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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – COL RON CORSON

On the 17th of April, I participated in the ROTC Awards Ceremony at Sadler Center on the campus of William & Mary. I presented the W&M ROTC Battalion's outstanding junior year cadet from the battalion with the MOAA Leadership Award which included a certificate, a MOAA Leadership Medal and Ribbon, and a check from VIPMOAA. On the 15th of April, Tom Swanson participated in the ROTC Awards Ceremony at Christopher Newport University and presented the same MOAA Leadership Award to that battalion's outstanding junior year ROTC cadet and on the 16th of April Jim Pauls presented the same award to an outstanding ROTC cadet at Hampton University. I focused this month's message with that report because I wanted to share with all of our members how proud and impressed all three of us were to observe and interact with the cadets in these three battalions. As old Soldiers and Airman all three of us had the same experience. We saw that America, at least at these three institutions, is still producing young, energetic, and committed future leaders of our military.

In recent years, at times, the fabric of America seems to have been a little frayed. I and others have had questions about the direction of our country and about the youth of our country. Seeing the cadets, talking with the cadre of the battalion, and hearing the achievements of the cadets in the W&M battalion was uplifting and renewed my pride in America. In all three of the ceremonies, beside VIPMOAA's Leadership Awards, awards were given by other organizations. Organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the US Army Special Forces Association, and others. But most of the awards given in the ceremonies were made from within the ROTC units. Awards to cadets in different year groups for outstanding academic achievement, outstanding performance in physical training tests, demonstrated leadership, and outstanding performance in field training exercises. And I know from discussions with Tom and Jim, that they felt the same uplifting feeling of pride.

Being able to observe the development of these young cadets renewed my spirit and provided a level of confidence that America's military is on track and our country still has a strong supply of leaders being produced for the future. The other good news was the reports from the Professors of Military Science (PMS) that at each school their respective battalions are growing and in the coming years number of cadets that will be commissioned will be significantly increased. We all know that COVID damaged America in many ways and it damaged the growth and participation in the ROTC units at all three schools. I am now pleased to see that much of that bad experience appears to be behind us. What I want our members to know is that through their contributions to VIPMOAA's Scholarship and Community Support Program you too are part of all of this. I believe there is no better cause than to help keep America's future bright and to be part of contributing to the development of America's future military leaders - "Never Stopped Serving."

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HOOAH! Ron



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS/MOAA TAKES ACTION – CLETA PUCKETT

TAKE ACTION

The State Legislative Exchange met on April 15, 2025 to discuss the Advocacy in Action Program where 150 volunteers visited 330 congressional offices to deliver a unified MOAA message: Congress must do all that it can to protect earned pay and benefits. Five issues were highlighted in these visits.

1. Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring; H.R. 2033; S. 1027
2. Unaccompanied Housing Improvements, addressing a \$137 billion maintenance backlog, asking Congress to mandate DOD to publicly report the conditions of unaccompanied housing and assure funding is used for necessary repairs.
3. Improve Access to Military Health Care; H.R. 740; S275.
4. End the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans: Recommend that Congress enact legislation setting up a framework for Presumptive eligibility where veteran's location of service was known to have been exposed to toxic substances and scientific research has shown a connection between the toxic exposure and related illnesses.
5. Veteran Caregiver Support Act to Assist Caregiver with Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement; H.R. 2148; S879.

The Big Takeaway from this discussion was: EVERY MOAA chapter should encourage EVERY MEMBER to register in the Legislative Action Center and TAKE ACTION.

When you register you will find that you may click a button and contact your two Senators and the Congressman from your district. A sample letter will be provided, discussing the issue and requesting support. It's a very easy way to support MOAA's legislative agenda.

Additionally, you will find what legislation has been proposed in the House and the Senate. You can read a short version of the Bill and register your support. The following bills have been introduced: H.R. 680 A bill to give a surviving spouse parity with compensation payments received by survivors of other federal benefits. H.R. 1004 An act to protect a surviving spouse's right to remarry at any age and keep their benefits. H.R. 1956 Restore to 100 % Basic Allowance for Housing to service members who live off base. H.R. 965 Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act to forbid consideration of veteran's Disability benefits when determining veteran's eligibility for Section 8 Housing. H.R. 303 which provides for concurrent retirement benefits and disability benefits to veterans with less than a 50% Service -Connected Disability Rating. Individuals who were retired or separated after 20 years of military service due to a Service- Connected Disability shall be eligible for the full concurrent receipt of both veterans' disability compensation and other military pay or combat-related special pay. H.R. 333 Authorizes veterans with a Service-Connected disability less than 50% to concurrently receive both retired pay and disability pay. This will also make a qualified disability retiree with less than 20 years of retirement credible service eligible for concurrent receipt subject to specified reductions in retired pay. H.R. 2576 Service members and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act provides support to persons who experienced military sexual trauma. H.R. 308 Act to provide Low Income Housing for Defense Communities. H.R. 219 Act to improve Menopause Care for Veterans. H.R. 234 HOV Lanes for Heroes Act.

