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 Hampton Roads Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

Reminder: Upgrade your Military ID Card in 2024.

There is a new ID card for military retirees and dependents. If you have not updated your old one to the Real ID Card System, then you need to make an appointment (or walk in) and get it done next year. There has not been much info put out on this and no date has been promulgated to have it completed but, it is advisable to get it done soon and avoid the rush, once the date is published.



Shown on the left are two photos of sample IDs, the new ID on top and old on the bottom. The new "Identification and Privilege Card" is tied into the Real ID program that follows other forms of ID like your new Driver's License.

The phone numbers for NAS Oceana is 757-433-2184, Norfolk: 757-445-3124, or email them at: id-cardofficeonline@mail.mil.

There is also a website (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco>) where you can make an appointment or order the ID card online and yes, have it mailed to you vice going into Pass & ID to get one.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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President's Message

Fellow Officers and Spouses,

Happy New Year to the Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA membership. Our January luncheon is in the history books, having had an informative presentation by Mr. "Mack" Eckenrode from the local Social Security Administration office. Mack is passionate about helping people understand and navigate through their social security benefits. He spent a good amount of time after the luncheon speaking to chapter members about their individual questions and issues. His presentation is posted on our chapter website on the home page and then will remain available on the "Resources" page.

We are in the process of filling out the programs for the remainder of our 2024 luncheons. As we confirm speakers, we'll be posting the details on our chapter website (www.hrcmoaa.org), so be sure to check there often for the latest information and updates on future events.

By way of preview:

February 16, 2024: HRBT Expansion Project Director Mr. Ryan Banas, PE, CCM, will provide an update on the I-64 HRBT expansion project.

March 15, 2024: Mr. Patrick Shuler, Administrator of the Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center.

April 19, 2024 TBD

May 24, 2024 TBD

June 21, 2024 TBD

July 2024: Tri-Chapter Brunch – Location and exact date TBD

August 16, 2024: Congresswoman Jen Kiggans

September 20, 2024: Mr. Dave Huffman, Executive Director of Mission: POW-MIA. Mr. Huffman will be accompanied by his wife, Jeanie Jacobs Huffman. Jeanie is the youngest daughter of CDR Edward Jacobs Jr, USN, who was declared MIA on 25 Aug 1967 after failing to return from a night photo recon mission in his RA-3B Skywarrior off the coast of Hon Me, North Vietnam. Plan to join us for this special event which coincides with National POW/MIA Recognition Day this year.

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SURVIVORS



When is it ever the right time to get your important documents and information in order? Most of us think about it after someone we care for has had an incident and/or has passed away. Additionally, events such as hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes, and even burglary can make the actual paperwork unusable.

But through MOAA partner [Everplans](#), members have access to a platform allowing cloud-based storage of important documents and information. With controlled access to each area, we are able to share details — at a minimum, to begin the discussion about what we prefer for our health care and our final arrangements.

Personally, I signed up for Everplans Premium, which offers nine categories of information:

- **Personal Info and IDs:** This is where copies of identification — including driver’s license, Social Security card, passport, and military IDs — can go. It also offers a space for vital documents, such as a marriage license.
- **Digital:** This is quite an extensive category. It includes password management, devices, travel and transportation, ticketing, email, social media, and shopping, to name a few. Here, you can also add your username or password to any of your accounts, and note whether the account has a fee and is on auto pay.
- **Home and Property:** You can add information about your primary and secondary residences, RV, boat, etc.
- **Financial:** This is another extensive area for account information, banking accounts, investments, loans, tax returns, and insurance information for both life and disability. This would be the best place for VA benefits, as well.
- **Legal:** Here, you will find spaces to enter attorney contact information. You can scan and upload your will, power of attorney, health care surrogate, and other advance directives. When away from home, this could be one of the most useful features to be able to easily access the digital version of these documents.
- **Health:** Enter information about your primary and specialty doctors, allergies, vaccination records, medication list, medical devices, even a listing of medical conditions.
- **Family and Loved Ones:** You are able to list the contact information for important people in your life, and especially important pet information. (For example, I have a credit card on file at my veterinarian’s office in case I am out of town and there is an emergency, so this is a great place to make note of something like that as well as include other vital information.)

