors was looking for a way to permit members, other officers eligible to join MOAA, and family to find partners/opponents for golf, tennis, racquetball, bridge, sailing any activity you can think of! The HRCMOAA Bulletin Board is located at http://bcsthme.net/hrcmoaa/activities_board.shtml#top, our website. It is easy to enroll in The HRCMOAA Bulletin Board. Once registered, you can look to see if someone has made a posting about an activity you are interested in. If not, here’s your opportunity to invite others to join you in your activities of choice. If you have any questions or suggestions, please e-mail Bob at bobpetraarmour@cox.net. You can also post information about an event that you think our members may be interested in. The board is presently open to anyone so always be cautious about posting sensitive personal information.



ROTC FALL 2019 COMMISSION SCHEDULE

CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret.)

ODU HAMPTON ROADS NAVAL ROTC UNIT

DATE: 13 DEC 2019

TIME: 1030

LOCATION: USS Wisconsin fantail (inclement weather location – Half-Moone Bay conference center next to Nauticus)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 6

NAME OF STUDENTS:

- Conor W. Babington
- Emilee M. Brancheau
- Zachary Carder
- Kyle J. Gamble,
- William P. Reckley (Marine)
- Vincent K. Pham

HONORED SPEAKER/GUEST: Mr. John R. Kroger (SES John R. Kroger Tier-3 SES (Three star equivalent)) – the Navy’s 1st Chief Learning Officer.

Below is a USNI link to an article about Mr. Kroger’s selection – he is the Navy’s 1st CLO and has been in the seat about 2 months.

<https://news.usni.org/2019/09/10/former-marine-college-president-selected-to-be-navys-first-chief-learning-officer>

ODU ARMY ROTC (MONARCH BATTALION)

DATE: 13 DEC 2019

TIME: 1000

LOCATION: Batten Arts & Letters Auditorium 1012

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 4

NAME OF STUDENTS:

- Marquise Jones
- Brandon Thompson
- Cory Thomas
- Anika Tolentino-Guzman

HONORED SPEAKER / GUEST: COL Booker

NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) ARMY ROTC (SPARTAN BATTALION)

DATE: 13 December 2019

TIME: 1400 hrs

LOCATION: Student Center room 138C

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 2

NAME OF STUDENTS (latest):

- Cadet Makayla Blake
- Cadet Jhory Miller

HONORED SPEAKER/GUEST: COL Mike Patrick, Commander 597th Transportation Brigade, Fort Eustis.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMMISSION CEREMONIES ARE ON FRIDAY 13 DEC:

- ODU AROTC at 1000
- ODU NROTC at 1030 (in Norfolk)
- NSU AROTC at 1400



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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 26, 2020

9:00am to 12:30pm

Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair

Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center

<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/417>

May 27, 2020

11:00am to 3:00pm

DAV/Recruit Military - Norfolk Veterans Job Fair

Norfolk - Decker Half Moone Center

<https://success.recruitmilitary.com/events/norfolk-veterans-job-fair-may-27-2020>

May 28, 2020

9:00am to 12:30pm

Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair

Virginia Beach - Virginia Beach Convention Center

<https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/418>

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HISTORY FROM PAGE 1**HISTORY OF HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

as contributed by the late CAPT George I Garner, USCG (Ret.)

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a national organization of over 400,000 men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers in any component of the seven uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service). It was founded in 1929 and presently has headquarters located in Alexandria, Va. MOAA is the largest military-oriented organization in existence. The local chapter of over 1000 members and over 400 other local chapters and state councils of chapters are affiliated with the National Association. At present, the local chapter is the largest of 15 Virginia chapters. The Hampton Roads Chapter Military Officers Association of America (HRCMOAA) was organized in the Fall of 1958 and encompasses the area of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and part of Chesapeake. Portsmouth Area became a separate chapter in 1983.

The real work of the local chapter is done with our heads, hearts, and hands. Annually, HRCMOAA awards a medal and certificate to an outstanding ROTC/JROTC student in local high schools and colleges. The Chapter supports legislation designed to strengthen our national defense or benefit our uniformed services. For social enjoyment, the Chapter normally has a monthly dinner meeting (lunch meetings now) with members' spouses present and has a well-known guest speaker with a subject of current interest.

The realities of military life have tended to impart to the military officer a liking for the gregarious life. His or her daily close association with contemporaries, superiors, and subordinates tends to create within, a warm sympathy for this group. Each takes great pride in being a member of a select group of individuals who rely on each other for mission accomplishment and, at the end of the day, for social amenities.

We resolve to be a valid part of our adopted communities and we look forward to our new careers and activities, and to activities which were precluded by the demands of our uniformed services. However, we also wish to retain the best of the past; the customs, procedures, and traditions that we cherish must be preserved. We have a continuing professional interest in our services and we want to talk with our former associates -- to ones who speak our language -- about subjects as diverse as "International Relations" and "Skin Diving in the Bahamas."

Such was the scene in Tidewater in the late 1950s. Our retired population then was, indeed, small in comparison with the size of today's retired military community. Each retiree and family became part of a particular Tidewater community; they became local citizens. However, many realized the need to band together for mutual benefits, both economic and social. Realizing the need for a common cause, RADM F.C.B. McCune, Colonels Frederick Ward, John Fye, and Harry Watts met in a selected home and discussed the methods to be used and the action to be taken to organize a Retired Officers Chapter of the National Association.

