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BLUE WATER NAVY Update

COL Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret).

All veterans, including "Blue Water Navy" veterans, who were exposed to herbicide toxins such as Agent Orange, are encouraged to apply for Agent Orange benefits at local Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) benefits offices. Veterans 85 and older with lifethreatening illnesses will have priority claims processing. The DVS



Benefits Offices are well staffed to assist veterans and their surviving spouses and children who may have been affected by the deceased veteran's exposure to at least one of the 114 presumptive conditions associated with Agent Orange. Veterans do not have to prove that they were exposed to herbicides, only that they served in certain areas in Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, and in water as far as 12 nautical mile offshore of the Republic of Vietnam during certain periods.

The "Blue Water Navy Act" also includes provisions that create more access for veterans to obtain no down payment home loans, regardless of loan amount, and the home loan funding fee is reduced for eligible Reservists and National Guard borrowers who use their home loan benefits for the first time. Certain Purple Heart recipients pay no funding fee.

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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses,

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful evening back in early December to celebrate our chapter's 60th anniversary and to welcome the holiday season. Thanks to all who attended and especially to our committee members who organized the event: Bert Ortiz, John McLaren, Barb Smith, Clif Furedy and Doug Williams. Now we are off and running in the new year with a slate of interesting speakers for our luncheons and other events as well. Our January luncheon featured the Commander of Naval Medical Center Portsmouth providing an update on medical benefits and facilities in our area. We are planning for speakers from the 1st Fighter Wing (F-22s) and the Operational Test and Evaluation Force. We'll also have a speaker from MOAA Head-quarters for our March luncheon speaking on benefits. We are working on tours that will feature a F-22 flight demonstration, a U.S. Navy cruiser and a V-22 Osprey squadron tour. We are going to try a different venue or two this year so watch your events post cards for dates and locations of our luncheon events. We will again offer some afternoon networking socials, a legislative focused luncheon, a TRICARE and Dental benefits brief and a Christmas dinner dance. In addition, our Surviving Spouse and Spouse members will be having quarterly luncheons this year as well. The first will be on February 18, 2020 at Atlantic Shores featuring "Frank Sings"

Frank" in celebration of Valentine's Day. Other ideas are also being pursued and your inputs are welcome. Contact any chapter officer with your suggestions or email me at <u>Loren.Heckelman@cox.net</u>.

The chapter closed out 2019 with a strong financial position thanks to renewal of membership (dues income) and strong attendance at our monthly luncheons. We still need to manage expenses carefully and continue our efforts to increase and sustain our membership. Dues are our primary source of income so increasing membership is critical to sustaining our chapter and continuing to offer the luncheons, printed newsletter and other benefits of chapter membership.

In addition, 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.

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If you haven't already done so, check out the new feature on our chapter website (www.hrcmoaa.org) that offers a bulletin board where you can post your interests and find others who share those interests. For example, looking for a golf foursome? Post your interest on the bulletin board so other chapter members will see it and can respond. Tennis partners? Bridge? Anything of interest to you can be posted to find other chapter members with similar interests. The bulletin board is currently on the front page (or landing page) of our website but you can also find it under "Activities Board" in the left hand column of quick links. If you have questions or need help in how to use the board, contact our 2nd Vice President, Bob Armour, at bobpetraarmour@cox.net.

Following our installation of new officers and directors, we still have one remaining director vacancy. If you or someone you know is interested in helping the chapter as a board member, please contact me for more information. Serving as a director is a good way to get a close-up look at what the board does and how it functions in support of the chapter without taking on any specific committee or responsibility at the start. We have an outstanding group of people serving our chapter on the board so please consider joining us. As a reminder, chapter members are always welcome to attend as a visitor at any of our board meetings which are generally held on the first Saturday of each month. Contact me for more information.

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

Yours in service, Loren Heckelman

Reminder — Time to renew Chapter Dues

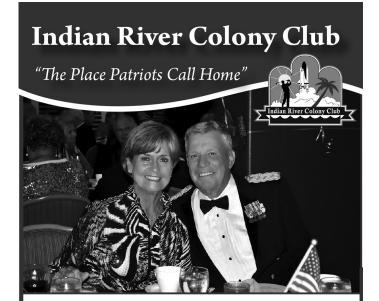
If you haven't renewed your dues for 2019, please remember that they expired on 31 December 2019.