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VA**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**

As we head into the new year, we wanted to give you a quick update on VA's non-health benefits for Veterans. Partly thanks to the historic PACT Act, Veterans like you have applied for benefits at record rates over the past year—surpassing the previous all-time record by 39%—and that's a great thing. As a result of your benefits applications, we at VA have been able to deliver more earned benefits to more Veterans than ever before, including \$150 billion in benefits during 2023 alone. That's exactly what Veterans like you deserve.

Because of this record increase in applications, there has also been an anticipated increase in the number of claims applications that take longer than 125 days to process (otherwise known as the backlog), which is currently at 378,000 claims. While the total claims inventory has been decreasing over the last several weeks, the backlog is expected to grow in 2024 before returning to normal levels. We have been taking aggressive steps to address this increase and to ensure timely processing of your claims.

Here's what this means for you:

Although the backlog has increased, you will likely receive a benefits decision more quickly than during previous surges: Right now, the average claim is processed by VA in 149 days, which is 198 days faster than in 2013 (the last time applications were nearly this high). We also process some parts of your claims faster than others, so if part of your claim is granted, you may get a first payment before your full claim is finished.

- We are granting benefits at higher rates: Whenever you file a claim, our goal is to work with you every step of the way to get to "yes." As a result of this approach, we were able to grant benefits for 65% of claims filed in 2023—including 76% of PACT Act claims, which is a sharp increase from previous years.
- We are processing more claims than ever before: In fiscal year 2023, VA processed nearly 2 million of your benefits claims—beating the previous all-time record by 16%—and we're on pace to break that record again in fiscal year 2024.

Most importantly, we want you to apply for benefits: We want every Veteran, family member and survivor to get the care and benefits they deserve, so we want you to apply today. We've hired thousands of claims processing employees in anticipation of this surge in applications, and we have 1,400 more coming onboard soon. So don't worry and don't wait: submit your claim today and we will process it for you as soon as possible.

We are proud to serve you each and every day. Thank you for applying for your VA benefits at record rates in 2023 and for encouraging your friends and family members to do the same.

As we head into the new year, please keep spreading the word. Let's break the applications record again in 2024—and in doing so, ensuring that as many Veterans as possible get the health care and benefits that they so rightly deserve.



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- **Agging:** One of the wonderful subcategories is “eldercare living preferences” where you can specify whether you are OK in a shared (roommate) space, your care providers, your eldercare finances, and your long-term care insurance details.
- **After I’m Gone:** You can write a letter to a loved one, state your preferences for final arrangements (cremation versus burial, for example), provide notes for your obituary, and save family recipes, family photos, and more. There is even a tab to discuss the genealogy of your family.

It is never too late to start sharing important information with trusted loved ones. All MOAA members can save on Everplans Premium, with discounts based on membership level and beginning at 30% off the annual fee for Basic members. Visit [MOAA.org/Everplans](https://www.moaa.org/everplans) to find out more.

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October 18, 2024: TBD

November 15, 2024: TBD

December 7, 2024: Christmas Dinner Dance at Atlantic Shores

I’d like to provide a very brief summary of the chapter’s financial status. We began 2023 with a balance in all of our accounts of \$24,402.08 and ended the year with \$22,734.06. We continue to try to break even on our events or come as close as possible. We did experience a loss on the Christmas dinner dance due to increased costs of the meal, dance floor and DJ. In 2024, the cost of the meal for our luncheons will be increasing slightly but we are going to do our best to hold the price we charge at \$25 per person. The other big expense is the printing and mailing of our hard copy newsletter six times each year. We know a large number of the chapter members like to read it in hard copy so for now we are trying to continue with both a printed and digital version.