Registering with the Legislative Action Center allows you to keep up with the progress of these bills as they make their way through the legislative process and to see when new bills have been introduced.

MOAA members met with the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Family Policy, who provided them with the format to be used when submitting a request to the Department of Defense.

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AT THE STATE LEVEL: In July before the State Legislature meets, MOAA should focus on receiving ideas and decide on a bucket list of problems to be submitted for consideration by Legislature. Current issues are: 1. Support for military children; 2. Family economic stability; and Ensuring safety of the military family against domestic violence.

Any bills that are introduced should be sent to all MOAA members by sending to the email address: virtualcouncil2022@gmail.com

ADDENDUM TO STATE LEGISLATION – VMSDEP

According to the Daily Press Editorial, dated April 21, 2025, the lawmakers and Gov Glenn Youngkin failed once more to reach a consensus on a sustainable funding source for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP). The program dates back to the Great Depression when Virginia decided to provide a free college tuition education to the children of Virginians killed or critically injured in WWI. Over the years the program expanded until today there are over 8,000 students enrolled in the program for 2023-24 and cost \$65 million.

Last year, you recall that the program was eliminated but a special session created a short-term fix and a pledge to find a permanent solution in this year's session. Well, this year the budget was passed and the VMSDEP is on the cutting room floor. Supposedly, the ball is in the Governor's court to address the program.

The Legislative Affairs column of the July/August edition of the VIPMOAA Newsletter addresses the VMSDEP Program. As stated in that article *"On July 18, 2024, the Virginia General Assembly agreed to repeal recent changes to the VMDSEP program. Both the House of Delegates and Senate repealed the changes and allocated an additional \$45 million a year to help colleges defray the costs. The bill was signed by Gov. Youngkin on July 18th. Because the cost of the program has grown over the years, the lawmakers need to work with the stakeholders to address the long-term financial viability of the program. Lawmakers could return next year and decide once again to make changes to the program."*

A letter to the Editor from Craig C. Crenshaw, USMC, ret., Virginia Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs, Richmond says the following: *The Tuesday editorial may leave many with the incorrect impression that the waiver will go away if funding "runs out." **This is not true, but sustainable funding should be pursued to protect the benefit in the future.** The governor is disappointed that House and Senate Democrats rejected his common sense solution to provide an ongoing funding source for the program using non-general fund dollars, but his entire administration will continue to fight alongside our military heroes and their families for this program.*

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HAPPY 55th ANNIVERSARY to VIPMOAA & CHAPTER HISTORY

The chapter traces its origins back 55 years to 1967 when Col. Phillip E. Pons, USA (Ret), suggested to several other retired military officers at a party that they should organize a retired officers club. The idea was popular and in January 1968, they met at the Ft. Eustis Officers Club to formulate plans. They decided to initially organize a socially oriented group to encourage camaraderie among retired officers of similar backgrounds and interests. Later that year, the group selected Col. Frederick A. Sturm, USA (Ret) as the Chairman of the group and they continued to have organizational meetings. They successfully recruited more individuals who were interested in participating and eventually prepared a Constitution and By Laws and elected a president of the group which had, by this time, 50 members.

During the remainder of 1968 and 1969, the organization held regular meetings at Ft. Eustis. In 1970, they decided to rotate meetings among Ft. Eustis, Ft. Monroe, Langley Air Force Base, and the Naval Weapons Station at Yorktown. Organizational membership grew to almost 200 members during this time and they decided to officially request membership in the national organization located in Alexandria, VA, The Retired Officers Association (TROA). The request was approved, and the group was officially chartered as a TROA chapter on May 27th, 1970 as the VIPROA Chapter (Note: no T included).

Founding Members of the Chapter

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The (new) chapter continued to grow during the 1970's. Membership dues during this period were only \$5 per year! The annual picnic cost was \$2.50 per person! During this time, Col. Joseph Ambrose, USAF (Ret), the only Air Force member of the chapter at the time, arranged all aspects of the monthly meetings. He initially recommended that ladies be invited to attend meetings, but his suggestion fell on deaf ears. The idea of including ladies in the chapter's activities continued to simmer for several years and, finally, in 1977, a formal change to the chapter's rules was approved to permit spouses and friends at chapter meetings. The chapter also approved the appointment of Assistants to the President who were representatives of each of the Services to help stimulate increased interest and participation in chapter activities. This action helped spur significant membership growth.

