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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - COL RON CORSON

June is HERE! 2025 is half over. Somehow this year has moved on faster than usual. Maybe that's because the new administration has operated at such a frantic pace or maybe its because we are getting older and time seems to be moving faster. However, based on our Chapter activities, this year has happened in a hurry. Eleven JROTC scholarships have been extended, MOAA Leadership Awards have been presented to junior year JROTC cadets at eleven high schools, MOAA Leadership Awards have been presented to outstanding ROTC

cadets at William and Mary, Christopher

Newport University, and Hampton University, and our members have participated in the commissioning ceremonies at all three institutions as well. I tip my hat and give a salute to all of our members whose generous support allow our Chapter to have such an impact on continuing to support the development of future leaders of our military.

While this year is half over and there's much more to come, its not too early for me as the Chapter President to ask some of our younger members to seriously consider stepping up to join the leadership team of our Chapter. VIPMOAA only has four elected positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), but your elected officers are supported by an active Board of Directors/Committee Chairmen. Three of the current elected officers have announced that they intend to step down at the end of the year and expect to be replaced with a new slate of officers at our November election. While our current officers have announced their intensions, they have also made it clear that they will actively support a new leadership team in 2026. So, I simply ask interested members to stand up and be counted. Contact me at <a href="mailto:ircorson@aol.com">ircorson@aol.com</a> or give me a call at (757) 810-4155, and let's talk about the future of our 5-Star Chapter and how you can help pull an oar and steer the ship.

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HOOAH!

Ron

## FORT EUSTIS ARMY 250th BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL

Join the Celebration – 250 Years of Army Strength & Service! Fort Eustis is throwing a huge party for the Army's 250th Birthday, and you're invited! Friday, June 13 from 2-8 PM at Murphy Field. FREE & Open to the Public. Come celebrate history, honor our Soldiers, and enjoy a day packed with fun, music, and community spirit! Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event! Petting Zoo, children's activities, live performances. Click HERE for more details.



# LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS/MOAA TAKES ACTION - CLETA PUCKETT



## What the Proposed \$1 Trillion Defense Budget Means for Servicemembers, Families, and Retirees]

General Kelley, MOAA President comments: The budget plan "has some improvements to housing, to give full allowance for housing – we want to make sure that stays in there. That was something MOAA has been asking for and supporting for a number of years. "It will all come down to what happens with reconciliation."

#### [TAKE ACTION: Ask Your House Member to Support the TOTAL Care Act]

"Military personnel, and their loved ones serving alongside them, deserve the best care we can provide – not red tape for fundamental medical services," said Rep. Steven Horsford (D-Nev.) in a press release announcing the introduction of the legislation (H.R. 1699) alongside Reps. Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.) and Maria Salazar (R-Fla.).

#### [TAKE ACTION: Ask Your Lawmakers to Support Combat-Injured Veterans]

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), who introduced his chamber's version of the legislation in March and serves as the ranking member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, pledged to bring the bill up as an amendment to this year's NDAA.

Financial concerns have driven the delay in the bill's passage, but multiple speakers at the May 21 event pointed to the projected price tag – less than \$1 billion a year over a 10-year projection – as a small fraction of defense spending, which is expected to top \$1 trillion with this year's budget.

#### [RELATED: VA's Growing Roll of Veterans Getting POW Benefits Scrutinized by Those Once Held Captive]

Mike McGrath, a Vietnam veteran who spent six years in captivity and now investigates false military claims, said his research points to impostors receiving Veterans Administration POW benefits. McGrath and a network of fellow POWs and researchers say they've identified cases of veterans falsely claiming POW status to obtain benefits and prestige.

#### [TAKE ACTION: Ask Your Lawmakers to Add Military Spouses to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit]

While these programs may sometimes be "at odds" with staffing reductions, this is "an inherent strategic opportunity to keep [veterans and military spouses] at higher rates. We need to continue programs "purposely put in place in the past by administrations, including the first Trump administration, that recognized that employment for our veterans is a key thing. It's one of the things that they earned."

#### **KNOW YOUR BENEFITS**

MOAA has developed reference guides to answer beneficiaries' frequently asked questions. You'll find all the information you need to make the transition to TRICARE For Life (TFL). Articles, written by MOAA benefits experts, can be accessed online by Premium and Life members, who can also download a PDF version of the material. Your May 22,2025 MOAA Newsletter offers you the opportunity to access this information with one click.

