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# OFFICERS CALL

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## Chapter Officers

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<http://www.moaa.org>

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<http://www.moaafl.org>

Halifax MOAA Website

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## President's Message

CWO2 Pierre Louis, USMC (Ret.)



I want to start my opening comments by mentioning the great time we had at our recent outing. We dined along the Halifax on the Lady Dolphin and had a wonderful time of conversation, camaraderie, food, and drinks. We were able to see the new Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge from a view that is seldom seen. We even saw dolphins and a sailboat that had been supposedly sunken by a disgruntled employee. I guess that was a new form of communication to your boss. We are constantly looking for relevant and festive places for our outings and we are seeking your support in this effort. If you have ideas for places to visit, please send me an email at [pierrelou-is1612@earthlink.net](mailto:pierrelou-is1612@earthlink.net) and we will make it happen. Firstly, our chapter should be a place to advocate for the interests of veterans. Secondly, a place that members enjoy coming to our meetings! It was great fun cruising the Halifax. Back to business!



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And speaking of great fun, I want to mention the upcoming FCOC Annual Convention on June 1-3. This year's convention is being hosted by the Lee Coast Chapter. It will be held at the Sanibel Harbor Marriott Resort & Spa. You may register by clicking on the following link [FCOC 2018 Annual Convention](#). The FCOC President Marc Oliveri has created a youtube video to showcase the upcoming highlights of the convention. [Convention Video](#).

April is our customary ROTC Awards Ceremony/Dinner. Each year our Awards Chair Randy Lynch takes on the tasks of coordinating with the Commanders and Cadets for this event. It takes a lot of hard work in ensuring this event is successful each year. As a reminder, this is a dinner event so please make note of the changes in time and the cost. In addition, please help us break our glass ceiling and hit that magical number of 60 members in attendance! 60! 60! 60! Repetition is the mother of all skills, right. The following is information about the upcoming awards ceremonies:

**ERAU ROTC AWARDS 2018**

1. **U.S. Army ROTC** (Presenter: COL Skip Keating, USA (Ret.))

The Spring Awards Ceremony will be held on 12 APR at the Jim W. Henderson Administration & Welcome Center at 1600. Immediately after the ceremony, there will be a reception in the Henderson Building.

AWARDS:

A. Challenger Award: Cadet Jason Whitman, MS IV

B. Scholarship Awards:

- 1. Spring Semester: Cadet Garrett Smith, MS IV
- 2. Fall Semester (2017): Cadet Alexander Reczek, MS III
- C. MOAA Medal: Cadet Daniel Ochoa, MS IV
- D. Col Redner Award: (Presenter: Commander Janet Marnane, USN (Ret.)) Cadet Edward Foreman, MS IV

2. **U.S. NAVY ROTC** (Presenter: CAPT Randy Lynch, USN (Ret.))

The Spring Awards Ceremony will be held on 18 April at the ERAU Varsity Soccer Field at 1600; a reception will precede the event at 1445 for presenters in ROTC building, room #236.

AWARDS:

- A. Challenger Award: MIDN 1/C Daniel Nguyen
- B. Scholarship Award: MIDN 2/C Cheyenne Nelson (\$600)
- C. MOAA Medal: MIDN 3/C Kathleen Wrenn

3. **U.S. AIR FORCE ROTC:** (Presenter: Col Ron Giampietro, USAF (Ret.))

The Spring Awards Ceremony will be held on 20 April at the ERAU ICI Soccer Field at 1800.

AWARDS:

- A. Challenger Award: Cadet Ryan Pieton
- B. Scholarship Award: Cadet Patrick A. Espinoza (\$600)
- C. MOAA Medal: Cadet Benjamin Burdick

**2018 JROTC AWARDS**

4. **U.S. AIR FORCE JROTC MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

(Presenter: Col Ron Giampietro, USAF, (Ret.))  
The Spring Awards Ceremony will be held on 25 April at 1745 hrs (dinner 1630 hrs). Awards ceremony at the Mainland Performing Arts Center Auditorium

AWARDS:

- A. MOAA Medal: Cadet Kathleen Mahon
- B. Scholarship: \$100 *To be announced at a later date.*

5. **U.S. Army JROTC SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

(Presenter: Capt Andrew Hoffman, USAF (Ret.))  
Awards Ceremony will be held on 13 April at 1730 at the Spruce Creek High School Auditorium

AWARD:

A. MOAA Medal: Cadet Cathy Tuballa


6. **U.S. AIR FORCE JROTC ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL**

(Presenter: Col Victoria Leignadier, USA (Ret.))  
Awards Ceremony will be held on 01 May at 1900 at Atlantic High School Theater.