VIPMOAA – WHO ARE WE? – COL RON CORSON

The Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (VIPMOAA) is a State Legislative Affairs Lobby Organization and works with the 13 other Virginia MOAA Chapters and participates with MOAA at the Federal level. We are a local Community Support Organization supporting organizations who provide nonprofit services to active duty and military veterans in the peninsula area.

We are a supporter of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Programs at William & Mary College (W&M), Christopher Newport University (CNU), and Hampton University (HU). We actively support Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Programs at 11 at local high schools in the peninsula area (Tabb, Menchville, Heritage, Denbigh, Gloucester, Kecoughtan, Warwick, York, Phoebus, Bethel, and Hampton). Our contributions for the last 10 years to these programs have been \$59,000 for the JROTC scholarship program and \$4,000 for the JROTC Leadership Awards.

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Every year VIPMOAA members attend and support ROTC Programs including commissioning events and presenting new LTs with 2nd Lt Bars at W&M, CNU & Hampton U. We present Leadership Awards to the Outstanding Jr Year Cadet at each college totaling over \$6,000 in the past 10 Years.

We are a Social Organization for our members. The Chapter holds monthly meetings typically with guest speakers covering topics of interest and military affairs at a variety of locations such as Patriot's Colony, Colonial Heritage, Fords Colony, Hampton Yacht Club, Williamsburg Landing, and local restaurants.

In concert with Virginia Council of Chapters (VCO) our chapter has actively lobbied our legislatures regarding Military and Veteran issues; legislation to eliminate VA Income Tax of Veteran Retirement pay – 20% in 2022 and 20% in 2023; and hopefully more to come.

VIPMOAA has given annual donations to the following organizations: Norfolk USO, Williamsburg House of Mercy, Fisher House Portsmouth, Liberty Lounge of Colonial Williamsburg, VA Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Transportation Museum Ft. Eustis, & Honor Flight. Over the past 10 years we have given a total of \$21,000.

MEMORIAL DAY

After the American Civil War, a battered United States was faced with the task of burying and honoring the 600,000 to 800,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who had died in the single bloodiest military conflict in American history. Small towns claimed to have observed a "Memorial Day" or a "Decoration Day." The name Decoration Day is derived from decorating the graves as a central activity of the Day. Memorial Day originally honored those killed in the Civil War. As the US became involved in other wars, Memorial Day took on a greater meaning.

Research discovered the first commemoration was held by a group of freed Blacks less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. 1996, David Blight, a professor of American History at Yale University, was researching a book on the Civil War when he discovered the material labeled "First Decoration Day." There was a handwritten narrative by a veteran, plus a date referencing an article in The New York Tribune. The narrative told about the Washington Race Course & Jockey Club in Charleston, SC, where the Confederate army transformed the country club into a makeshift prison for Union captives. More than 260 Union soldiers died from disease and exposure while being held in the race track's open-air infield. Their bodies were hastily buried in a mass grave behind the grandstands.

Charleston fell and Confederate troops evacuated the city, but those freed slaves remained. One of the first things they did was to give the fallen Union prisoners a proper burial in a new cemetery with a tall whitewashed fence inscribed with the words: "Martyrs of the Race Course."

And then on May 1, 1865, a crowd of 10,000 people, mostly freed slaves with some white missionaries, staged a parade around the race track. Black ministers recited verses from the Bible. This could be the earliest Memorial Day commemoration on record.

Modern history tells us that Memorial Day was formally designated in an order issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-chief, (GAR) John A. Logan in 1868. In the Civil War years of 1861-65, communities in both the North and South, Black and White, decorated the graves of soldiers with floral honors. The practice of placing flowers has been documented from the Classical Roman times to western Europe in the 19th century.

Where was the first gathering or commemoration held? Some evidence says the ladies of Columbus, GA, who on April 1866 lobbied for a definitive day on which to place flowers on the graves of the Civil War dead. Early Memorial Day services were held in Boalsburg, PA on October 1864; and in Charleston, SC on May 1st 1865. Mrs. Logan, a force in her

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husband's career, had visited a cemetery in Virginia where she saw the soldiers graves decorated with flowers. Logan thought this was appropriate for the nation to honor the memory of those who died for the cause which they fought. Thus, the General Order #11 was announced.

The first national Decoration Day celebration took place at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868. About 11,250 White and Black Union soldiers were buried along with about 350 Confederate. The ceremony and burial were held around General Robert E. Lee's mansion, which had been designated a national cemetery by General Meigs in 1864.

