



**HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER  
OFFICERS CALL  
October 2024**



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**~MISSION STATEMENT~**

- **Halifax Area Chapter is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America.**
- **Our mission is to maintain a strong national defense and preserve the earned benefits of the uniformed services and their families.**



*President's Message*

*Andrew (Drew) Hoffman, Capt., USAF (Ret).*

Welcome back to all our snowbirds and worldwide travelers. We continue to work on improving our luncheons and secure the best and most relevant speakers for your enjoyment. If you haven't seen a fellow member in a meeting for a while –reach out and invite them to come to our next meeting.

We all have a critical task as members of this great organization – spread the word and invite other retirees, former members, and a spouse of retirees/former members to become a member of our chapter. You are our best recruiter for new membership. If you missed the September luncheon meeting, you missed an outstanding presentation from Pierre Louis on the critical need for all our members to assist MOAA and its members with one of our primary functions as an organization – advocacy for issues and benefits affecting military members, retirees and spouses of military members/retirees. I'm sure you've seen many notices of "Advocacy in Action" or notices asking you to help get the word of support to our representatives in Washington. What you may not know is how easy it is to add your "vote" to the call for a particular issue. The "work" is all done...all you need to do is click on the link and forward the support for a particular issue – the rest is handled through the formatted letter to your specific representative. A "letter" will go out to the appropriate representative stating your support. The mailing is "signed" by you and soon after you will receive a personal response from your elected official.

I can't believe it's already time to talk about the holidays and what it means to us at the Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA. First, and most importantly, it's time for us to remember those less fortunate and do a little extra shopping – it's TOYS FOR TOTS time. So, bring a gift, or two, to any of our October or November meetings that can be given to an area child so they can enjoy the Christmas season. The toy(s) are not to be wrapped. If you bring the toy(s) to the luncheon or Board of Directors meetings, Skip Keating can accept them and bring them as a group giving around Thanksgiving. Please – no cash or checks can be accepted. The second important message is sort of a "Save the Date" notice ... our annual Christmas Holiday Gala is well into the planning stages and has been scheduled for December 19th with a choice of dinner and an evening of dancing with "Sha boom". This is a great opportunity to dust off those dress uniforms and long evening gowns. Look for more details in the November and December OCs.

Finally, as I mentioned in our last OC, the nomination process is in full swing chaired by Bancroft. Remember our motto/tag-line – "NEVER STOP SERVING" – this is a great way to continue to serve...be a part of the leadership of your MOAA chapter. If you think you can help guide us please contact Bancroft and let him know you are willing to serve, again!

NEVER STOP SERVING!

DREW!

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## Secretary's Report – March Board of Directors' Meeting

### Secretary's Report – September 3, 2024 - Board of Directors Meeting

The September 2024 Board of Directors Meeting for the Halifax Chapter of MOAA was on September 3, 2024, at the Halifax Yacht Club, in Daytona Beach, FL. The meeting was called to order by Andrew Hoffman at 10:07 a.m.

The following board members (showed with an asterisk) and guests were present: Andrew Hoffman\*, Anita Williams\*, Tina Dixon-Bartlett\*, Kim Ramos\*, Lon Gardener\*, Patti Higgins\*, Skip Keating\*.

Quorum requirements met.

#### Reports of Officer/Committees

The following items were discussed:

1. The minutes of the May Board of Directors meeting - were distributed by email during the month of May 2024. Acceptance of these was nominated, seconded, and approved via email.
2. Treasurer's Report - Lon Gardener summarized he report and said that the current checking balance is \$2540.56. There is \$150 in petty cash, making a total balance of \$2690.56. Lon stated that the scholarship did have the funds needed to cover the scholarships that we give in the spring. A discussion was had on ideas, suggestions, and ways to increase funding in that area. The suggestions included a silent auction, request put in the monthly newsletter for donations, and an increase in the cost of 50/50 tickets. Skip suggested that Drew draft a letter to members explaining the issue and asking for ideas for ways to increase funds. Kim mentioned that while she was president, prior to COVID, she had talked with the president of the St. Augustine chapter of MOAA, who at that time was looking at ways for that chapter to give to other organizations. She suggested that Drew give that president a call and see if they would be willing to help in any way. Skip made a motion that we think of ways to generate money and bring our proposals to the next meeting. A motion to accept the treasurer's report for May was made by Kim, seconded by Skip, and approved by all.
3. Membership – The membership report was sent via email from the membership chair. A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Skip to accept the report. All present approved.
4. Officer Call Report – The Officers Call Editor was not present. However, the September Officer Call was emailed to members on September 1, 2024.
5. Surviving Spouse Update – Patti stated there was little to report. She was able to participate in a Surviving Spouse virtual meeting during the summer. She stated she had invited Patricia Green to be our guest speaker at October's meeting, but she will be unable. Patricia and Lorraine, from FCOC, are planning to attend the October meeting.

#### Old Business

6. Bagels and Bingo – Skip stated there this group met yesterday. There were twenty veterans, thirteen volunteers, which were from Vitas, Daughters of the American Revolution, and our MOAA chapter. This activity takes place at Emory Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach at 10 am on the first Monday of each month.
7. VCVC Update – There were no meetings during the summer.
8. VA Coffee and Donuts – Patti stated that she and John provided coffee and donuts last month. She stated that the system at the new facility is a bit different than before. They no longer can use an urn and therefore must buy boxed coffee which is a little more costly. The coffee does come with all supplies which is a benefit.

**New Business**

9. Call to Action Responses – National MOAA has a new method of getting responses from the members. This new method is thought to be somewhat easier, and the hope is that more members will be able to provide responses to their legislator. Currently, our chapter is one of the highest responding chapters, although we are only at 17%. Pierre is the Legislative Affairs/National MOAA Advocacy in Action Officer, and he will be giving us a presentation on how to use the new system.

10. VA Clinic Plaque – Drew stated that the plaque has been made and given to the new VA Clinic. They are planning a ceremony, probably around Veterans Day, to officially acknowledge the plaques from all the organizations that have given one.

11. Toys For Tots – Skip stated the toys for Toys for Tots will be accepted during the months of October and November. Please only bring unwrapped, new toys, no checks or cash will be accepted.

**From The Floor**

12. Anita stated she met with the new HRYC catering manager and that the lunch menus for September through November have all been selected. The December Gala dinner menu is still to be decided. Anita will be meeting with Pierre to discuss the webmaster’s duties and get up to speed on WordPress. She stated that there are two options for WordPress, a \$48 and a \$96 program. She provided information on how they differ, and a motion was made by Skip, seconded by Kim, and approved by all.

13. Skip made a motion that we invite the potential academy nominees and their parents to lunch, in March. The motion was seconded by Lon and approved by all. Skip will coordinate this activity with Congressman Walz’s office.

Skip asked if the board members thought members would be interested in a tour of the new Amazon building here in Daytona, with lunch following the tour. This item will be presented to the membership for polling.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Our next meeting is on October 1, 2024, HRYC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Dixon-Bartlett  
Secretary, Halifax Chapter of MO

