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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – COL RON CORSON

OK - Again! I have been in the office of "President, VIPMOAA" since the election held in March and VIPMOAA still exists. In fact, with the efforts of Tom Swanson our able ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman and the many volunteers who participated in the Commissioning Ceremonies at W&M, CNU, Hampton University, and all the 11 JROTC Award Ceremonies in May your Chapter has continued its outstanding record of support for these programs. The sustained commitment of so many of our Chapter members to fund our support for these leadership programs is what allows VIPMOAA to be such a force for good

in the Peninsula Area.

While our Chapter continues to operate on a reduced schedule and still needs to find a qualified member to fill the seat of Vice President, we have a planned set of events that I hope will be strongly supported by our members. On 27 June, we will once again hold a picnic at the Newport News Park (Shelter #10). In the past few years, the picnic was planned and conducted as a "May Event" and each year it became a kind of survival event with rain and/or abnormally cold weather. So, this year, we are giving June a chance. I hope to see another fine turn out with all the fixings catered by our great supporter – Rocco's Grillhouse.

In July, we hope members will participate in the Tri-Chapter brunch the details of which are on page 6 of this newsletter. After these events our next major social event will be a buffet dinner at 1730 hours at Colonial Heritage on 22 August with Rob Whitman, our congressman, representing the 1st Congressional District as the guest speaker. Rob has been an outstanding supporter of our military and is eminently qualified to speak on military affairs, military funding, and current budget/readiness issues. This should be an interesting and informative dinner. By the way, VIPMOAA is inviting interested residents from Colonial Heritage, Williamsburg Landing, Patriot's Colony, Governor's Land, and Ford's Colony to participate in this event to be held in the ballroom at Colonial Heritage.

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One more thing, I am still seeking a Vice President to join our leadership team. **Call Me!**

**HOOAH! RON**

The 2024-26 Virginia budget was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Youngkin on May 15<sup>th</sup> drastically affects the Virginia Military Survivor Dependent & Education Program (VMSDEP). Two email alerts were sent out the week of May 13 regarding this topic. The program is moved from the Dept of Veterans Services to the State Council for Higher Education. The VMSDEP becomes a “last Payer” in that you are required to pay before the program applies. All Pell grants, state grants, scholarships will be applied in full before your payment. Graduate school will no longer be eligible, that is, the program no longer covers second degrees and effectively eliminates coverage for spouses. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be on file. There is NO grandfathering option for families who have made the decision to move to or stay in Virginia after qualifying for this program.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Governor signed a directive to address the changes made to VMSDEP. A stakeholder-driven task force will review the changes, identify additional changes, and address any unintended consequences of the new legislation. The governor desires to work with the stakeholders and the legislature to ensure the sustainability of the VMSDEP program, advise SCHEV on the implementation of new eligibility requirements, and address the unintended consequences of policy changes that impact the eligibility for the military families who have made sacrifices for our nation. The task force will report to the General Assembly ahead of next year’s enrollment deadline.

Effectively, this new legislation turns entitlement into a needs-based program. VMSDEP was a payback to those who suffered loss in the service of their country and was the FIRST payer. Now, after you meet all the reduced income levels, VMDSEP becomes the last payer after all other forms of additional financial aid has been met.

As of 24 May, the Governor established the meeting date for the VMDSEP Task Force to be 10 June at the Virginia War Memorial from 2-5 PM. The Task Force will take public comment. If you wish to comment or attend please RSVP to [PreservingVMSDEP@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:PreservingVMSDEP@governor.virginia.gov). The Task force will give stakeholders a venue to provide important information on the program, express their concerns and offer feedback on implementation guidance and suggestions for changes.

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Craig Crenshaw, a retired Major General in the United States Marine Corps, and Secretary of Education Aimee Rogstad Guidera. Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, Attorney General Jason Miyares, and their offices will participate in the Task Force’s work.

Please see the Governor of Virginia: [Youngkin Announces First meeting Date](#) for the listing of participants.

We urge you to contact your General Assembly representatives and express your concerns.

Ref: Military.com: [VA Gov Directs Task Force](#)

## **22 AUGUST VIPMOAA MEETNG**

The arrangements for our 22 August VIPMOAA dinner meeting have not been finalized in time for this Newsletter. Consequently, we shall publish a JULY-AUGUST Newsletter in mid-July which will have the reservation form for the dinner meeting. **Please mark your calendar now** so you don’t miss the opportunity to hear Representative Rob Wittman.