As organization plans were being implemented, additional officers were invited to assist. VADM Ralph Davis, VADM Delbert Cornwell, VADM Archie Antrim, BGEN Robert L. Denig, COL Fenton G. Epling and CDR Justus White joined the original planning group. This nucleus continued to meet in members' homes to develop the organization and to acquire new members. These home meetings were held until the membership numbered between 30 and 40. The working group developed a mailing roster of eligible retirees. RADM McCune and COL Ward conducted the first mailing as a "Letter of Intent" and a membership application.

The Chapter was born at Fort Story Officers Open Mess in the Fall of 1958. At a dinner meeting, VADM Ralph Davis was elected as the first President. All Officers and a Board of Directors were elected by acclamation. VADM Antrim accepted the responsibility of drafting a Chapter Constitution and By-Laws. The Chapter was now locally established.

As membership grew, the President, VADM Davis, took action to secure a Charter from the National Association.. On 23 April 1959, The Retired Officer Association (TROA) Affiliated Chapter status was granted to the Princess Anne County Virginia Beach Chapter with 79 charter members. In 1959 the Chapter's name was changed to The Hampton Roads Chapter of The Retired Officers Association, "to better reflect the area which our membership covered."

The Chapter continues to gain in membership because each member realizes that "in unity there is strength" and in strength each member becomes more aware of these issues and actions directly affecting his or her retired status and the status of the member's parent service. From a few interested men in 1958, our Chapter has grown from the 79 original members on Charter Night to about 1000, both male and female officers, during 1996, truly proving that "mighty oaks from little acorns grow."



Coming Soon: 60th Anniversary Celebration and Christmas Dance

WHEN: Saturday, 07 Dec 2019

WHERE: Atlantic Shores, Magnolia Room; 1800 Atlantic Shores Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

TIME: Social-1800 hours, Formal Program-2000 hours

MENU: 8 oz. Filet w/ **Homemade Cabernet Sauce** or **Seared Salmon Provencal** or **Chicken Marsala with Sliced Mushrooms** served with Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes with Chives, Malibu Carrots and Fresh Green Beans, Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter and Birthday Cake with Buttercream Icing. Coffee, hot and iced tea, wine, and water.

PRICE: \$60.00 per person

PROGRAM: Guest speaker will be **President and CEO of MOAA, Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret.)** is the special guest speaker for the event. Dancing follows the formal program until 2300 hours featuring Michele King and The Blue Mile.

ALL ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND (whether currently a MOAA member or not)

RESERVATIONS / CANCELLATIONS:
Reservations due by 1200 hours Tuesday, 12 November.

Please RSVP using the RSVP card you received in the mail. If you did not receive a card or have questions, please contact CDR Roberto Ortiz, USN (Ret.) at bertortiz@cox.net.

SCHOLARSHIP FROM PAGE 4

The **second** way is to submit a check, made out to the MOAA Scholarship Fund and mail it to:

MOAA Scholarship Fund
PO Box 1824
Merrifield, VA 22116-9917

Note on your check that it is for the Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund. MOAA will continue to send receipts.



A **third** way is to contribute directly from bequests, wills, trusts, or IRA's. The fund tax identification number is 54-1659039. By contributing from the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) of a qualified IRA, the taxable IRA income can be reduced by the amount of the contribution. The contribution check must be marked as a charitable contribution. With the change in the tax laws last year, some of our members have found this method to be beneficial. For additional detail, it would be best to contact your IRA fund manager for specifics relating to your IRA.

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UPCOMING Events 2019

HRCMOAA 60th Anniversary Celebration and Christmas Dinner Dance (12/7) - Atlantic Shores.

January Luncheon (1/24) - Atlantic Shores, VA Beach. Portsmouth Naval Medical Center (NMC)

February Luncheon (2/21) - Atlantic Shores, VA Beach. Wing Commander of the F22s

March Luncheon (3/20) - Venue TBD. National MOAA Guest Speaker.

April Luncheon (4/17) - Atlantic Shores, VA Beach. RADM Stephen R. Tedford, USN; COMOPTEVFOR

* guest speakers/programs for 2020 are for planning purposes only and are subject to change.

Legislative Affairs Committee Brief - 2020

CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret.)

If you haven't had the opportunity to view the chapter's 2020 Legislative Affairs Brief, please go to our website below to view and/or download the entire presentation. If you have any questions, please reach out to CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret.).

http://bcsthme.net/hrcmoaa/graphics/HRCMOAA_LA_Brief_2020_2a.pdf



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Regular Dues NEW
1 Year: \$20.00 RENEWAL
2 Years: \$35.00
3 Years: \$45.00
Circle years & amount

Surviving Spouse Dues
1 Year: \$10.00
2 Years: \$17.00
3 Years: \$23.00

Regular Member: Active, Retired or Former Commissioned or Warrant Officer of the seven Uniformed Services.

Surviving Spouse: Survivor of any deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for regular membership.

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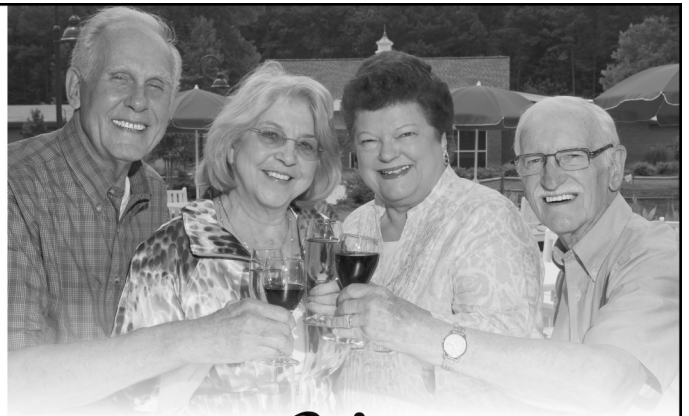


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