Dues for 2020 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 <u>https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx</u>



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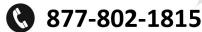
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Community Affairs - Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund

CDR John Uhrin, USN (ret)

This past year, several of your HRCMOAA board members met with Ms. Andrea Rand, the director of the MOAA Scholarship program to request some changes to how scholarships in our chapter name were being awarded. As a result of our suggestions and input, the MOAA Scholarship Fund Board has agreed to make several important changes. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the MOAA Scholarship Fund Board will give preference in awarding scholarships and grants to children with HRCMOAA chapter member parents. While not guaranteed to go to the child of a chapter member, those children applying for MOAA scholarships with a parent who is a chapter member will receive favorable consideration and the review board will give preference in awarding scholarships to those children. Regardless of whether the student's parent is a chapter member or not, students selected for MOAA scholarships in the chapter name will always be from the area represented by our Hampton Roads Chapter. Below is the status of our chapter scholarship fund both for this year and overall for the 5-year goal.

As of 12/31/2019	Total Goal \$25,000	\$9,961	40%	Need by 12/31/2022	\$15,039
	Annual Goal \$5,000	\$4,961	99%	Need by 12/31/2019	\$39

^{*}There is at least one donation that has not cleared thru the MOAA cycle that has put the total contributed for 2019 over the Goal of \$5,000.00. Thank you to all that have contributed and hope you will all continue to contribute in 2020 and beyond. The following is a breakdown of the chapter members who have contributed to the scholarship fund this year.

2019 Contributions

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

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Please consider contributing this year!



EMERGENCY/SURVIVOR CORNER - PART II

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

This article continues the processes you must use to get "into the system" on the passing of a Veteran or spouse. This is edition 3 of 4. Let's get into some more of the details that are significant for you to be able to quickly and efficiently navigate the bureaucracy which goes with dealing with the government and commercial organizations at all levels.

Social Security is a key contact for those on Medicare, Medicaid, and for Social Security monthly payments. A failure to notify them before the next monthly payment will result in them collecting that month's pay. That is a true hassle! Also, if you or your spouse gets Social Security monthly payments you may be eligible for a one-time \$255 death benefit payment. This death benefit payment requires either a meeting at the Social Security office nearest you or a telephone interview. Either the interview in the office or by telephone will require an appointment. You will be required to have access to items such as a copy of the death certificate, marriage license, SSN of the person who passed away, and other information they will inform you about when making the appointment.

Personal property and other property, like cars, boats, trailers, RV's, motorcycles, house titles and other land holdings may require retitling. This is especially true even if they are, or are not, jointly owned. The crux is to have them all in an "and/or" status. If they are in an "and/or" status they do not have to be retitled. If not, they may have to be retitled into the survivor's name. The point is you must check to see what must be done. A lawyer will let you know what you must do to resolve any issues on personal property and other property.

If you have a safe deposit box, you must get access to the box. If it is in both of your names it should not be an issue. If the safety deposit box is not in both names, the executor of the estate must take care of getting items out of the box and acting on the items therein. The same may be true of bank accounts (checking, savings, certificates of deposit, etc.) particularly if they are not in both names.

JANUARY 2020 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE

CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret.), Chair HRCMOAA Legislative Affairs Committee

Chapter legislative affairs remains haze gray and underway. In this vein, the purpose of this update is fourfold. First, provide a snapshot and status of National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Next, present the MOAA national top priorities for this year. Third, list the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) priorities for 2020. Finally, briefly highlight the newly revised HRCMOAA legislative affairs brief.

NDAA 2020

NDAA 2020, introduced in the Senate as S. 1790 on June 11, 2019, 116th Congress, has been enacted, as signed by the President on 20 December 2020.

The top MOAA legislative priority, to repeal the SBP DIC Offset "Widows Tax," was passed as part of NDAA 2020. Sen. Doug Jones (D-Ala.) and Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) led the repeal of the Widows Tax.

MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), said, "This will be the culmination of the efforts of many over the last four decades: military and veteran service organizations, the media, an amazing army of surviving spouses, The Military Coalition, and members of Congress and their dedicated staffs."

In sum, NDAA 2020, voted 86-8 in favor in the Senate, is a \$22 billion increase over last year. NDAA 2020 provides a 3.1% pay increase to military personnel, an increased procurement rate for the F-35, and authorization for 14 new ships.