AWARD:

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# Halifax Area 2018 Chapter Planning Board

| Date   | Speaker and/or Event  | Supporting Elements/P.O.C.'s  |
|--|---|---|
| Thu Jan 25, 2018   | Daytona Beach Police-Chief Capri<br>(Topic: Speak on Coordination with other cities)<br><b>Price: \$21.00</b>   | *FCOC Leadership Forum*<br>*Submit Marvin Harris Communication Award Due Feb 1<br><b>*Begin write up of Level of Excellence submission* Due May 1st</b> |
| Thu Feb 22, 2018   | <b>*National MOAA Col Antonio Pimentel, USAF-Ret, a member of MOAA's Board of Directors.</b><br>(Topic: Gold Bar, Database access, Active Duty)<br><b>Price: \$21/Location: Halifax River Yacht Club</b>  | *Submit to USAA for Council Sponsorship application for ROTC Dinner in April to MOAA  |
| Thu Mar 22, 2018   | Chapter Planned Outing at Dine and Cruise<br><a href="https://www.dineandcruise.com/">https://www.dineandcruise.com/</a> \$25.72 including tax, tips, and fees<br> |   |
| Thu Apr 26, 2018   | <b>ROTC Dinner</b><br>(Topic: Cadets and Commanders)*<br><b>Price: \$30.00/Location: Halifax River Yacht Club</b>   | *Randy Lynch*   |
| Thu May 24, 2018   | Judge Feigenbaum<br>(Topic: Veteran's Court Information)<br><b>Price: \$21.00/Location: Halifax River Yacht Club</b>  | <b>*Level of Excellence submission* Due May 1st</b>   |
| ****   | <b>***Chapter on Summer Break***</b>  | ****  |
| Thu Sep 27, 2018   | On Deck Speaker<br><b>Price: \$21.00/Location: Halifax River Yacht Club</b>   | <b>*Decide on Nominating Committee (45 days out)*</b>   |
| Thu Oct 25, 2018   | <b>**Possible Chapter Outing**</b><br>Morei Hosseini building/Stonewood?<br><b>Price: TBD</b>   | *Begin Toys for Tots Campaign   |
| Thu Nov 29, 2018<br><b>**Date moved due to Thanksgiving holiday*</b> | Annual Membership Meeting/Review/State of the Chapter<br>Bob Harvey<br>(Topic: Fighter Pilot)<br><b>Price: \$21.00/Location: Halifax River Yacht Club</b>   | Pierre/Garret/Drew  |
| Thu Dec 20, 2018<br><b>**Date moved due to Christmas holiday*</b>    | End of Year Gala <b>**Shades of Pink Band**</b><br><b>Price: \$30.00/Location: Halifax River Yacht Club</b>   | *Music/Christmas*<br>*Get 2019 Menu*  |

## HACMOAA March 2018 Donations

Thank you to all of our regular contributors and 50/50 participants. Unfortunately, without our regular luncheon this month we have no contributions to report here where we normally list the names of our generous members. If you want to help us continue our scholarship and veterans assistance, checks would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to P.O. Box 2093, Daytona Beach FL 32115-2093.



**Halifax Area Chapter Action Plan (CAP 2018)**

Items in yellow contain changes since our last "Officers Call" | Items in green are completed tasks.

|    | <b>Chapter Goal</b>  | <b>Latest Update/Follow up</b>   |
|----|--|--|
|    | <b>LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS</b>   |  |
| 1  | Provide info. on any legislative updates at luncheons                | Added legislative updates to Luncheon program  |
| 2  | Expand Action Alert section on website                               | Information on web site updated  |
|    | <b>RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION</b>                                     |  |
| 3  | 60 members to attend a luncheon/dinner                               | Jan=45, Feb=44   |
| 4  | Net gain of 12 members for 2018                                      | We have gained 2 members as of February 2018   |
|    | <b>PERSONAL AFFAIRS</b>  |  |
| 5  | Improve Community Connection section on Website and in Officers Call | Jack Halsey updated Current News and updated information on the Website  |
| 6  | Establish Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee                        | Still continuing to recruit through Officers Call  |
|    | <b>BASE COMMUNITY</b>  |  |
| 7  | Improve spearheading efforts of Veterans Memorial Plaza              |  |
| 8  | Increase our digital footprint via Facebook/Online presence.         | Will send email to create a tech/virtual committee to make Facebook updates  |
|    | <b>OTHER</b>   |  |
| 9  | Review and update Chapter Policy and Procedures Manual               | Established committee: Pierre Louis, Victoria Leignadier, Mark Leary, Andrew Hoffman, Ron Giampietro * All team members have copies for review |
| 10 | Create Chapter Awareness Board/Streamer board for luncheons          |  |

