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NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Col Jim Pauls

Wow, as I gazed at the January newsletter to review what I wrote, I was somewhat stunned to note the coincidence that last month's Guest speaker spoke about a "train wreck" he experienced as a young man and the fact that it occurred not far from the recent one at East Palestine making "headlines" today!

Well, for the second month in a row, we had a splendid turn out for our February Luncheon, and I believe all were most pleased with our Guest Speaker, newly elected Newport News Mayor Phillip Jones! Even though you may not have attended the affair, I hope you read the background information about him included in the February newsletter. Other "intriguing" information he provided during his presentation included the fact both his Mom and Dad graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy. His Dad was a "Fighter Pilot" and his Mom a Navigator on KC-135s while on active duty, and both retired from the Air Force while stationed at Langley AFB! He also stated he was well aware of "MOAA" and the good work the organization does because both his parents are members, and he regularly reads copies of the MOAA magazine when he visits them! He graciously accepted our offer of a chapter membership, and we will get him a MOAA National one as well! One other comment he made I was especially impressed with was that he is still active in the Marine Corps Reserve!

As also discussed in last month's newsletter, our Chapter activities are going to be somewhat different in March! I certainly encourage as many of you as possible take advantage of what we are trying to do to help ensure we sustain active chapter participation by organizing a **"Board Recruiting Event"** on Saturday, March 4th and the **"Town Hall"** event on March 25th! These two events are very important to those of us serving on the Board now and we hope you will support these efforts!

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Jim



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Col Thomas Shubert

TAKE ACTION

The Virginia General Assembly finished its 2023 session (Wednesday, January 11 to Saturday, February 25). The Assembly is now in “sine die” status, awaiting the date to reconvene after the Governor’s action on legislation (Governor has until Monday, 27 March to act). A reconvened session of the Assembly will be held on the sixth Wednesday (12 April 2023) after adjournment of each regular or special session for the purpose of considering the Governor's actions and

recommendations.

The Chapter engaged on the following legislative initiatives in the Virginia Assembly during its 2023 session and their status is below (An * means it was passed by the Assembly and awaiting action by the Governor).

While there were three initiatives that were passed by the Assembly, unfortunately, the one most sought after (removing the age 55 restriction on military retirement pay), was left to “die on the shelf” by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations.

1. Remove the “voluntary” status and create a constitutional amendment for surviving spouse property tax relief.

- The process for passing a constitutional amendment to the Virginia Constitution continued to move forward.

2. Clarify the exemption start date for 100% VA disabled veterans for the exemption of property taxes. (Currently there are three separate and conflicting sets of guidance).

- This issue is to be resolved via internal government discussions versus legislation.

3. Remove the age 55 start date for the military retiree income tax deduction.

- HB 1436 Income tax, state; military benefits subtraction, age restriction.
 - House floor vote: 01/31/23 House: VOTE: Passage (98-Y 0-N 1-A)
- SB 1462 Removes the age 55 or older restriction on military retirement benefits
 - 02/01/23 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations
 - 02/08/23 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Finance and Appropriations (11-Y 5-N); “Passed by indefinitely” means: Action to allow a committee to reconsider legislation at a later date. If the committee takes no further action, the bill is dead.
- The Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee never took further action on this bill, so it died and, therefore, never made it to the Senate floor to be considered and voted on. This piece of legislation will have to wait until the 2024 session to be considered again.

***4. Remove the \$400 burial fee for spouses of veterans in the three state cemeteries.**

HB 2362 Military spouses; burial fees.

- Burial fees for military spouses - provides that, from such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for such purpose, the Commonwealth shall pay any burial fee for (i) a member of the National Guard and Reserve or (ii) a deceased spouse of a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or of the National Guard and Reserve, regardless of whether such spouse's death precedes or succeeds the death of the member or veteran, at a state-operated veterans cemetery.

***5. Double Virginia National Guard income tax relief (from \$3,000 to \$6,000) and raise the eligibility grade for officers from O-3 to O-5 (All enlisted ranks already eligible for the relief).**

- Income tax subtraction; National Guard. Increases from \$3,000 to \$5,000 the income tax subtraction for wages or salaries of a member of the National Guard of the Commonwealth for taxable years beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The bill also expands the military ranks that qualify for the subtraction from O3 and below to O6 and below.