#### **Ongoing Efforts To Increase Options For Beneficiaries:**

Military Patients in 2 Cities Will Have TRICARE Prime Option in 2026. The new agreement, which will run through 2029, gives another health care option for military beneficiaries and allows the Defense Health Agency to evaluate having other health care entities manage portions of the Tricare patient load alongside Humana Government Business, which holds the Tricare East Region contract.

Tricare Prime is not available to retirees and family members ages 65 and older who use Tricare For Life and Medicare.

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#### **RELATED LEGISTLATION**

Congressman Rob Whitman (VA-01) announced that his Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act surpassed 175 cosponsors just over three months after the bipartisan bill's introduction. The Tomorrow's Workplace Coalition is dedicated to championing and rallying support for the legislation, also continues to grow with more than 900 trade associations, professional societies, and businesses, a united group of bipartisan colleagues to support common sense legislation that expands access to certifications and licenses, helping students and workers qualify for good paying jobs. This is a practical step toward addressing our nation's skilled workforce shortage.

Comment: A shortage of skilled workers impacts our ability to build the ships, planes and other military hardware that is needed.

#### MOAA 2024 AWARDS FOR 5-STAR LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE – CONGRATULATIONS!

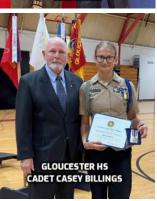
We are pleased to announce that our Chapter has received the 2024 Level of Excellence Award from MOAA. The VIPMOAA Chapter has received a "5-Star Level of Excellence" award for 20 of the last 21 years! Chapters and Councils earn this recognition by fostering programs and initiatives that directly support the MOAA mission and their communities. Out of almost 400 MOAA affiliates, 168 councils and chapters earned LOE award recognition this year. Click <u>HERE</u> to view the entire list of awardees.



#### JROTC AWARDS

This is the season when VIPMOAA is honored to award the JROTC Scholarship award to senior high school cadets and the Leadership awards to the deserving Junior cadets. VIPMOAA Members presenting the JROTC awards were Ron Corson, Paul Fameli, Tom Shubert, Tom Swanson, and Jim Pauls.













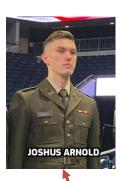












### **ROTC COMMISSIONINGS**

VIPMOAA members LtCol Raymond Arnold, USAF (Ret) and his wife, Rita, celebrated the commissioning of their grandson, Joshua Arnold, into the US Army as a  $2^{nd}$  Lieutenant on May  $8^{th}$ .

W&M held their ROTC spring commissioning ceremony on May 15<sup>th</sup>. VIPMOAA was represented by COL Lynn Dievendorf, Capt Sheryll Elston, and LTC Stephen Huebner. VIPMOAA Certificates and Stars from retired American Flags were presented to each newly commissioned Lieutenant.

These 2<sup>nd</sup> LT were commissioned into Active Duty Army: Ian Cowley (Armor), Kadesha Gibbs (Medical Service), Andrew Jones (Infantry), and Lucy Keegan (Medical Service). Commissioned into the National Guard: Malia Fong (Medical Service in VA NG), George Hage (Military Intelligence in PA NG), and Kevin Ernst (Aviation in PA NG).

W&M COMMISSIONING LT DYLAN GURL, USMC.



Payton Nolan was commissioned into the Individual Ready Reserve, Medical Corps (education delay). Dylan Gurl was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps.

VIPMOAA President, Ron Corson commissions the 2<sup>nd</sup> LTs at Hampton University.











## JIM INSKEEP'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Ron Corson and a group of VIPMOAA members gathered at Jim Inskeep home at Patriots Colony to present him with the MOAA 100<sup>th</sup> birthday certificate.





## **HONOR FLIGHT APRIL 26, 2025**

Our Veterans who participated in this Honor Flight were Front Row: Maria Long (Clayton Chapmen's daughter), Mike Callaway, Lacyn Barton (Volunteer guardian for Mac Armstrong).

Second row: Evan Callaway, Mike Burrows, Roy Burrows, Mac Armstrong, Congressman Rob Wittman, Clayton Chapman, Bob Nutwell, Keven Nutwell.



Two VIPMOAA members who participated were RADM Robert Nutwell, USN (Ret) and LTC Roy Burrows, USA (Ret). Bob Nutwell shares his thoughts about the Honor Flight.

My Honor Flight trip on April 26th was an unforgettable experience, doubly so because our younger son served as my Guardian. I was very impressed with the planning and attention to detail of the organizers, and I was truly humbled by the expressions of gratitude and kindness from total strangers throughout the day. My heart was warmed to see that patriotism and respect for those who serve are very much alive today among citizens of all ages. I encourage any veteran of our wars who has not done so to sign up for an Honor Flight.