It's important to note that our largest source of income is from the dues of members. We began this year on January 1st with 207 members. That is down from a year ago when we started the year at 230. It’s vitally important that we continue to bring in new members and retain the members we have, which is why I ask in each of my Tribute messages that you help us with bringing new members to the chapter. If you have friends or neighbors who are active duty, former or retired military officers, or surviving spouses, please introduce them to our chapter and invite them to visit a chapter luncheon. Hopefully they will find value in our organization and decide to join the chapter.

We closed out the first year of the new five-year scholarship fund campaign a little short of the \$5,000.00 annual goal. Each of the previous two campaigns has met our overall goal of \$25,000 so I am confident we will do so again. At the end of December, we had received contributions totaling \$3,605.00. Already in the first month of 2024 we’ve received contributions of \$165.00. Please consider contributing to help us reach our goal for the year of \$5,000 and to make up the small shortfall from 2023’s goal. Details of the various ways you can contribute are in each issue of the newsletter, including how to include the MOAA Scholarship in your annual charitable contribution planning.

Our chapter secretary, LtCol Matt Dumenigo, USMC (Ret.), has volunteered to serve as the chair of the Surviving Spouse and Personal Affairs Committee. We greatly appreciate him stepping up and offering his time to these important roles in support of the chapter. He could use some help with committee members – whatever time you can give will be much appreciated.

The chapter is still in need of help with additional positions on the board. We would be grateful for as much or as little assistance any chapter member can give as a committee member or chair for legislative and community affairs. We are also still in search of the right person to fulfill the critical duties of Treasurer.

We continue to encounter returned postal mail and email from chapter members who have moved or changed their addresses. You can very quickly and easily provide an update by visiting this link and filling in your name and email address: www.hrcmoaa.org/member. There are spaces for other information if you wish to provide it. The most important part is your name and email. As a reminder, we do not share our member email addresses with anyone.

Sincerely,
Loren Heckelman
Captain, USN (Ret.)
Never Stop Serving



1944 - 80 Years Ago this Year

When you mention WWII, most young people will probably have a hard time mentioning what happened. If they do remember anything, it is probably D-day and the invasion of Normandie. It's been 80 years since D-day, but D-day wasn't the only thing that happened that year. So, what did happen in 1944? By the beginning of the winds have decisively shifted to favor the Allies. Though there was still a lot of fighting left to do.

As the amateur historian that I am, I am starting a series in our newsletter that will focus on major events of 1944 this year. Next year, if our President hasn't fired me before 2025, I will wrap up WWII next year.

What happened in 1944? Outside of D-Day. For starters, on January 27, the city of Leningrad's, today's St. Petersburg, encirclement was finally broken after over 900 days of constant bombardment. An estimated 1 million people died from disease and starvation. In Italy, the Allied task force landed at Anzio on January 22 as they tried to outflank the German line, but the Allies were bottled up on the beach for months and the Anzio Annie made her deadly debut. Monte Casino was captured by Polish forces on May 18th and Rome was captured on 4 June. Of course, the victory quickly became relegated to the back pages of the Newspapers with the Allies landing in Normandy on June 6th.

In the East, after crushing the German army at Kursk in the summer of 1943 the Soviets advanced steadily towards the west. After six months, Soviet forces reached the borders of Romania and Hungary. Crimea was liberated and on May 9 the Germans surrendered Sevastopol. In the north, the Red Army reached the edge of the Baltic States and was poised for an assault on Poland.

On the other side of the world, the American forces continued its island hopping campaign. On June 15th, the Marines landed on Saipan which led to the largest aircraft carrier battle where a total of more than 1300 aircraft engaged in the Battle of Philippine Sea on June 19-20, which is also known as the Great Marianas Turkey Shot. When Saipan was subdued, American B-29 Superfortresses started bombing the Japanese homeland. In October 1944, the forces of General MacArthur invaded the Philippines and he could announce his return as promised. Back in Europe again, the German's launched their surprise attack in the Battle of the Bulge on December 16th.