We have invited Representative Rob Wittman to our 22 August meeting. **This will be a dinner meeting** at Colonial Heritage. Active duty and retired officers are invited to attend and bring interested friends. This is not a political campaign event, but the invitation is extended as Rob Wittman is the Virginia District #1 representative to the House of Representatives, U.S. Congress.

## **APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> HONOR FLIGHT**

Nine veterans left Patriots Colony at 5:15 A.M on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> for their trip to Washington D.C.



2nd row (l to r) Bill Teale, Kent Herring, Garth Wallis, Bill Wallis, Congressman Rob Wittman, Charlie Nault, Jim Pauls, Maridell Loomis, Gene Conner, Ron Corson

1st row (l to r) Tony Gareffa, Margaret Brkic, Cheryl Smith, Tim Nault, Pat Pauls, Teri Coroglanian, Neal Corson (Joe Gareffa and Karen Robinson are missing)

## **WHAT A GREAT EVENT!! COL RON CORSON**

On Saturday, 20 April, I, along with approximately 92 other WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans from the Tidewater area took part in "Honor Flight – Mission #8". The event started with assemblies at a VFW Post in Mechanicsville, Virginia and in Newport News where the veterans were honored and given a send-off breakfast before the start of our police and motorcycle escort to Washington, DC. Honor Flight has been conducting missions for several years. The program was started to honor WWII veterans from all over the country by flying and bussing veterans to Washington, D.C. The first stop on Mission #8 was The National Marine Corps Museum, then on to all three National War Memorials, and finally a stop at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where we witnessed the changing of the Guard. Over time, the program conducted by volunteers has been expanded to include Veterans from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. At the war memorials in Washington, our Virginia contingent of war veterans was joined by hundreds of other Honor Flight war veterans from all over the USA.

As career Army Officer and a Vietnam War veteran, I was not enthused to participate in the Honor Flight event because I did not think I deserved any special honors. I felt that "Honor" should be reserved for Soldiers, Airman, and Marines who fought in America's wars not officers who also served and led veterans in combat. But, I was wrong!

Participating in Mission #8 was a truly emotional experience that I had not anticipated. The organization, the detailed execution, the cheering crowds at the Marine Corps Museum and at all of the other National War Memorials were humbling and wonderful. My visit to the Vietnam War Memorial was tearful and emotional as it brought back memories



that I had long forgotten. It also gave me the opportunity to honor one of the heroes that I knew who died in combat while I was in command in Vietnam.

Honor Flight was a long and tiring day, but such a joyful and emotional event that I am now the first to tell every war veteran who is eligible and able: "Sign up and participate in this great event". The event honors your service to our country. To me it brought back into clear focus, the spirit, joy, and pride that is "America" and that these things are still alive and well in our great country. The next Honor Flight mission will be conducted on 19 October 2024. If you or someone you know should be on an Honor Flight contact Jack Greenhalgh at (757) 345-5506 or [jack.greenhalgh@cox.net](mailto:jack.greenhalgh@cox.net)

## A VERY SPECIAL DAY – COL JIM PAULS

I've been associated with the "Honor Flight" program since its inception in this region via our Chapter interaction through our donations and participating in "send-off" support on the mornings they occurred. When the "Honor Flight" trips were opened to Vietnam-era veterans, CDR Jack Greenhalgh from our Chapter has been urging Ron Corson and I to go on one! Even though I always heard positive comments from many Vets who went on one, I never had an "urge" to do so, but we both finally signed-up for the latest one on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

One of the key aspects of a trip is that those who sign up must have a designated "Guardian" which makes the trip even more special. I chose my nephew, Patrick, who is the oldest son of my youngest Brother. Pat served in the Air Force and retired after 20 years as a MSgt. I had the distinction of Enlisting him AND officiating at his retirement! Even though the day was long (we departed Patriots Colony at 5:15AM to go to Richmond to link up with up others who would also be participating and returned there at about 9:30PM!), the trip was absolutely wonderful! The planning and execution was exceptional and included visits to the Marine Corps Museum, the WWII, Korean, and Viet Nam Memorials and concluded with observing a "Changing of the Guard" ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. We were given plenty of time to visit each of them. We were also fed well to include breakfast in Richmond prior to our departure which included a very nice ceremony, some inspiring comments from Rep Rob Wittman, a "Bag Lunch," and dinner at a Vets Lodge in Fredericksburg! This was truly a **very special day!**



## VIPMOAA DONATION PROGRAM – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chapter's *Military Community Service / Educational Scholarship Fund* was created in 2011 and has been a big success! Even though this particular aspect of the chapter's operation is so rewarding, the Board of Directors (BOD) has decided it would be prudent to clarify the financial operation of the fund and how donations are managed. To simplify our accounting process, two separate accounts have been established to manage the Chapter's Income and Expenses: a **General** account and a **Donation** account.