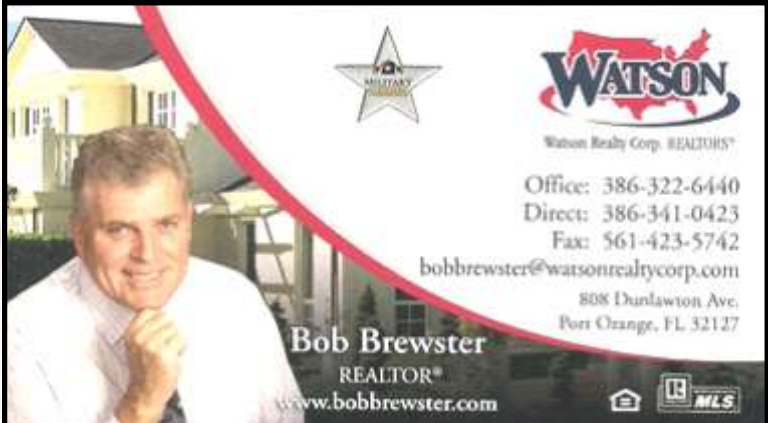



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### A. MOAA Medal: Cadet Austin McCluney

In an effort to improve the administration of our membership accounts, chapter members will be receiving via email, correspondence concerning dues. At our last BOD meeting, we decided to work on improving ways to communicate the due dates to the membership. Due to the fact, we have members that may only receive an online version of the Officers Call, we will send out a private email to members to advise them of their membership expiration dates. Please look for a more in-depth article from our Treasurer, Drew Hoffman in an upcoming issue of our Officers Call.

A small, but special note of thanks to the Halifax River Yacht Club's outgoing Banquet Manager, Regina Larson. She was always very helpful and professional in the discharge of her duties. Sometimes, it can be very tricky to maneuver the taste and accommodations of so many people, but Ms. Larson handled matters in an exemplary manner and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

In order to help with increasing attendance for our luncheons, our Officers Call Editor Don Amiotte, has decided to send the Officers Call at a time, a little closer to our luncheons. We are hoping this will provide enough time for luncheon orders and assist in our reminder

efforts.

Thanks to all the volunteers that have decided to assist in the arduous effort of updating our Policy and Procedures Guide and our Bylaws. It is a daunting task, but it is a mountain we had to climb sooner or later. And we decided to climb the mountain now, while it is still a molehill. We will keep you informed of any changes to the bylaws that require voting at our Annual Business Meeting in November.

## Important Dates

### **\*\*DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT DATES AND RECURRING ITEMS\*\***

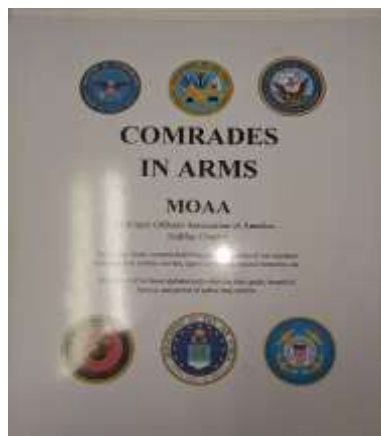
Please feel free to let me know of other items you think would help improve the functioning of the chapter by clicking on the following link [Halifax Area Survey](#) to access the survey form.

The basic national MOAA membership is free. We encourage anyone that is not a member, to take the time and register. You may sign up at [National Basic Membership](#). All you need is a valid email address and, of course, the desire to want to join National.