Continued...

- *6. Fee for Virginia National Guard members for entry into state parks either cut in half or eliminated completely.**
- State parks: Virginia National Guard Passport established; free entry and parking. Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a Virginia National Guard Passport that authorizes a member of the Virginia National Guard to enter state parks without paying a parking or admission fee.

NOTE: The effective date of any enacted legislation will be Saturday, July 1, 2023.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – CAPT GARY WEEDEN

AN INVITATION TO REST

An Army Chaplain once posted a sign on his door that read:

***“If you have trouble, come and tell us about them.
If not, come in and tell us how you do it.”***

I too would like to sit and hear from those who live in a world of sunshine, lollipops and rainbows. In my 42 years of ministry, I can't recall anyone who walked through my door to sit down and tell that all their days are stress and trouble-free. What has been my privilege is to journey with those in pain or difficult days and hear how through faith in the Lord, they know that they have hope because they are not alone in the valley, as well as knowing that there is purpose in every difficult step. Scripture is wonderfully honest about the reality of life, especially those times when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. What Scripture does offer us is an invitation to enter into a relationship with the Lord. Psalm 23 tells us *He makes us lie down in green pastures, leads us beside quiet waters and refreshes our soul.*

Jesus' invitation is clear: *Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*
(Matthew 11:28)

BETTER COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR MEMBERS – PAUL MIYAMASU

The majority of our members have registered their email address with the Chapter. We would like to encourage the remaining members to do likewise. This will NOT affect the delivery of your newsletter unless you wish to switch to email delivery. The Chapter sends out many email alerts during the month concerning legislative issues, special announcements, death notices, updates on Veteran issues, reminders about luncheon reservations, and other timely information. When possible, the important email issues are included in the next Newsletter, but, of course delivery of the Newsletter by the USPS eliminates the timeliness of our email alerts.

If you use email to communicate with your grandchildren and family, we would greatly appreciate it if you would please share it with us. The easiest method is to send an email to paul.miyamasu@gmail.com or call 757-253-2495.

PERKS FOR VETERANS

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New Member Bios

Karen L. Coccio, COL, USA (Ret)

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Colonel Coccio graduated from St. Leo College with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Acquisition and Contract Manager from Florida Institute of Technology, Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College, Doctorate of Business Administration from Corllins University and is a Certified Professional Contract Manager (CPCM).

PFC Karen Coccio enlisted in Sep 1978 and graduated from OCS in 1985. Early in her career, Colonel Coccio was a Supply Platoon Leader with the Maintenance Company in Richmond, Virginia. She served 5 ½ years in Michigan in Adjutant General and Quartermaster Positions ending that tour of duty as the S-3 Operations Officer. She then served in Fort Eustis as the S-4 Supply Officer of 1st Battalion, 8830 USA One Station Unit Training (OSUT) then the Commander of C Company as a Military Police Officer. The next year and a half were spent as the Battalion S-1 with the 359th Transportation Battalion, 310th Theater Support Command. In September 1999 she returned to Richmond, Virginia, to serve as the Brigade Adjutant with 8th Brigade, Senior ROTC, 80th Division. After serving as a Contracting Management Officer with the 9th Sustainment Command at Fort Belvoir she served as Joint Logistics Observer/Trainer for Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA. In December of 2006 she was transferred to the 1st Sustainment Command Theater, Fort Bragg, NC and deployed to Kuwait with them as a Logistics Officer, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Colonel Coccio was the 1st commander of the 915th Support Battalion Contingency Contracting. She retired after serving as the Brigade commander of the 2nd BGE (TL), 94th Div (FS) in 2016 in Harrisburg, PA.

Colonel Coccio's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medals, Army Commendation Medals and Army Achievement Medals.

Karen followed her active-duty husband LTC Robert Stump (deceased) in his career working for the Federal Government in Contracting. She retired as a civil servant after 38 years in contracting, her last assignment was with Veteran Administration in Hampton. Colonel Coccio has 3 married daughters Jennifer (California), Jessie (Iowa), Jasmine (Virginia) and 5 grandchildren.