The main source of income for our **General** account, which is the operating capital for the Chapter, comes from the *Dues* we collect. Funds collected from luncheon reservation payments (excluding donations), the "50-50" drawings at our Social events, and other income such as Ads also go directly to this account.

Our **Donation** account is used to support the *Military Community Service / Educational Scholarship Program*. When the program was established a number of years ago, part of a sizeable donation the Chapter received was used to "seed" the creation of the account with the hope, of course, that member donations would be sufficient to sustain and grow it! The Chapter has been very fortunate to be generously supported by our members.

The BOD regularly reviews the accounts at their monthly Board meetings and annually adjusts the amounts designated for scholarships and annual donations to designated Community organizations. We recognize that the ROTC/JROTC program is our #1 focus to ensure scholarships to these young Cadets.

In the past, some members have specifically designated how their donation is to be used, e.g., strictly for "Scholarships" or "Community Service." As mentioned above, however, the BOD annually adjusts the amounts for each supported donation category based on the need in that category and total funds available. Therefore, in the future, all donated funds will be placed in the non-specific **Donation** account which the BOD will allocate appropriately and report out to the Chapter members in our regular Newsletters.

The Chapter has also occasionally received a donation for a specific community organization wherein the donor is simply "passing the funds through VIPMOAA." Since this approach could hamper the allocation process performed by the BOD, such a donation will also be added to the non-specific **Donation** account which the BOD will allocate appropriately; alternatively, if a member wants to designate a specific organization, we request that the member donate directly to the intended organization!

As mentioned, the Chapter has been blessed by member donations over the years and has helped considerably to sustain what the Board strongly thinks is one of the key aspects of our overall "mission!"

## REVIEW OF OUR RSVP POLICY

The VIPMOAA Newsletter of November 2022, page 4, the Board of Directors described the Policy for RSVPs to our events. The article said *"Effective with the November 2022 event, RSVPs must be made the FRIDAY prior to the event. If a cancellation is made BEFORE that date, we will offer to refund your payment or transfer it to Donations. If a cancellation is made AFTER the RSVP date, your payment will go toward the cost of the event. If you've made an RSVP with the promise to 'pay at the door' and don't show up, we will request that you provide a payment!"*

A few days before the event, we provide a firm headcount to our vendors for room reservation, food ordering and preparation purposes, so our motto now will be **A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID**. We expect payment for the luncheon prior to the luncheon. Payments can easily be submitted via the PCAW VIPMOAA internal mailbox or via snail mail to PO Box 6463, Williamsburg VA 23188.

The Board also recognizes that there must be some flexibility with the procedures to address a "last minute" crisis that requires a member to cancel and we will do that!

## NEW MEMBER BIOS

George S. (Jim) Ferrell, Jr. Lt Col USAF (Ret)  
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Born and raised in Lynchburg, Virginia, Jim started his professional military career after graduating from the Virginia Military Academy with a BA, Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in July 1967. From that point, a long, some would say, non-linear path in the military ensued. There isn't room here to detail every assignment, title, or even geographic location where he served, but high points include:

From July 1967 to August 1970, Jim had five Permanent Changes of Station, which set the tone for the remainder of his career. Each of these presented different challenges and rewards starting with Air Intelligence school to culminate with his last assignment with the JCS J-3. All of this entailed bouncing from flight ops and planning to Intelligence and back

again. Perhaps the most challenging and rewarding military assignments dealt with the flying C-130's in Vietnam and Thailand, Joint Special Operations Command, and the civilian Mentor to the Afghan Air Corps J-3 in Kabul for a year.

Jim retired from active duty on December 31, 1988. Regarding awards, suffice it to say he's been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC), Air Medals, and a number of "I was there" buttons.