The FCOC 2018 Annual Convention will be at Sanibel Island, Florida on June 1, 2018. Register here [FCOC 2018 Annual Convention](#)



## “The Leading Edge”



Welcome to our Leading Edge: We dedicate this section to our members that are in our Comrade in Arms Book. This book contains members who have been in our chapter for a considerable amount of time. We encourage members to submit bio information. We include this section because some of our members may not have the chance to attend the luncheon meetings on a regular basis and view the book. This area will afford them the opportunity

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# APRIL ROTC Recognition Dinner

Each year our chapter awards the following Scholarships:

The Chapter supports the 3 Reserve Officer Training Corps Units (Army/Naval/Air Force) at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL.

The Chapter runs a scholarship program which donates 2 scholarships each year to a deserving aspiring officer of each of the 3 ROTC Units. These are \$600 awards.

We award 2 in the Fall ( 1 Air Force and 1 Navy) and 4 in the Spring (1 Air Force, 1 Navy and 2 Army)

In addition, the Chapter has a separate Scholarship program sponsored by a Chapter member that makes an additional scholarship donation each year to a deserving Army ROTC student in memory of LTC Daniel Redner, USA (a former Chapter President). Funding for the Chapter's 6 ROTC annual Scholarships is raised through regular donations at luncheon/dinner meetings, with dues, contributions (by check and online), as well as through our major fundraising event the ROTC Recognition Dinner which is held each April.

In addition to scholarships, the Chapter distributes the National MOAA Medals and a "Challenger Plaque" to deserving midshipmen/cadets at each of the unit's Spring Color Parade and Awards Ceremonies.

In addition to the ROTC Units, the Chapter supports 3 JROTC Units at Mainland High, Spruce Creek High, and Atlantic High. ROTC Liaison Officers present MOAA Medals/certificates annually at each unit.

**April 2018 ROTC Dinner  
Thursday, April 26th, 2018  
Halifax River Yacht Club  
5:00 p.m. Social Hour / 6:00 p.m. Dinner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of your choice of the following Entrees:

#1 **Stuffed Chicken Breast - Boneless breast with cream cheese, asparagus and sundried tomatoes, oven roasted. Finished with a lemon butter sauce. Served with risotto and Sautéed Spinach and Swiss chard.** # \_\_\_\_\_

#2 **Marinated Flat Iron Steak - Chargrilled with a Marsala demi cream sauce. Served with risotto and sautéed asparagus.** # \_\_\_\_\_

*All Entrees served with House Salad, Bread Service, and Key Lime Pie.*

Total Food @ \$30.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Outreach Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for Reservations: **Tuesday, April 24th, 2018.**

Make Checks Payable to: Halifax Chapter of MOAA.

Mail check to:  
Drew Hoffman  
822 Westlake Dr.  
Ormond Beach, FL. 32174  
Call: 386-586-7044 or  
E-Mail: [drewhoffman49@gmail.com](mailto:drewhoffman49@gmail.com)

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ty to see comrades that may have served in some of the same theaters. Each month we feature a member of the book and a copy of our Chapter Action Plan (CAP) with updates on projects your Board of Directors is working on to provide you with another venue of our activities.

In the month's Leading Edge, I want to feature our Transition Liaison Officer. This position provides transition assistance to servicemembers; serves as primary point of contact in the chapter for MOAA members and their spouses who are in the process of relocating to the chapter's geographic area; shares all job opportunities with the state council's transition liaison and national MOAA; and perform other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of the transition liaison. Thanks for the great work John! Hooah!

### **Col John McClellan**

*United States Army, Ret.*



John McClellan is a retired United States Army Colonel who served 28 years on active duty from 1986 through 2014. He began his career as an ROTC Cadet at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, where he graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Building Sciences. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and commissioned a 2LT in the Army Corps of Engineers. John later earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the State University of New York, College at Brockport.

During his career, John served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States, Korea, and Germany; and was deployed to Central America (non-combat) as well as 3 combat deployments to the Middle East including Operations Desert Shield / Desert Storm and twice for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served in 4 Army engineer battalions (44th, 20<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) and in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions. As a Lieutenant Colonel, John commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 361<sup>st</sup> Infantry (AC/RC) and also served as Professor of Military Science at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. His last assignment was as Director of Engineering, US Army Pacific, at Ft. Shafter, HI.

John is now a resident of Port Orange, FL. Since his retirement, John has become an active member of VFW 3282 and volunteered time in support of causes including homeless Vets in Volusia County. He is also a member of the Happy Wanderers Walking Club and participates regularly in local and regional Volkssporting events.