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I enjoyed two long and successful careers serving the Department of Defense (DoD) in progressively challenging financial management positions. My career began in August 1968 with commissioning in the US Army Finance Corps following designation as a Distinguished Military Graduate by the Army ROTC Program at the University of Washington in Seattle, where I received a BA in Finance.

Following entry on Active Duty in February 1969 and completion of the Finance Officer Basic and Military Accounting Courses at Fort Benjamin Harrison Indianapolis, Indiana, I served as Chief of Military Pay and then Chief of Disbursing with the 78th Finance Section in Boeblingen, Germany. During this 20-month stint there, I was promoted to First Lieutenant. I then was reassigned to the 15th Admin Company, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in Bien Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, with promotion to Captain shortly after arrival in-country. During a year-long tour in Vietnam, I served as Chief of Disbursing and then as Deputy Finance Office of the remaining 3d Brigade (Separate) of the 1st Cav. I regularly traveled by helicopter to pay forward-deployed troops using Military Payment

Certificates and was recognized for improving physical security for the several million dollars stored at my location. Upon return to the States, I served as Chief of Military Pay at the US Army Finance School at Ft. Harrison, where I led a cadre of senior enlisted personnel teaching the Pay/Disbursing Specialist Course to newly accessed enlisted personnel. During this time, I completed a Master of Science in Educational Administration degree at Butler University, and also received commendation from the Army for implementing innovative content into the Program of Instruction. I met my future wife, Cecie, on a blind date!

Leaving Active Duty, I was selected for a mid-career (GS-12) position as a Staff Finance Officer for the Comptroller's Office in Headquarters, US Army Pacific at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii. During this time on the military side, I was appointed as Deputy Finance Officer for the Hawaii Army National Guard. My civilian duties took me on staff assistance visits to Army activities in several Pacific Rim countries. Given a downsizing of US Army Pacific following the Vietnam Conflict, I accepted a later assignment as a Staff Finance Officer in the Office of the Comptroller of the Army at the Pentagon. Then, shortly after Cecie and I were married in May 1975, the Army selected me for a fellowship to attend the 14-month Army Comptroller-ship Program at Syracuse University, where I received an MBA and Cecie completed her MS degree.

While at Syracuse, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)) competitively selected me for a GS 13-15 ladder promotion and, following graduation in August 1976, I joined the then Directorate for Banking, International Finance and Professional Development. While in the OUSD(C), I was given excellent opportunities to serve in various positions, including Program Manager for the Overseas Military Banking Program, and was developed professionally through full-time attendance at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Following this, I earned a Ph.D. in Management and later was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES) by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. As a member of the SES, I served in positions including Deputy Director for Accounting Policy and Director of Finance Policy before retiring in 2002. During my time in OUSD(C) I was recognized for day-to-day support of the Under Secretary, and for chairing study groups to improve the Overseas Military Banking Program, and to improve the use of and controls over credit cards within the Department. I also led the effort to consolidate and streamline Military Department and Defense Agency financial management regulations into the 15-volume "DoD Financial Management Regulation." Upon retirement, I was honored to receive the DoD Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service awarded by Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld.

On the Army Reserve side, I returned from Syracuse to serve at Fort Belvoir in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), Comptroller in the 310th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM), where I received unit vacancy promotions to Major and Lieutenant Colonel (Chief of Internal Review) and ultimately was promoted to Colonel. Highlights included major field training exercises at Ft. A. P. Hill and in Puerto Rico, and several war planning tours at US Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg and elsewhere in Germany. With promotion to O-6, I assumed the position of DCS, Comptroller, following which I was board-selected to stand-up and command the 398th Finance Group under the 310th TAACOM. My final USAR assignment before retirement in 1998 was as the Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Office of the DoD Inspector General, where I provided an Army perspective to that civilian organization and led special contract audit teams to locations including Hawaii.