**\*2023-2024 Outstanding Support to Veterans for Profit Award Winner\***



**\*2023-2024 Outstanding Support to Veterans Nonprofit Award Winner\***



**Halifax Area**  
**2024 Chapter Planning Board (As of 10/01/2024)**

<b>BOD Date</b>	<b>Luncheon Date</b>	<b>Speaker and/or Event</b>	<b>Supporting Elements /P.O.C.'s</b>
January 2, 2024	Thursday, January 25, 2024	<b>Dr. Paul Johnson – Guest Speaker</b>  Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- FCOC Leadership Forum - Initiate the write-up of Level of Chapter Excellence - Complete - Start Ordering Gold Bars – In progress - Submit Marvin Harris Communication Award – Due February 1, 2023 - COMPLETE
February 6, 2024	Thursday, February 22, 2024	- Volusia County Sheriff Michael J. Chitwood  Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Submit to USAA for Council Sponsorship application for ROTC Dinner in April to MOAA - Submit Mercer Ad
March 5, 2024	Thursday, March 28, 2024	- Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette  Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Negotiate Entertainment Contract for Holiday Gala
April 2, 2024	Thursday, April 25, 2024	<b>ROTC Scholarship Dinner</b>  Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	Cadet Introductions and Recognition Obtain 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 2024 Menus from HRYC
May 7, 2024	Thursday, May 23, 2024	<b>Presentation of the Outstanding Support to Veterans Award</b>  Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Level, of Excellence Submission - FCOC FL State Conference, Daytona Beach, FL
	****	*** <b>Chapter on Summer Break</b> ***	July 4 <sup>h</sup> Volusia Veterans Parade
September 3, 2024	Thursday, September 26, 2024	<b>Jeff Feasel– Guest Speaker</b> Price: \$27 TBLocation: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Agree on Nominating Committee (45 days out) - Obtain 2024 – 2025 Lunch menu
October 1, 2024	Thursday, October 24, 2024	<b>Surviving Spouse Appreciation Program</b> Pat Green FCOC VP SS Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Begin Toys for Tots Campaign. Include in Officers Call and at BOD Meeting - Announce the Holiday Gala
November 5, 2024	Thursday, November 21, 2024 <b>Date moved due to Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	- <b>Guest Speaker</b> Price: \$27 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Advertise the “Holiday Gala” Membership Month
December 3, 2024	Thursday December 19, 2024 <b>Date moved due to Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>“Holiday Gala Dinner Dance”</b> Music and Entertainment Price: TBD Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- ERAU Fall Commissioning to Ensigns and 2ndLts - “Holiday Gala” - MOAA “CM” Modifications

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## Halifax Area 2024 Action Plan (As of 10/01/2024)

<b>Chapter Goals and Objectives</b>		<b>Sponsor/Update/Follow-up</b>
<b>LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS</b>		
1	Expand the Guest Speaker Program to include the following areas: military, community, business and health and wellness	January: Col. Paul Johnson, MD – Hyperbaric Medicine; February: Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood, March – Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette, April - Cadet's Night, May - Outstanding Business and Not-for-Profit, Sep-Jeff Feasel- Pres & CEO Halifax Hospital
2	Publish a local veteran-related article in local newspaper on MOAA legislative efforts	Pierre Louis
<b>RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION</b>		
3	The goal is for 25% of the membership to attend a luncheon/dinner.	Everyone Jan=51, Feb=48, Mar=41, Apr=44, May=, Sep=, Oct=, Nov=, Dec=
4	Net gain of 15 members for 2024	Everyone 2 new members as of 5-01-2024
5	Identify and develop potential leaders from the Chapter membership to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD).	Bancroft McKittrick and committee - In Progress for 2025 BOD
6	Feature New Members Highlights, in the Officer Call (OC)	Joe Peabody
<b>PERSONAL AFFAIRS</b>		
7	Surviving Spouse Program, Surviving Spouse Team/Spousal Affairs Officer	Patti Higgins
8	Maintain joint events with other local MOAA Chapters	Chapter Members; Transfers; Special Events
<b>BASE COMMUNITY</b>		
9	Present an annual "Outstanding Support for Veterans Award" to a local business or organization	Bancroft McKittrick/Skip Keating/Ben Taylor <b>COMPLETE May 2024</b>
10	Continue Spring and Fall Scholarships for Army/Navy/Air Force cadets/midshipmen, and one high school scholarship in the Spring.	Kim Ramos, Glenn Harmon- <b>Spring COMPLETE</b>
11	Enhance the ROTC Dinner Event to recognize the cadets and encourage support for the Scholarship Program	Drew Hoffman - <b>Complete</b>
12	Bagels and Bingo at Emory Bennett Nursing Home	Skip Keating
13	Coffee and Donuts at VA Clinic	John & Patti Higgins
14	Provide Gold Bars to all newly commissioned O-1s	Drew Hoffman/Kim Ramos- <b>COMPLETE</b>
15	Host an annual "Holiday Gala"; Invite Guest Chapters	Drew Hoffman, Board of Directors
16	Continue to offer Cyber Security 101 workshops to community organizations, as requested	Kim Ramos, Pierre Louis, Mary McLendon, Bancroft McKittrick
<b>OTHER</b>		
17	Standardize electronic media for ease of communications within the Chapter	Pierre Louis/Anita Williams
18	Goal is to generate three (3) additional OC paid advertisements	Everyone