After retirement, Jim worked for Northrup Grumman in the Test and Check Out Division for the then-classified B-2 program in Palmdale, CA, and then as a stockbroker at Dean Witter and an AVP for GE Financial.

What brought Jim to the eastern part of Virginia was a contract with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Joint Air-Ground Operations Division at Ft. Monroe, VA. His next contract position (2006-2007) was as a Mentor, Afghanistan National Army (ANA) Air Corps Director of Operations (G3/5), Kabul, Afghanistan. There, he established ongoing plans and programs enabling Afghan Air Corps modernization and integration with U.S., NATO, and Coalition forces. He then worked in Suffolk, VA from 2007-2011 as Senior Military Analyst for the Joint Forces Command, Joint Center for Operational Analysis.

Jim has lived in Newport News, Virginia since moving there with his wife, Brenda Ferrell, in 2005. Brenda, a public middle school teacher, passed away in 2020, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. Jim enjoys visiting the sea wall at Fort Monroe, and you can often find him there "getting his miles in" on most days. He has two daughters, Mindy (46) and Amanda (41), through a previous marriage, and two step-children, Anne (47) and Bobby (53).

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## TRI-CHAPTER BRUNCH 14 JULY

The Tri-Chapter Brunch is on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Atlantic Shores Retirement Community from 10 AM to 1 PM. Reservations will be by phone and/or email. Payment of \$30/person at the door. The usual policy of **"A reservation made is a reservation paid"** applies. Please make your reservation with Loren Heckelman at [Loren.Heckelman@cox.net](mailto:Loren.Heckelman@cox.net) or 757-646-6448. Details are on the [VIPMOAA Events Calendar](#).

## NEXT GEN ID CARDS – UPDATE

If your ID card is expiring before 2026, then you should make an appointment to get a new ID card at least 90 days before expiration. If your card doesn't expire until after 2026, then wait. The big issue is that the current card you now possess contains some medical information on the back side. The Next Gen ID cards do NOT contain any medical information.

## MILITARY COMMUNITY SERVICE/SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

29 March 2024 - Total \$2,430 (29.7% funded)

Annual Funding Goal - \$7,500

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### DONATE

Please consider including a tax deductible donation when you renew your membership or pay for events.

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

- [Fisher House at Portsmouth Naval Hospital](#)
- [Liberty Lounge, Colonial Williamsburg](#)
- [Old Dominion Honor Flight](#)
- [USO of Hampton Roads & Central Virginia](#)
- [JROTC/ROTC](#)
- [Civil Air Patrol](#)
- [Williamsburg House of Mercy](#)

#### DIAMOND LEVEL (\$1000+)

#### PLATINUM LEVEL (\$500 - \$999)

Corson, Ron

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Atienza, Fernando/Marilyn  
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Warren, Dan/Elaina

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Krantz, Kenneth  
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Siekirski, Zenon/Gerry  
Skelly, Cynthia  
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Tarr, Elaine

*Donations of less than \$25 are not listed.*

*Donations for these programs can be added to your monthly activities' reservation or a donation may be submitted at any time. All donations are tax deductible with a letter for donations of \$100+ provided for IRS information. Make checks payable to VIPMOAA and send to VIPMOAA CS/SF Mgr, Box 6463, Williamsburg VA 23188.*



## APRIL LUNCHEON

Jason Finch, Professor of Military Science (PMS) from W&M and Jasmine Hallah, PMS from HU, along with several cadets, attended the VIPMOAA luncheon.



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## DRAPING A CASKET WITH FLAG



The tradition of draping a casket with the U.S. Flag began during the Civil War. At the beginning of the war the soldiers were buried quickly with little concern for the individual soldier. As the numbers of those killed grew, grieving families sought ways to honor their husbands, sons, & brothers. After the war President Andrew Johnson, who died in 1875, requested his casket with the U.S. Flag.

The placement of the flag requires the stars to be at the head and left shoulder. When viewed from the foot of the casket, the flag appears to be displayed backwards as a sign of death. However, when the flag-draped casket is viewed from the right side (as in the picture above) it is correct. The appearance is correct or incorrect depending on where the viewer is standing. Think of the flag pole placed at the head of the casket, so when the flag is hoisted the stars are at the top of the pole.

Draping a casket is an important way to honor our nation's fallen heroes and tells the bereaved that their family members served and gave the greatest sacrifice for our country. 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. The 1968 law created the day as a Federal holiday. The first commemoration of Memorial Day was held in Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868 where both Union and confederate soldiers are buried.