John has been married for 24 years to the former Sheila Doonan of Somerset, MA. The McClellans have no children.

## **Legislative Report**

*LTC John Stovall, USAR (Ret.)*



### **The 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS) Aims to Restore America's Competitive Military Advantage**

Defense Secretary James N. Mattis announced the new National Defense Strategy (NDS) in a recent speech in Washington, D.C. As the first new NDS in a decade, it builds on the administration's National Security Strategy announced by President Trump in December 2017. It was described as a strategy that recognizes the reality of competition, not a strategy of confrontation.

The NDS seeks to implement the pillars of the National Security Strategy: peace through strength, the affirmation of America's international role, the U.S. alliance and partnership structure, and the necessity to build military advantage to maintain key regional balances of power.

The strategy states that the primary challenge facing

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What is happening in the Florida State House on legislation effecting active duty, retired, and former military members? Follow the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) link at <http://moaafi.org/Legislative.aspx> and select "Florida" and "Hot Issues".

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the Defense Department and the joint force is the erosion of U.S. military advantage over China and Russia, which, if unaddressed, could ultimately undermine our ability to deter aggression and coercion and imperil the free and open order that we seek to underwrite with our alliance constellation.

The strategy aims at thwarting Chinese and Russian aggression and use of coercion and intimidation to advance their goals and harm U.S. interests, and specifically focuses on three key theaters: Europe, the Indo-Pacific, and the Middle East.

While Russia and China are the main U.S. adversaries in this strategy, it also recognizes that the DOD must address North Korea, Iran, and the threat posed by terrorism. Secretary Mattis added that the NDS will have significant implications for how the department shapes the force, develops the force, postures the force, and uses the force.

### [A More Lethal and Agile Force](#)

The strategy looks to build a more lethal and agile force. It shifts away from the post-Desert Storm model, seeking to modernize key capabilities and innovate using new technologies and operational concepts to maintain effective deterrence without dominance.

The strategy will build on America's alliance and partnership arrangements and seek new partners for the future.

Finally, the strategy seeks to reform the DOD to create a culture that "delivers cost-effective performance at the speed of relevance".

The new strategy is needed, according to the DOD, because China and Russia have "gone to school" studying the American way of war and the U.S. dominance in the Middle East during Desert Storm was not lost on Russia or China. The two nations have spent the last 25 years studying ways to deny America its greatest military advantage: [The ability to deploy forces anywhere in the world and then sustain them.](#)

The NDS aims to counter anti-access, area-denial methods that both Russia and China have developed and sets in place the framework around which to build those ca-

pabilities.

Modernization has been the sacrificial lamb in the recent budget wars, and the NDS reemphasizes the importance of modernization. The strategy specifically states that the United States must modernize the nuclear triad. It also emphasizes the importance of space and cyberspace as domains of warfare, calling for resilience in both space and cyberspace capabilities, technology, and concepts to operate across the full domain.

The strategy also calls for modernized command-and-control assets and for new intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities, officials said, adding that missile defense plays a large role in the strategy, as well as the development of advanced autonomous systems.

The Pentagon Library is full of documents that were announced with great fanfare, but ultimately were ignored or discarded. Officials say the National Defense Strategy will not be one of those. Lets all hope so.

Comments or suggestions are always welcome. [jgstovall@yahoo.com](mailto:jgstovall@yahoo.com)

## **7 Best Practices for Ensuring Smartphone Security**

*CAPT Mary McLendon, USN (Ret'd)  
Personal Affairs / Benefits  
From <https://socialnomics.net>  
Waqar Hassan, May 2017*

A large majority of people live on their smartphone these days. We use them for socializing, shopping, banking, browsing, and more. For ease of use, it has become the norm to stay logged in to your accounts



on your smartphone, but there is also a downside; essentially, anyone who has access to your smartphone can access your accounts. The worst case scenario is if your phone gets stolen or lost, it can lead to both monetary & identity theft. Protecting your phone is fairly simple:

[Use a screen lock.](#) This is pretty basic and something you can find in every smartphone. A pattern lock; i.e. a

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# HALIFAX CHAPTER MOAA

## Board of Directors Meeting on February 6th, 2018

*Louise Redner, Secretary*

The Regular Meeting of the Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA met Tuesday, March 6th in the Ward Room of the Halifax River Yacht Club. Present were: President Pierre Louis, 1st VP Garret Messner, 2nd VP Judith Chaffee, Secretary Louise Redner, Treasurer Drew Hoffman, Director Roger Grubic, Immediate Past President Mark Leary, "Officers Call" Editor Don Amiotte, VCVV Representative Vicky Leignadier, and Director Ron Giampietro. A quorum was present.