These are of course the "highlights" of a conflict fought around the world 80 years ago this year. For my opening article on the War, see page 11 of the newsletter.



Our New Neighbors Quickly Became Friends

Although Sharon and Boyd Nix can easily rattle off a list of what they love about living at Patriots Colony, the friendships they have made has meant the most.

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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.



Join the HRCMOAA on LinkedIn at: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5047678/>



MOAA Career Networking <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/164686/>



Virginia Employment Commission at: <https://https://www.vex.virginia.gov/job-fairs>

Here is a list of local military career fairs and networking opportunities:

March 21st, 2024.

Corporate Gray | Corporate Gray Virtual Job Fair (11:00am to 2:00pm) <https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/489>

April 18th, 2024.

Corporate Gray | Corporate Gray Virtual Job Fair (11:00am to 2:00pm) <https://www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/488>

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UPCOMING Events

February 16th, 2024 - Atlantic Shores—Virginia Beach, VA. Social—1100 hours and Lunch—1200 hours. Speaker: HRBT Expansion Project Director Mr. Ryan Banas, PE, CCM, will provide an update on the I-64 HRBT expansion project. **RESERVATIONS / CANCELLATIONS:** Reservations required NLT 1200 hours **Tuesday, 13 Feb 2024**. Please RSVP to Barb Smith: 576-1114 (cell) or via e-mail at barb4mom@cox.net.



March 15th, 2024 - Atlantic Shores—Virginia Beach, VA. Social—1100 hours and Lunch—1200 hours. Speaker: Mr. Patrick Shuler, Administrator of the newly opened Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center in Virginia Beach will be speaking about the opening of the Center and the current status of occupancy. He will also talk about the services they offer, staff openings, and the criteria for admission to the Center. Reservations required by 1200 hours Tuesday January 16th, 2024. Call: CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (Ret) 757-560-3671 or e-mail bertortiz@cox.net.





Chapter Member Events

At the top are two pictures from our January 2024 Luncheon. To the right are the future US Army leaders and also graduates from Old Dominion University. On the bottom right are current and former board members enjoying breakfast at Village Inn.



A Day Spent on Omaha Beach, Normandie, France A Personal Journey

It was a beautiful day in Northern France. I was on a journey I've been wishing to make for well over 30 years. As I approached the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, I kept thinking of my father who at 17 years old was one of many involved on that faithful day June 6, 1943. 80 years ago. He was a Landing Craft, Infantry (LCI) operator transiting soldiers ashore. Afterwards he was part of a picket boat detail with a bow hook identifying those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. He was then ordered to the South Pacific assigned to a "four stacker" USS CINCINATTI (CL-6) serving as a gunners mate.



The bus trip to Omaha Beach was close to two hours which gave me plenty of time to ponder the chaos that must've been taking place here in that time of history. Upon arrival we mustered up with our tour guide and were led to a path leading to an observation point overlooking Omaha Beach. The landscape was immaculate, and the beach was pristine. The water and sky were bright blue. The sand white. It was so quiet that the only sound we heard was the surf washing up ashore. It was November so the temperature was cool and felt cooler with the slight breeze that was with us throughout the day.

We came to a point where all we could see were grave sights (Crosses/Stars of David) as far as we could see. 9,300 Americans were buried here representing 40 percent of the U.S. losses during the invasion. Those not buried here were either shipped home or still missing in action.

Our group continued walking towards the American Memorial where I was chosen to lay a wreath as part of a ceremony conducted whenever groups of American visitors come to pay their respects. What an honor! It was both emotional and inspirational. The National Anthem and Taps were played.

Afterwards, I was also on a personal mission for a very good friend of mine. His family lost four members on that fateful day. He provided me very detailed information on where their respective gravesites were located. I wanted to see what the realm of the possible would be locating these family members so I would be able to send pictures back home for his personal use and remembrance. I was very fortunate to meet "Sophia", an Omaha Beach staff member who listened to what I hoped to accomplish, and she was incredibly helpful. The gravesites are not in any order. Not in alphabetical order or by birth dates but randomly buried representing the way they came ashore, randomly. The mission proved to be successful, and I was glad

I was able to help a shipmate and friend of mine.