LTC Roy Burrows shares his thoughts about the Honor Flight.

I had the privilege of attending this Honor Flight that began and ended at VFW Post 9808 located in Mechanicsville, a suburb of Richmond. This was especially memorable to me as my Guardian was my oldest son Mike, who served with the USAF for 20 years. My 28 years in the Army (active and reserve) overlapped part of the time that he was in the AF and our Honor Flight bus trips gave us a long overdue sharing of our experiences.

The Flight began with a breakfast and a program at the VFW Post facility. The program was well organized and afforded me the opportunity to reacquaint my Virginia Tech association with Congressman Rob Wittman and a classmate that I had not seen for about 20 years. As the buses departed with police escorts there were many adults, children, and first responders alongside the road with signs recognizing our service and wishing us a good flight. That was unexpected and was the beginning of similar greetings at all our stops. I had not seen or experienced such recognitions of Veteran experiences. The escorts were coordinated between state and local police and Washington DC Park police.

Visiting the Marine Museum in Quantico and the World War II, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials brought back memories of friends and family that served in those conflicts. The trip to Arlington Cemetery and watching the changing of the guard ceremony is always impressive.

Our return included a stop at a VFW post in Fredericksburg for dinner and a large group of people with signs honoring our trip. When we got back to Post 9808 there was a huge display of sirens, lights and flags displayed from fire trucks and their ladders. The firemen and other first responders lined up to shake our hands and welcome our return. What a wonderful sight it was! There were also scores of civilian adults and children there, which was surprising as the time was after 8 PM. This was a great day and trip for all of us that were on this Honor Flight and gave us many precious memories.

Mac Armstrong, A Patriots Colony resident, relates his experience.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, five veterans from Patriots Colony along with four personal escorts set out for a long day of being honored by a tour of various war memorials from here to the National Mall in Washington DC. As we boarded the buses, what seemed like hundreds of people lined the sidewalks with flags and signs of thanks

and admiration along the entire route to reach the interstate. This was a humbling experience but simultaneously made us feel like we had won the world series.

Our first stop in D.C was the World War II Memorial, then to the west side of the Lincoln Memorial, which was intellectually stimulating, to read the meaning of the written words, but even more stimulating emotionally, to realize how vital those words were to the preservation of our freedoms. We then walked to the Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam War Memorial close by. There, my daughter Katie joined us from her nearby home. Our group members were all deeply involved in Vietnam, losing close friends there. There were long stem roses available to place by a name important to you. I was particularly moved when I touched the name of my best friend in pilot training who, along with his wife, had been close confidents to my wife Margaret & me while we were courting. Then they were Best Man and Matron of Honor for our wedding. I took a long pause and left the rose with love, tears, and a deep sense of gratitude for having such friends. I saw others having similar experiences.

Our final stop in DC was Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard and Laying a Wreath ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The sunlight on the city from that viewpoint was brilliant as was the professional precision of the Honor Guard. They gave off a feeling of great pride that we hold our warriors in such solemn respect and pride

#### FEMA'S URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION – AUGUST SPEAKER



Leo Titus is the Chief Operating Officer of ECS, Ltd. one of the nation's leading geotechnical engineering, environmental consulting, construction materials testing, and facilities engineering firms.

On September 11th, 2001, the Pentagon was one of the targets of what was the most deadly attack on the United States in its history. The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) responded by deploying its Urban Search and Rescue teams (USAR) to both New York and the Pentagon. These USAR teams specialize in search and rescue in urban disaster situations such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and terrorist attacks.

Virginia Task Force One based in Fairfax County, VA,(also known as VATF1) was the first FEMA USAR team to arrive at the Pentagon at approximately 1:30 PM on September 11th. VA-TF1 is FEMA's most experienced USAR team.

#### JOINT CHAPTER BRUNCH JULY 13 ON HOLD

Arrangements for the Joint Chapter Brunch at JRCC have become difficult and very expensive. We are trying to engage a different location. The notification and reservation form will be only by email.

Margaret E. Mondul, CDR, USN (Ret)

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If you need the reservation form for 26 JUNE Museum visit & Lunch

@ VA War Museum

CLICK HERE

## MILITARY COMMUNITY SERVICE/SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

31 MAY 2025 - Total \$6,119.50 (81.6% funded)

#### **Annual Funding Goal - \$7,500**

Make a Difference!