MOAA Priorities 2020

This year, MOAA government relations will engage the 117th Congress, with focus on on the top MOAA national priorities, as follows:

- 1. Protect Your Health Care Benefit
- 2. Keep Military Pay and Benefits Strong
- 3. Support Military Families
- 4. Support the Total Force
- 5. Better, Faster DoD/VA Services
- 6. Strengthen and Support All Uniformed Services



ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONING - 23DEC19 NSU COL Jim Smith, USA (ret)

The Norfolk State University (NSU) ROTC Program, "Spartan Battalion," conducted an Army commissioning ceremony on 13 December 2019 at the Student Center on the NSU campus attended by senior faculty members, family, and friends. The ceremony was hosted by Lieutenant Colonel Lisa M. Abel, Professor of Military Science at the university (right). Receiving commissions as 2nd Lieutenants were Makayla Blake (Military Intelligence) and Jhory Miller (Quartermaster Corps). Commissioning officer and guest speaker was Colonel Michael Patrick, Commander, 597th Transportation Brigade, Fort Eustis, Virginia. Colonel Patrick is a 1996 graduate of Norfolk State University, holds a Masters Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. His assignments include unit commands from Platoon Leader through Brigade Commander, as well as Middle East and Far East deployments, and duty in the White House Military Office. His awards include the Bronze Star and numerous other meritorious and service awards.



Right to left: Colonel Michael Patrick, 2nd LT Jhory Miller, 2nd LT Mikayla Blake, and LtCol Lisa Abel (click on photo for more commissioning pictures; credit: Donald Spencer)

The newly commissioned officers were presented with a set of Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Gold Bars by Colonel Jim Smith, Hampton Roads Chapter, as a symbol of their achievement and a reminder of their commitment to the defense of the Nation. The NSU Military Alumni Chapter presented each officer with copy of the Officers' Guide.

Following their commissioning, each officer was "pinned" with his or her shoulder boards by family members, and received their traditional first salute by an enlisted member of the Armed Forces. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONING - 23DEC19 ODU COL Jim Edge, USA (ret)

The U.S. Army ROTC Monarch Battalion Old Dominion University Winter Commissioning Ceremony was conducted on 13 December 2019 in the Barry Art Museum on the Campus. The ceremony was well attended by family,

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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.

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The specific objectives, overviews and actions of each of the aforementioned priorities may be viewed at:

https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2019-news-articles/advocacy/moaas-2020-legislative-mission/

JLC Initiatives 2020

We advocate for the Virginia Veteran during JLC Day in Richmond on 15 January this year. The six JLC Initiatives and four letters to the governor in support of issues are as follows:

Initiatives:

JLC 2020-01, 2nd Resolution – Personal Property Tax Exemption

JLC 2020-02, Counting Military Absentee Ballots After Election Day

JLC 2020-03, Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income 100% Disabled Veterans

JLC 2020-04, Virginia National Guard Emergency Response Pay

JLC 2020-05, Tax Credits for Employers who Hire VNG and Reserves

JLC 2020-06, Microloans for Veterans Program (MVP)

Letters:

- -Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and Their Families
- -Funding for new Care Centers in biennial budget
- -Commonwealth Connect Universal Broadband Access for Virginians
- -Virginia National Guard Scholarship

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Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019

Law Extends Benefits for Eligible Veterans

Public Law 116-23, (Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019)

Public Law 116-23, (Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act 2019) was signed into law on June 25, 2019 and takes effect January 1, 2020. The law extends a presumption of herbicide exposure to Blue Water Navy Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam and the offshore waters. Blue Water Navy survivors, and certain dependents may be entitled to benefits if the Veteran was exposed.

Under the law, certain Veterans, who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam and Cambodia, or who had service in the Korean Demilitarized zone (DMZ), may be entitled to disability compensation for conditions that are related to herbicide exposure. The law also provides benefits for children born with spina bifida whose parent was a Veteran with verified herbicide exposure in Thailand.

To be entitled to VA benefits, these Veterans must have served between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, and have one or more of the conditions that are listed in section 3.309(e) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

Conditions related to presumed herbicide exposure¹:

- » Amyloid light-chain (AL) amyloidosis
- Chloracne, or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne
- » Chronic B-cell leukemias
- » Diabetes mellitus, Type 2
- » Ischemic heart disease
- » Hodgkin's lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
- » Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- » Multiple myeloma
- » Parkinson's disease
- » Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- » Porphyria cutanea tarda
- » Prostate cancer
- » Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- » Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).
- ¹ A Veteran who has experienced any of the conditions on this list may be eligible for presumptive service connection under 38 CFR 3.309(e). A Veteran may be entitled to service connection on a direct basis under 38 CFR 3.303, if herbicide exposure is established and scientific or medical evidence shows that the claimed condition is medically associated with the exposure.

How do I file a claim for disability compensation or survivor benefits?

- » Apply using the guidance at <u>www.va.gov</u>, <u>www.va.gov/burials-memorials/dependency-indemnity-compensation **OR**</u>
- For initial compensation claims, submit a VA Form 21-526EZ; For initial DIC claims, submit a VA Form 21P-534EZ; For previously denied claims, submit a VA Form 20-0995 OR
- » VA-accredited Veterans Service Organization representative, attorney, or claims agent OR
- So to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. You can find your regional office on our Facility Locator page at https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp

What should be included when filing a claim?