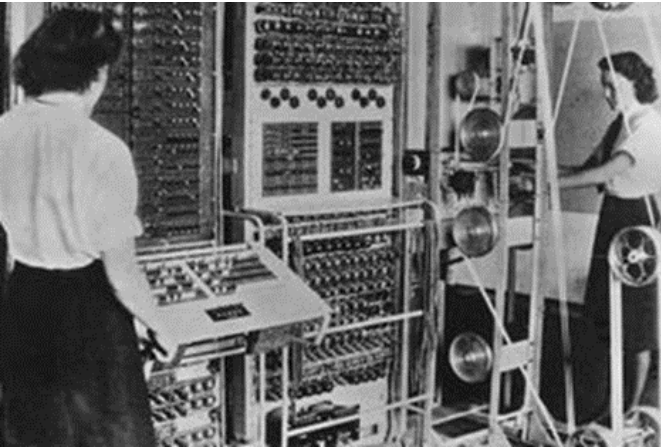
We were able to walk along the beach and from there we could see families with their children and dogs running along the shoreline. Laughter could be heard, and I couldn't help but feel an overwhelming sense of emotion. These families and children were free. Free from occupation and suppression. This is why our service members and allies fought so hard for. It was there right in front of me. A reminder. I just wish I was able to have my father join me to see and experience this. I wanted him to join me years ago, but he took ill and was unable to do so. Thank you, dad, and to all those who participated in the invasion of France that changed the course of history. We continue to honor, pray, and remember all of those who served and were lost during that campaign. Let us never forget what went on there.

Submitted respectfully,
Michael J. Barea, CAPT, USN (Ret)



Bletchley Park

As I am a retired US Navy Intelligence Officer, I will start my series on WWII and 1944 with Bletchley Park, or Station X as it was referred to as during the War. Why start there? Without Bletchley Park and the code breaking activities, the Allies probably would not have been in position to go ahead with the cross-channel invasion of France on June 6th 1944. Decrypts of the German Enigma machine and other cipher machines allowed the Allies to safely route convoys around U-boat Wolfpacks waiting for them in the Atlantic. Experts have estimated that the code breaking shortened the war by two years.



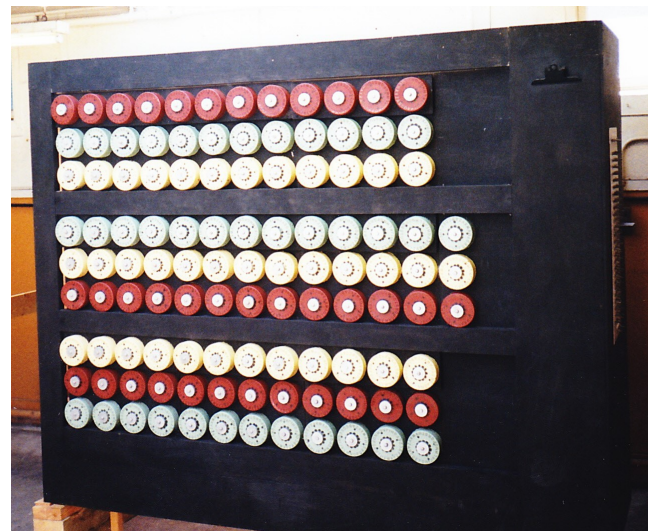
It has been a long time since I visited Bletchley park, it will be 25 years this fall, but I can still remember a lot the visit. During half of 1999, I was stationed at the JAC (Joint Analysis Center) at RAF Molesworth about 30 minutes from Cambridge engaged in supporting NATO's bombing campaign in Kosovo. RAF Molesworth was on of the many US Army Air Corps bases used to send B-17 Flying Fortresses on bombing missions to Germany with some of the hangars from then still standing.