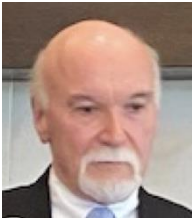
Following both retirements, I served for 5 years as a Director in PricewaterhouseCoopers' LLP Washington Federal Practice primarily supporting DoD audit readiness efforts. I then served another 5 years as Technical Director-Financial Management at CALIBRE Systems in Alexandria, VA. Major efforts while there included recruiting for and managing staffing in support of financial management operations for the US Army Central Command in Kuwait and, subsequently, as Program Manager for a multiyear engagement at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization in Arlington, VA. After relocating to Williamsburg, I served from 2015 to mid-2019 as the local Financial Representative for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a Fortune 500 not-for-profit life and health insurance, annuity and mutual fund organization headquartered in Minneapolis, MN.

These days, I'm involved in volunteer activities as a Lay Deacon at King of Glory Lutheran Church and, as well, serve on the boards of the Colonial Virginia Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg Foundation, and the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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A native of upstate New York (Ilion), Tom was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force upon graduation from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts in May 1968. Educationally deferred, he attended the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in May 1971. Following passage of the Virginia Bar, he transferred to the US Army and entered active duty at Fort Lee in October 1971 as a Captain. Selected for intensive training in government contracts, Tom was assigned to the Procurement Law Division, US Army Tank-Automotive Command, Warren, Michigan. After two years, he was assigned as a Trial Attorney at the Contract Appeals Division, US Army Legal Services Agency, Falls Church, VA. Tom tried contract appeal cases before the ASBCA on behalf of procuring activities in various locations across the United States and Asia. He completed his active-duty tour in March 1977.

From 1978 through September 1996, Tom served in the Army Reserves in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility with the 7th Military Law Center in Milwaukee, WI and Fort Sheridan, IL. As a Colonel, he was the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) for the 416th ENCOM FETDA (1989-1991) in Chicago, IL and later the SJA for the 86th USARCOM in Forest Park, Illinois (March 1992-September 1996). Awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/ OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/3OLC, Army Achievement medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (ARCAM), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) w/service star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) and Army Service Ribbon (ASR).

Evelyn and Tom met in Northern Virginia in 1975, and we were married at Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria, Virginia in October 1977. They celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary in Williamsburg, following their move in September from Grayslake, Illinois, where they had lived for 42 years. They have two offspring. Their daughter, Kristin, is a Marketing Director for DePaul University Theater School in Chicago, and our son, Sean, works for CDW in Seattle, WA. Sean is married. He and his wife, Kat, have a son (3) and a daughter (7 months).

Tom practiced law in Illinois following active duty chiefly in Waukegan and Chicago in a couple of different law firms. In 2010, he decided to become the General Counsel of Waukegan Public Schools, a position from which he retired in June 2021. Much of his legal work was in construction law and later in school law, representing boards of education. Evelyn is an Interior Designer. In Grayslake, he served as a member of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, and later as a member of the Grayslake Police Pension Board. Evelyn and Tom are active in their parish in a variety of organizations and ministries.

HONOR FLIGHT 22 APRIL 2023 – JACK GREENHALGH

The Old Dominion Honor Flight Chapter's fourth mission will be 22 April 2023, and all Vietnam, Korean, and World War II veterans are invited to join their free mission trip to Washington to see the national monuments and to experience the honor so richly deserved but so rarely shown. A veteran is anyone who served in the military regardless of where they were or what they were doing.

The purpose of Honor Flight missions is to give tribute to the veterans. Sons, daughters, and grandchildren may proudly serve as guardians but, in most cases, it is a trained volunteer. National policy does not allow spouses to serve as guardians. Over two dozen extra wheelchairs are loaded on the buses so that any veteran that finds the day tiring can simply allow their guardian to escort them in one of these chairs. For those veterans that cannot get on the bus on their own, the bus has a wheelchair lift. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided during the day at no cost to the veteran.

Veterans and guardians must submit an [application](#) or call toll-free to 1-877-261-3430 or 757-655-4342.

Veterans will gather at the Mariner's Museum for the trip to Washington D.C. The schedule of events for the day will be determined as final agenda planning proceeds. For all questions, contact Jack Greenhalgh at 757-478- 8172 or jack.greenhalgh@cox.net.