Ref: [Draping a Casket](#)





## ROTC AWARDS & COMMISSIONING – HAMPTON U/CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT U

VIPMOAA is pleased to begin the rounds of commissioning and graduations. This is where we present the Jr year cadet leadership award, medal, ribbon, certificate, letter, and \$500 stipend.

- Hampton Univ, Cadet Martin McClung, presented by Jim Pauls
- William & Mary, Cadet Ian Curtis Cowley, presented by Tom Shubert
- CNU, Cadet Katherine Bochonok, presented by Ron Corson



Commissioning, 2Lt bars and a free 1-year MOAA membership. Jim Pauls presented to four Hampton U Cadets: Samantha Hamilton, Clara Hanson, Jada Haskins, & Larrielle Lockwood.

Twelve CNU Cadets were commissioned with Tom Swanson presenting: Jacob Carmichael, Mark Benjamin Gaus, Craig Alexander Himko, Nathan Devol Jones, Olivier Kenol, Easton Cade Madayag Lancios, Isabelle Hope Marinoble, Nicholas Paul Moise, Ethan Sean Pulket, Nathan Solbin Simmers, Mathew Aaron Taylor, Wyckliffe John Vogel.



## ROTC AWARDS & COMMISSIONING - W&M

Stephen Huebner and Lynn Dievendorf presented the VIPMOAA Certificates to 14 Lieutenants at the William & Mary Commissioning on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Newly commissioned include 10 active duty, 3 National Guard, and 1 Army Reserve. Opening Remarks were by LTC Jason C. Finch, PMS, President's Remarks by Katherine A. Rowe, and Chancellor Robert M. Gates, 22nd Secretary of Defense and former CIA Director, swore the new Lieutenants with the Oath of Office. [Command Sergeant Major Joann Naumann](#), the senior enlisted leader at the Army Special Operations Command, gave the Commissioning Address.

Cadets Commissioned: John Joseph Babbitts, Robert Otto Carr, Abigail Quenette Crews, Christian Anderson Dossantos, Sophia Maion Dupras, Elizabeth Mariana Erickson, Sean Michael Evans, Sebastian Kittredge Isasi, Ryan Joseph McClure, Patrick Duncan Sheridan, Austin Cochran Skinner, Monica Rosa Sullivan, William Joseph Trimble, Roy Frederick Zinser.



JROTC graduations and award ceremonies at the 11 high schools supported by VIPMOAA will be in the July-August Newsletter. We continue to welcome members and retired military officers to help present the awards. Contact [Tom Swanson](#) at 757-593-1431.

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

**TOTAL MEMBERS: 224    REGULAR: 167    SURVIVING SPOUSES: 57    85+: 88    LM: 13**

For all members and prospective new members please contact Maria Tavenner [membership@vipmoaa.org](mailto: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.

**MUST be a member for 5 years to qualify for a FREE membership at 85 years. Talk to Maria.**

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

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## TAPS

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**VIPMOAA BOARD MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 10:00 A.M.

13 Jun, 8 Aug, 12 Sept

**[Rocco's Smokehouse Grill](#)**

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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.*





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

Date	Location	L/D	Speaker
27 Jun 2024	Picnic Newport News Park Shelter #10	<a href="#">Lunch</a>	Catered by Rocco's
14 July 2024	Tri-Chapter Brunch	<a href="#">Brunch</a>	Atlantic Shores Retirement Center
22 Aug 2024	Colonial Heritage	<a href="#">Dinner</a>	Rep Rob Wittman
24 Oct 2024	Williamsburg Landing	<a href="#">Lunch</a>	John Delano, NASA Artemis Program
19 Dec 2024	Christmas Luncheon	<a href="#">Lunch</a>	Governor's Land

**Click on link under Lunch or Dinner for reservation form/online reservations.**

***If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please contact COL Ron Corson [jrcorson@aol.com](mailto:jrcorson@aol.com) 757-810-4155. Newsletters are posted on the website and emailed to members on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. If you don't receive your monthly Newsletter by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month, check your spam email first, then contact the Newsletter Editor at [mchale@vipmoaa.org](mailto:mchale@vipmoaa.org) Newsletters sent by USPS 1<sup>st</sup> class mail take 2-8 days + 5 days preparation by printer. Will receive it approximately the 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of the month.***