Bletchley Park was hard to find. Back then there were few signs to the place, tours were few and far between and staffed primarily who had worked there during the war. Our tour guide was an elderly English

Gentleman, who had worked at Bletchley for the last year and half of the war. He was immensely proud of having worked at code breaking.

Today Bletchley park has been restored to its full glory. The huts have mock ups of the materiel used during the war. Also, the restoration of the Colossus "computer" had barely gotten started when I visited. Today it is fully restored with its over 1600 vacuum tubes.

Unfortunately, only two of my pictures from my trip there remain. The picture on the right is of the bombe machine, while the picture at the bottom of the page is of the tour group outside the manor home. The bombes were electro-mechanical devices used to break the codes. Using a crib, or initial setting, the device would use brute force to come up with a solution. It was either German or gibberish.



What I was not familiar with before my visit was the use of HF/DF led by Gordon Welchman to localize enemy units to which allies vectored in assets for the kill.

The work at Bletchley Park was, of course, done in complete secrecy. Not the end of WWII in 1945 allowed anyone involved in the project to talk. The "Ultra" Secret remained secret till 1974 when the book the "Ultra Secret" was published.

Bletchley Park was a major effort during WWII with more than 9,000, mostly women, engaged in painstaking work of tracking Nazi Germany's every move.

If find yourself in middle England, not far from Oxford, I believe that Bletchley Park is a well worth visit.



New Five-Year Scholarship Fund Campaign Begins for HRCMOAA

The MOAA Scholarship Fund Board gives preference in awarding scholarships and grants to children with HRCMOAA 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 the MOAA scholarships in the chapter's name will always be from the area represented by our Hampton Roads Chapter.

Below is the current status of our chapter scholarship fund campaign for 2023 and for the five-year campaign that will cover 2023 - 2027:

HRCMOAA Scholarship Drive Status as of Dec. 31, 2024	GOAL	Amount Contributed	% of Goal	Need by Date	\$ Still Needed
	Total 5-Year Goal: \$25,000	\$3,605.00	14.4	12/31/2027	\$21,395.00
	Annual Goal for 2023 (Year 1 of 5): \$5,000	\$3,605.00	72.1	12/31/2023	\$1,395.00

New Five-Year Campaign began January 1, 2023 and runs through December 31, 2027

How You Can Contribute to the Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Fund

The Hampton Roads Chapter has been very successful and fortunate in its previous two five-year scholarship fund campaigns thanks to the generosity of the chapter members and their commitment to helping young men and women attend college through scholarships and grants from MOAA. As a result of the success in the previous two campaigns, the board decided to commission another five-year scholarship fund campaign to run from 2023 through 2027 with an annual goal in each year of \$5,000.00 and an overall five-year goal of \$25,000.00.

There are several ways you can donate to the HRCMOAA scholarship fund. All donations are tax deductible as the MOAA Scholarship Fund is a qualified IRS 501(c)(3) entity.

The first way is for members to submit their donations online by using the following website URL:

<https://charities.moaa.org/>

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

MOAA Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 1824
Merrifield, VA 22116-9917

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

A third way is to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution. 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 recent changes in the tax laws, some of our members have found this method to be beneficial.

You can make qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) of varying amounts to more than one charitable organization each year. IRA owners age 70 ½ or older can give up to \$100,000 a year directly from their IRA to qualified charities. But you can split that amount among multiple charities. Say you want to give a total of \$50,000 through the QCD move. You could give five charities \$10,000 each, for instance, or two charities \$25,000 each. Just tell your custodian which charities you want to support and how much to transfer directly from your IRA.



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Not only will the charity benefit from the QCDs, but you will too. The QCD amount is excluded from your taxable income and can also count toward your annual required minimum distribution. It's a win-win-win. For additional details, it would be best to contact your IRA fund manager, personal financial planner or tax accountant for specifics.

You also may contribute directly from bequests, wills, or trusts. You can find suggested language here: <https://www.moaa.org/content/about-moaa/scholarship-fund/scholarship-fund-planned-giving/>
Finally, the chapter treasurer or president will accept cash contributions or checks at any of our chapter events.