#### DONATE

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

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

- Fisher House at Portsmouth Naval Hospital
- <u>Liberty Lounge</u>,
   <u>Colonial</u>
   Williamsburg
- Old Dominion Honor Flight
- <u>USO of Hampton</u> <u>Roads</u>
- JROTC/ROTC
- Williamsburg C of C, Home for Holidays
- <u>Williamsburg House</u> of Mercy

Please click on the links above to read more about these organizations.

## Diamond Level (\$1000+)

Avery, Betty Whitman, Robert

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

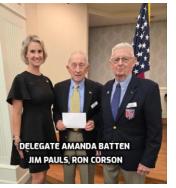
Donations for these programs can be added to your monthly activities' reservation or a donation may be submitted at any time. All donations are tax deductible with a letter for donations of \$100+ provided for IRS information. Make checks payable to VIPMOAA and send to VIPMOAA CS/SF Mgr, Box 6463, Williamsburg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

#### PICTURES FROM 29 MAY LUNCHEON

Delegate Amanda Batten attended our luncheon and was going to present us with the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary certificate from MOAA. However, the certificate was delayed...see Jim holding a "55."























#### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

TOTAL MEMBERS: 217 REGULAR: 161 SURVIVING SPOUSES: 56 85+: 92 LM: 10

For all membership information please contact Maria Tavenner <a href="membership@vipmoaa.org">membership@vipmoaa.org</a> 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

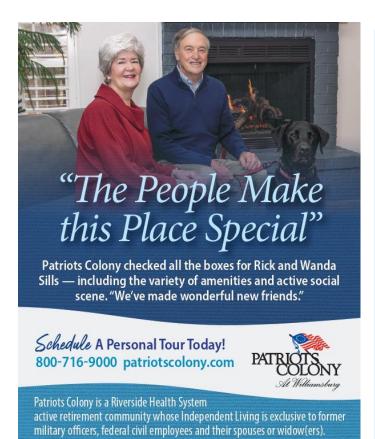
Bobby Ray Graves, CW3, USA (Ret) 7 May 2025 Marilyn E. Melzer, CAPT, USA (Ret) 15 May 2025

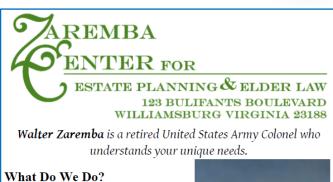
#### TAPS

LTC Jack Kirtland, USA (Ret) Dec 2024



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





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#### **VIPMOAA BOARD MEETINGS**

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

12 June, 14 Aug, 11 Sept

## **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 MEETING INFORMATION – 28 AUG 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 YROC**

8109 Yacht Haven Rd, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 Phone: 804-792-1511

RSVP - by 6 pm Thurs, June 21st COST: \$37

POC: Col Jim Pauls, keydetman@aol.com 703-919-6094

**DATE: 28 Aug 2025** 

TIME: 1130 Sign-in / Social (cash bar) 1300 Program

1200 Lunch 1400 Fifty-fifty Drawing / Adjourn

MENU: FRUIT & VEGGIE BOARD, TACO BAR W/ LATIN SHRIMP, CARNE

ASADA & BLACKENED MAHI WITH CHIPS, SALSA, GUACAMOLE & QUESO, AND DESERT

Must REGISTER & PAY for the event (register online). Please consider a donation!

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







## CLIP & MAIL RESERVATION FORM FOR LUNCH ON THURSDAY 28 AUG 2025

Please write name and rank/title for each person who will attend:	
MEMBER	
SPOUSE	
GUEST (1)	
GUEST (2)	
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING @ \$37 PER PERSON	\$
VIPMOAA 2025 Donations (Scholarship, ROTC, Community, Other)	\$
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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
26 June 2025	VA War Museum, Newport News	<u>Lunch</u>	Lunch catered by Rocco's Smokehouse Grill
13 July 2025	Joint Chapter Brunch	Brunch	ON HOLD - SEARCH FOR NEW LOCATOIN
28 Aug 2025	YROC	<u>Lunch</u>	Leo Titus, FEMA & 9/11 at the Pentagon
25 Sept 2025	Holiday Inn	Dinner	TBD
23 Oct 2025	W&M Puller Clinic	Lunch	TBD
20 Nov 2025	TBD	Lunch	Business Meeting
18 Dec 2025	Governors Land	Lunch	Annual Holiday Lunch

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 <u>ircorson@aol.com</u> 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 <u>mchale@vipmoaa.org</u> 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.