Logan's General Order No. 11 also urged the nation to never forget the Civil War's human cost. *"We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."*

New York became the first state to officially recognize the holiday. The rest of the states did so by 1890. The GAR's success at ensuring that graves of Union soldiers and sailors were attended to on Memorial Day is demonstrated by Army policy as early as 1891. If the GAR or other patriotic organizations were unable to organize a ceremony and decorations at a national cemetery, that responsibility fell to the cemetery superintendent. This remains true today; the coordination of Memorial Day gravesite traditions remains the managing agency's responsibility, and the federal government often provides miniature flags to be placed on graves.

Ref: [VA, National Cemetery administration](#); History Vault: [One of the Earliest Memorial Day Ceremonies](#)

JOINT CHAPTER BRUNCH 13 JULY

VIPMOAA , Hampton Roads and Portsmouth MOAA Chapters will gather in July for their annual joint chapter brunch. This year VIPMOAA is the host for the brunch to be held on 13 July at the James River Country Club. All members are invited to attend. PLEASE HOLD THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR. Details will be in the **June** Newsletter.

ROTC AWARDS



Col Ron Corson presented the W&M ROTC Leadership Award to Cadet Tuscan Mulinazzi on 17 April 2025 at the Sadler Center.



Lt Col Tom Swanson. Presented the MOAA Outstanding Jr Cadet Award, medal, and \$300 stipend to Cadet Dylan Vaughan, CNU AROTC.

MAY 29th LUNCHEON – DRINK TICKETS

We've made arrangements for beer and wine to be served at our May 29th Luncheon at Williamsburg Landing. Because of their liquor license restrictions, they must serve the wine/beer, but cannot accept cash. VIPMOAA will pay them.

VIPMOAA will sell drink tickets at the door for \$7/drink. We will have some change, but it will speed up the process if you'd come with correct change to purchase your drinks. Each ticket will be given to the bartender for either wine or beer.

See you there! Frank Tavenner

MILITARY COMMUNITY SERVICE/SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

30 April 2025 - Total \$5,290.50 (70.5% funded)

Annual Funding Goal - \$7,500

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The following organizations are considered to be recipients of our members' generous donations:

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PICTURES FROM 24 APRIL LUNCHEON

Professors of Military Science (PMS) from William & Mary, Christopher Newport U, and Hampton U were in attendance to talk about their ROTC programs. Several cadets came with them.



Jasmine Jallah, PMS
Hampton U



Bill Mann, PMS W&M/
CNU



MAY 29TH SPEAKER – LTCOL AL CRANE



Our speaker for the May 29th meeting will be LtCol Al Crane, USAF (Ret). A brief coverage of his service, he has been with the rocket Propulsion lab at Edwards AFB, Air Staff at the Pentagon, HQ US Air Forces Europe Ramstein AB. He is an historian and volunteer (1999-present) researching history of aerial photographic reconnaissance and special Reconnaissance Programs; a contributor to the Air Force Special Projects Production Facility; Volunteer at the Waterman's Museum in Yorktown.

His talk will be **Eyes in the Sky over Hampton Roads** Civil War Balloons, Aerial Reconnaissance school Langley Field WW1, US Civil photography USGS, Cold War-courier Classified Satellite photography to Air Force and Navy Hampton Roads Intel Centers, Jamestown Rediscovery Project, Coastal monitoring and Mapping VIMS, Soviet Over flights, Open Skies, Chinese Balloons and Drones.

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TOTAL MEMBERS: 213 REGULAR: 157 SURVIVING SPOUSES: 56 85+: 92 LM: 10

For all membership information please contact Maria Tavenner membership@vipmoaa.org or 703-407-2176. if you have a change in address, rank, marital status, phone number, or email, as well as death of member or spouse.

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2nd Thursday @ 10:00 A.M.

8 May, 12 June, 14 Aug

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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 MEETING INFORMATION – 26 JUNE 2025 LUNCH

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.**

VIPMOAA LUNCHEON AT VIRGINIA WAR MUSEUM

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LUNCH CATERED BY ROCCO'S SMOKEHOUSE GRILL

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DATE: 26 June 2025

TIME: 1100 to 1400 Admission, room fee, & food included in price

Visit museum, stop in designated room for Rocco's buffet lunch between 1130-1230

MENU: BBQ, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw; sodas/water

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SPOUSE _____

GUEST (1) _____

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

Date	Location	L/D	Speaker
29 May 2025	Williamsburg Landing	Lunch	LtCol Al Crane, USAF
26 June 2025	VA War Museum, Newport News	Lunch	Lunch catered by Rocco’s Smokehouse Grill
13 July 2025	Joint Chapter Brunch	Brunch	James River Country Club
28 Aug 2025	TBD	Lunch	Leo Titus, FEMA & 9/11 at the Pentagon

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