WHY DO WE VOLUNTEER?

What is a volunteer? A volunteer is someone who freely gives their time, skills and experience to an organization or group. What does a volunteer get in return? They acquire new skills, develop new interests, and become more involved with the community. Volunteering can provide a health boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for the community giving you accomplishment and pride.

Our Board of Directors is working to bring us together and encourages more members to volunteer their time. More dedicated volunteers help to spread the workload.

VIPMOAA runs on volunteers. Without them we don't exist! Our luncheons, programs, legislative activities, membership, financial database, mentoring ROTC/JROTC cadets, aiding surviving spouses, publishing the newsletter, maintaining the website, and much more are managed by members who are actively involved in the Chapter. All our officers are volunteers who dedicate themselves to completing their task for the benefit of our members.

What does membership in VIPMOAA mean to you? How does it enrich your life? We have a vibrant group of leaders who dedicate their time to ensure enjoyable programs, interacting with our Representatives in Washington D.C. and in Richmond to ensure that we lobby for the rights and privileges our military veterans, and their spouses deserve. We ask that you give some time and join us in our quest to enrich our Chapter accomplishments.

Why answer the call to volunteer?

- As retired Military Officers, **and we are appealing to the spouses too**, your leadership and work ethic is above reproach. You didn't retire to be a couch potato but to be involved and give back to your military colleagues.
- Volunteering brings a structure to the day, offers social contact with people outside of family and gives meaningful contribution to community and in our case the Chapter.
- A volunteer job doesn't mean 24/7 work, but several hours of work per week.

Look at the listing of the Board Members on page 9. Notice there are a couple of vacancies that need to be filled. WILL YOU HELP? Most important, the 23 March luncheon is a Town Hall Meeting giving members the opportunity to be proactive in addressing the direction that they would like to see our Chapter move toward in 2023 and beyond. Come to the meeting with suggestions, ideas, and proposals that the Board should consider in planning our events and Chapter activities.

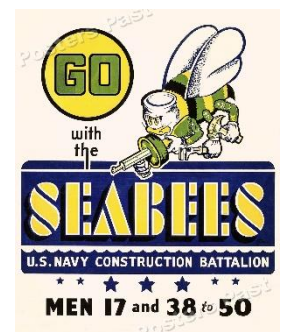
Make your reservation for the 23 March Town Hall meeting TODAY!

Now is the time to step forward and say, YES, COUNT ON ME TO HELP!!

SEABEES BIRTHDAY – MARCH 5th

Seabees in Vietnam By Commander W.D. Middleton, C.E.C., U.S. Navy; August 1967, Proceedings, Vol. 93/8/774

The Expeditionary Airfield at Chu Lai was built in 56 days in the summer of 1965 by these and other members of the new generation of Seabees, who reunited with the Navy-Marine Corps team in an environment reminiscent of the days of the Pacific War—blistering temperatures, shifting sands, and a hidden, resolute enemy.



FEBRUARY LUNCHEON – PAUL MIYAMASU

VIPMOAA was pleased to have Phillip Jones, the newly elected Mayor of Newport News, speak to our Chapter.



MAYOR JONES GREETING MEMBERS



**PHILLIP JONES RECEIVES
"THE KING MEMORIAL" BOOK
FROM JIM PAULS**



**JOHN KOHOUT, KEN KRANTZ, TOM MORRIS
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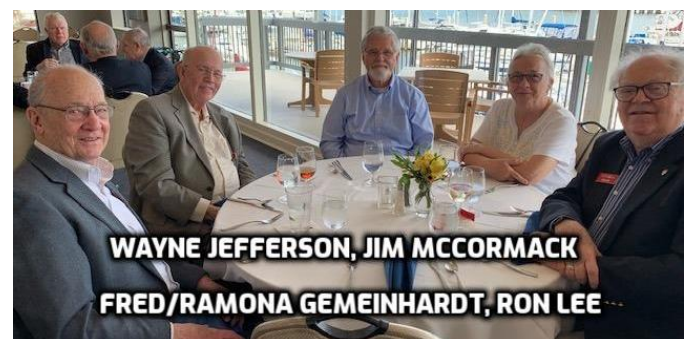
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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL MEMBERS: 239 REGULAR: 184 SURVIVING SPOUSES: 55 85+: 83

For all members and prospective new members: contact paul.miyamasu@gmail.com or 757-253-2495 if you have a change in address, rank, marital status, phone number, or email, as well as death of member or spouse to. **MUST be a member for 5 years to qualify for a FREE membership at 85 years. Talk to Paul.**

Our Chapter is always in recruiting mode and we look to each member to be an active recruiter, preferable to an officer **YOUNGER** than you! We urge you to recruit **ONE NEW MEMBER**.