President Louis called the meeting to order at 1000 hours. The February Minutes were approved as published. The Treasurer gave his report. As of February 28th total cash assets stand at \$8,023.12. The report will be filed subject to audit.

Garrett reported our membership gain was on target for this year so far.

### Unfinished Business

A long discussion was held regarding the Chapter's unpaid dues which affect our "Officers Call" publication. The members were given three options and the second option was moved by Vicky for acceptance. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 3 opposed. In the future those receiving only the hard copy of the "Officers Call" will have their dues raised accordingly: 1 year \$20 to \$28; 2 years \$38 to \$54; and 3 years \$54 to \$78.00.

### New Business

The President gave members reminders of the FCOC 2018 Convention to be held June 1-3 at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and the upcoming March 22nd Dine and Cruise MOAA luncheon meeting on board the Lady Dolphin of Daytona located at 125 Basin St., Suite 140, total cost \$25.72. Reservations may be made online

President Louis reviewed the guidelines that the chapter will use to update the existing Policies and Procedures guide and members of the Board signed up for positions of responsibility.

MOAA Scholarships were also reviewed and Drew moved that we continue to fund the three scholarships at ERAU for \$600.00 (one for the US Army, US Navy and US Air Force.) Also funded will be the Mainland High School U.S. AF JROTC cadet scholarship of \$100.00. The motion carried unanimously.

General Liability Insurance for our Chapter was briefly discussed but this will be carried over to another meeting.



The Blue Angels show the maneuverability of F/A-18 aircraft during maneuvers at Luke Air Force Base. Air Force photo by SSgt Tyler J. Bolken.

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personalized pattern, shape, or PIN code is used on the screen for accessing a phone. Make sure that it's difficult so people cannot easily guess it.

**Protect your sensitive data.** While password locks and PIN entry are always useful, you should bear in mind that smartphones are basically miniature computers with mostly easily removable storage. Data can be easily retrieved by removing the microSD card or just plugging the device into a computer. Data that you save to internal storage needs to be protected and you can accomplish this by using software that can encrypt files and folders. This kind of software only allows access to data when a code is entered.

**Be cautious when downloading applications.** There has been a rise in malware attacks recently, especially in smartphones, as they are great for gaining access to confidential and sensitive data. So smartphone users should be extra cautious when downloading applications. When you are installing an app, don't ignore the permissions and requirements it is asking you. You should know exactly what the app will access or your data might be used for inappropriate purposes.

**Browse safely.** When you access a web browser on your smartphone, you should be very careful, it is easy to accept messages that pop up. For instance, you might decide to save your password and other information but this could lead to easier access by unauthorized users. Always use reliable and safe websites and never enter your information on new or unknown websites, especially when they are asking for sensitive information like your credit card or bank details.

**Install an antivirus app?** Since your smartphone is a computer, it could be vulnerable to malware links, infected apps, and unknown websites that can exploit the weaknesses in the phone security. However, Apple claims the iPhone is safe from viruses; the Apple Store scans and filters apps to prohibit anything malicious. Similarly for Androids, if you keep your downloads limited to the Play Store and other 100% trustworthy sources, your phone should be safe from almost all threats. Antivirus apps are an added precaution but should not be necessary.

**Wireless protection.** There is a concern for security in

any device that can be used for sending data across the airwaves. When you are not using your wireless connection, you should switch it off. This ensures no one can connect to your device without your permission or knowledge. You should also check your device network settings as they might be configured to connect to a network automatically when in range and may not ask for permission. In addition, your home wireless router should be protected through a password or security code.

**Turn off geotagging.** The social networking apps used by our smartphones upload pictures to the internet directly. Generally, geotags are embedded in photos. This simply means that anyone looking at your photos can determine where you were at a particular time. For maximum privacy, you should turn off the geotagging feature if you don't want others to know your location.

Follow these tips and you can keep your phone & information safe and secure.