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PLATINUM— \$500 and above

CAPT Roger Blood, USN (Ret.)

CDR Roberto Ortiz, USN (Ret.)

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COL Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret.)

LT & Mrs. Hans P. Juhl Hidle, USN (Ret.)

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Thank you to our new and renewing members in our Hampton Roads Chapter of MOAA

In order to ensure you know how much we appreciate our new members who have joined and our current members who have renewed their membership, we are starting a new practice of listing those members who have renewed since the last newsletter was published. Since this is our first time doing this, we've included new and renewing members going back several months. If we missed anyone, please let our newsletter editor, Hans Juhl Hidle know at (hansjuhlhidle@gmail.com) and we'll be sure to include you in our next "Thank you" list.

NEW MEMBERS

LT Jeremiah Burke, USCG (Ret.)
 Captain Michael McMillan, USN (Ret.)
 Major Joshua Wells, USMC (Ret.)
 LCDR Shawn Wilson, USN (Ret.)
 LCDR Brian Wood, USN (Ret.)

RENEWALS

Ms. Betty Black
 Ms. Catherine Colgan
 Ms. Marie Early
 Ms. Elaine Tzavaras
 CDR Timothy Adams, USN (Ret.)
 Captain Derek Anderson, USA (Ret.)
 Colonel Dennis Arinello, USMC (Ret.)
 Colonel Carl Bess, USAF (Ret.)
 Captain Robert Brotman, USPHS (Ret.)
 CWO4 Jerry Crick, USN (Ret.)
 Captain Ted Digges, USN (Ret.)
 CDR Daniel Edwards, USN (Ret.)
 CDR Gene Edwards, USN (Ret.)
 Captain Gary Evans, USN (Ret.)
 LCDR Richard Helm, USN (Ret.)
 LCDR Floyd Singer, USN (Ret.)
 Captain Chris Gabriel, USN
 CDR Robert Hollerbach, USN (Ret.)
 LtCol Leslie Jurewicz, USAF (Ret.)
 LCDR James Landis, USN (Ret.)
 Captain Karin Lundgren, USN (Ret.)
 LCDR Chris Mayfield, USN (Ret.)
 Captain William Miller, USN (Ret.)
 Captain Robert W. Moore, USN (Ret.)
 Colonel Melvin Sautter, USMC (Ret.)
 Colonel James Smith, USA (Ret.)
 CDR Chris Stolle, USN (Ret.)
 LtCol Clarence Urps, USMC (Ret.)

TAPS

We have learned of the passing of several current and former chapter members and spouses this past year. We extend our condolences to their families and friends. If we missed anyone, please let our newsletter editor, Hans Juhl Hidle know at (hansjuhlhidle@gmail.com) so we can include them in our next newsletter.

Ms. June Berglund
 Capt. Joan Kanter, USAF (Ret.)
 Captain Terry L. Tippin, USN (Ret.)





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Signature

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From the Editor



Hans Peter Juhl Hidle, LT USN (Ret.)

Hi and welcome to 2024. Wow, we are almost a quarter of century into this new millennium. As we look forward, we also need to look backwards to our past. This year, marks the 80th anniversary of momentous events in World War II and as the last members of the Greatest Generation passes away we lose a tremendous amount of information about them.

It is my intent to provide a general background on WWII and interest stories of members who visited interesting places with a connection to the conflict.

We start out with CDR "Breeze" USN (Ret.) with his article on visit to Omaha Beach. I am contributing an article on Bletchley Park, which was the home of Allied code breaking activities during the WWII.

I am challenging all members of HRCMOAA to step up plate and contribute an article and pictures (if you have any). I have the means available to convert your chicken scratch and images into binary ones and zeros. Prefer emails, but if you want to send it to me via snail mail, here is the address: Hans P. Juhl Hidle, 2084 Queens Point Drive, Suffolk VA 23434.

Sincerely, Hans



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