- State on your application that you are filing for one of the conditions related to presumed herbicide exposure such as Agent Orange.
- Include any evidence you have of service in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the required timeframe. Include the name(s) of the vessel(s) and the date(s) you served within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, if you have that information.
- Provide medical evidence showing a diagnosis of a current condition related to exposure to herbicide such as Agent Orange or tell us where you are being treated.
- » For more information on how to apply and for tips on making sure your claim is ready to be processed by VA, visit our Disability Compensation web page at www.va.gov/disability/





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friends, senior faculty members and Cadets of the Monarch Battalion. The ceremony was hosted by the ODU Professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Camala L. Coats. Receiving commissions were 2lt. Marquise Jones, Corps of Engineers, National Guard: 2lt Cory Thomas, Transportation Corps, National Guard; 2lt. Brandon Thompson, Ordnance Corps, Active Duty; and, 2lt. Anika Tolentino Guzman, Military Intelligence Corps, Active Duty. Colonel Coats congratulated the new lieutenants for their hard work and dedication during their four years in the AROTC program, thanked them for their commitment to serve our nation and provided wise guidance as they accept their new duties and responsibilities. Colonel Coats introduced the guest speaker, Colonel Ronald K. Booker, USAF.

Colonel Booker is the Deputy Director of Total Force for the Defense Contract Management Agency. Colonel Booker called upon his years of experience in command and staff assignments to provide wise advise to the new lieutenants. He then administered the oath of office to the four lieutenants and family members pinned the officer with their 2lt Bars.

The newly commissioned officers were presented with a set of Military Association of America (MOAA) Gold Bars by Colonel James G. Edge, Hampton Roads Chapter as a symbol of their achievement and a reminder of their commitment to the defense of the Nation. Following the oath of office for commissioning, each officer received their traditional first salute by a current or retired enlisted member of the Armed Forces.

SCHOLARSHIP FROM PAGE 4

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

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.

External Scholarship Opportunity

VADM ROBERT L. WALTERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Surface Navy Association Scholar receives an academic scholarship awarded for demonstrated leadership, community service, academic achievement and a commitment to pursuing higher education objectives.

Applications must be postmarked by March 2, 2020.

For more information: http://navysna.org/awards/ scholarship.php

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Events 2020

<u>February Luncheon</u> (2/21) - Greenbrier Country Club, Chesapeake. Col. David Lopez, USAF, is Commander of the 1st Fighter Wing with its F-22s. The stealthy F-22's ability to collect and share tactical information with friendly assets enables U.S. and allied forces to engage targets with unmatched battlespace awareness. The Raptor makes other coalition aircraft more survivable.

March Luncheon (3/20) - Princess Anne Country Club, VA Beach. Lt.Col. Shane Ostrom Ret. is from MOAA's Headquarters. He will answer your questions about how MOAA protects our Military Benefits and educates us about how to take advantage of the Benefits we have earned.

April Luncheon (4/17) - Atlantic Shores, VA Beach. RADM Stephen R. Tedford, USN; COMOP-TEVFOR. The Operational Test & Evaluation Force provides independent operational testing and evaluation of new aviation, surface, submarine, crypto and space weapon systems to be sure they work as advertised before they are purchased. This is a critical, high pressure mission.

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

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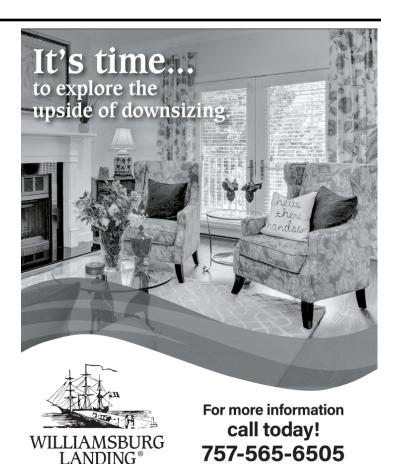
Details of the above initiatives and letters may be seen at: https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2

Chapter Legislative Affairs Brief 2020

Take a look at our newly revised HRCMOAA Legislative Affairs Committee brief, intended as a living roadmap in execution of our HRCMOAA Legislative Affairs mission. The brief may be viewed at: http://bcsthome.net/hrcmoaa/graphics/ HRCMOAA LA Brief 200107.pdf.

Closing

As we undertake a new year, the opportunity to advocate for the MOAA top legislative priorities and the JLC legislative initiatives is here for the taking, right now. This said, all chapter members are most welcome, at anytime, to participate in chapter legislative affairs events. Thank you for your support of the HRCMOAA legislative affairs program.



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