## Health of Women Who Have Served Report

*CAPT Mary McLendon, USN (Ret'd)  
Personal Affairs / Benefits*

From <https://www.americashealthrankings.org>



Last November the United Health Foundation, in partnership with MOAA, released the Health of Women Who Have Served Report – a distinctive study, developed in collaboration with an advisory steering group of leading military, veterans, and public health organizations, including the VA. The study found female veterans reported higher rates of cancer, mental illness, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and depression as compared to their civilian counterparts. Despite facing some higher rates of health problems, female veterans are tremendously resilient, which is why more than half reported being in good or excellent health. Today, in addition to the nearly 2 million female veterans, over 200,000 women serve on active duty.

Among female veterans, 56.4% report being in very

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good or excellent health, compared to slightly more than half of civilian women (50.8%). Female veterans are almost twice as likely to have suicidal thoughts in the past year as civilian women. Female veterans are significantly more likely than civilian women to have ever been diagnosed with depression. More than 30% of female veterans have had a mental illness in the past year, compared to about 22% of civilian women. Notably, the report finds large age-related differences in the rate of certain mental health conditions between female veterans and civilian women. For example, female veterans aged 35-49 years have significantly higher rates of any mental illness in the past year (33.2% vs. 23.6%), and are more likely to report ever being told by a health professional that they have a depressive disorder (27.2% vs. 23.0%).

The report also looks at how access to care differs between female veterans and civilian women. In general, female veterans tend to have greater access to care, including higher rates of health insurance and use of key cancer preventive screenings. As the number of women serving our country grows, so too does the importance of understanding the contributors to their health and well-being.

Female veterans' health was also a focus when MOAA testified before the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees in a joint hearing on 14 March, outlining legislative priorities for the year. Since 2000, the number of women accessing VA health care more than tripled, to over 700,000. In 2015, the ban on women serving in combat was lifted, opening up most jobs in the military for women. As the roles of women in military service continue to change, opportunities increase for the VA and DoD to collaborate on medical care for female veterans with the purpose of providing robust health care to all veterans.

## **Bagels and BINGO At The Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home**

*COL Skip Keating, USA (Ret.)  
March 5th, 2018*

There were eight (8) **MOAA** members, who volunteered to serve the **21** Emory L Bennett Veterans in attendance. Volunteers included, Skip Keating, Merri

Churchill, John Dimuro and Bobbie Dimuro, Isabelle and Bill King, Joan Jankauskas, and Don Amiotte.

The **Viet Nam Veterans** were represented by Pete and Marlene Koreniuk.

**Daughters of the American Revolution** were represented by Marlene Koreniuk .

**Special Guest Volunteers** were JB Duke.

The veterans were served Juice and Coffee by the volunteers. Don Amiotte called Bingo for the Veterans. The veterans who won at Bingo received merchandise, hats, or Walmart gift cards. The \$5.00 Walmart gift cards will be used for gifts or small items the Veterans choose to buy from the stores.

The next scheduled date for the Team to entertain the Veterans will be on **April 2, 2018 at 10:00 am**, the first Monday of each month.

*Please come and join us.*

PS: We can always use new donated baseball caps, t-shirts and \$5.00 Walmart Gift cards.

## **COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Veteran appointments at the VA Clinic seem to increase over the winter months reflecting the increase in local population as visitors escape the harsher northern weather. And the cooler early morning temperatures in Daytona brought lots of appreciative customers to the coffee and donut line to enjoy a quick warmup and friendly conversation. Our regular volunteers, John Jones, and John and Bobbi Dimuro were always on hand to greet and serve with a smile. And in February Chapter member Mike Miglioranza joined us along with four bright-eyed and enthusiastic members of his Mainland High School Air Force JROTC class. These personable young students are always a hit with the veterans and we appreciate their continuing support. Thanks to our veterans for their sacrifices and thanks to all our volunteers for their servant leadership.

Look for Pictures in May's Newsletter.



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Looking Ahead  
**May Luncheon**  
*Thursday, May 24th, 2018*  
*Social at 1100 / Lunch at 1200*  
*Halifax River Yacht Club*

**First Tuesday of each Month**

***MOAA Board meeting***

Halifax River Yacht Club, 1000

**First Monday of each Month**

***Bagels & Bingo***

Bennett VA Nursing Home, 1000

Call: Skip Keating 672-4536

**Fourth Wednesday of each Month**

***Coffee & Doughnuts***

VA Clinic, 0800

Call: Ron Giampietro 235-6317