NEW MEMBERS

Capt Phil Granger, USAF, 12 Jan 2023
COL Greg Edison, USA (Ret), 15 Feb 2023

TAPS

Mrs. Joanne Miley, Surviving Spouse, Patriots Colony, VA, 18 Jan 2023
Mrs. Muriel Greenhalgh, Spouse of CDR Jack Greenhalgh, 24 Feb 2023



"Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."-- Abraham Lincoln



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2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

CHAIRMAN: Vacant

VIPMOAA BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Thursday @ 10:00 A.M.

9 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May

Rocco's Smokehouse Grill

207 Bypass Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185-2920 (757) 253-8550

Members are welcome to attend & may submit
proposed agenda items in advance to the
President.

Our Mission Statement:

To be a champion of local and national legislation that benefits our military community. To perpetuate the traditions of the American Military by providing camaraderie among our members, providing support for veterans, and by mentoring young men and women in the community to become America's future military leaders. To be a trusted counselor for our surviving spouses.

VIPMOAA LUNCHEON MEETING INFORMATION – 27 APR 2023

RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS: Mail your “Reservation Form” and check to arrive by RSVP date. Contact the POC for additions or cancellations after that date. **Chapter pays for no-shows and late cancellations.**

Anna’s Brick Oven Pizza-Pasta

2021-D Richmond Rd, Williamsburg VA 23185 Phone 757-229-5252

RSVP - by 6 pm Friday, Apr 21st COST: \$21/person

POC: Col Jim Pauls keydetman@aol.com 757-851-1141

DATE: 27 APR 2023

TIME: 1130 Sign-in / Social (Cash Bar)

1300 Announcements / Program

1200 Lunch

1400 Fifty-fifty Drawing / Adjourn

MENU: Pizza, Pasta, Salad Buffet with Cannolis for Dessert

May [register online](#) AND mail your check to VIPMOAA

RSVPS WITH PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY RSVP DATE. REGISTRATION MAY BE MADE ONLINE AND PAYMENT MAILED TO VIPMOAA. PAYMENTS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER THE RSVP DATE WILL NOT, NORMALLY, BE RETURNED. MEMBERS WHO MAKE A RESERVATION WITH A PROMISE TO “PAY AT THE DOOR” AND ARE A “NO SHOW” WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY.

ROTC

**Program Managers
will provide an
overview of the
ROTC programs at
CNU, W&M, and
Hampton U**

CLIP & MAIL RESERVATION FORM FOR LUNCH ON THURSDAY 27 APR 2023

Please write name and rank/title for each person who will attend:

MEMBER _____

SPOUSE _____

GUEST (1) _____

GUEST (2) _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____ @ \$ 21.00 PER PERSON \$ _____

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Meeting Schedule – Luncheon/Dinner on the 4th Thursday of the month except for Nov/Dec

Date	Location	L/D	Speaker
23 Feb 2023	Hampton Yacht Club	Lunch	Newport News Mayor Phillip Jones
23 Mar 2023	Colonial Heritage	Lunch	Town Hall
22 April 2023	Honor Flight	Forms	Mariner's Museum Newport News
27 Apr 2023	Anna's Brick Oven Pizza	Lunch	PMS ROTC/JROTC
25 May 2023	Picnic at Newport News Park	Lunch	Catered by Rocco's
22 June 2023	Puller Clinic, W&M	Lunch	
23 Aug 2023	Patriots Colony	Lunch	Surviving Spouses – Eda Mae Hatch
21 Sept 2023	Colonial Heritage	Lunch	

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