## Legislative Affairs/National MOAA Advocacy in Action

### **Impact of H.R. 9747 on Earned Benefits**

#### **Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (H.R. 9747)**

The Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (H.R. 9747), recently passed by Congress, is a critical measure designed to prevent a government shutdown and ensure the continuity of federal operations. This legislation provides temporary funding for federal agencies, extends various expiring programs, and includes additional funding for the U.S. Secret Service [5]. This will keep the government operating at the FY 2024 levels until December 20, 2024. One significant aspect of H.R. 9747 is the extension of financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing [6]. The following is how our Florida Representatives voted on H.R. 9747. Our Florida Representatives voted 16 Yea and 11-Nay. Our Florida Senators were Senator Rubio-Yea and Senator Scott-Did not Vote. Information was sourced from [Govtrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us)

#### **Impact on MOAA Members' Earned Benefits**

MOAA has been closely monitoring the implications of H.R. 9747 on the earned benefits of its members. Here are some key areas of impact:

1. **Healthcare Benefits:**
2. **Veterans' Services:**
3. **Pay and Compensation:**
4. **Program Stability:**

### **Summer Recess Advocacy Campaign 2024 Recap Notes**

During the congressional summer recess from August 5 to September 6, MOAA members engaged in a robust advocacy campaign to address key issues affecting service members and veterans. The following is an excerpt from Major General Vogel, Vice President for Government Relations:

“On behalf of MOAA, I want to extend our sincere gratitude for your participation in our virtual summer advocacy campaign. Your involvement has made a significant impact, with over 500 congressional offices contacted and over 17,000 messages sent to Congress. More than 3,600 participants took part in this effort, including over 700 new advocates who joined our Legislative Action Center during the campaign.”

Of particular note is the urgency to continue to push our digital efforts to showcase the great work that is being done. We have 3,600 participants from a base population of 360,000. I will continue to work hard to institute advocacy solutions to close this digital divide.

Sources in this month's legislative update: Conversation with Copilot, 9/28/2024

1. [H.R. 9747: Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 - GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/9747)
2. [Congress Reaches Continuing Resolution Consensus, Raising Christmas Renegotiation](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/committees/armed-services/news/2024/09/28/congress-reaches-continuing-resolution-consensus-raising-christmas-renegotiation)

***“The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of uniformed service members and their families. MOAA's constituents proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving. MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. For more than 90 years, MOAA has supported legislation that benefits the uniformed services community and has remained equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice.”***

***Please click on the following link to [TAKE ACTION](#)***

# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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SERVICEMEMBERS MAKE A LOT OF SACRIFICES. THEIR BENEFITS SHOULDN'T BE ONE OF THEM.



## MOAA ADVOCATES FOR ALL RANKS ACROSS ALL SERVICES.

The Military Officers Association of America is the nation's largest military service association. With more than 360,000 members, we're able to support and advocate for all ranks across the eight uniformed services.

On April 17, MOAA members from across the U.S. are visiting Capitol Hill to maintain the viability of the all-volunteer force – today and in the future. We'll ask lawmakers to ensure our nation keeps its promises to servicemembers and their families by supporting combat-injured veterans through the Major Richard Star Act, restoring the Basic Allowance for Housing to 100% of rental and utility costs, and protecting the TRICARE For Life health benefit.

Learn more about these issues and other ways MOAA supports those who serve and have served, along with their families and survivors, at [MOAA.org/AIA](http://MOAA.org/AIA).



MOAA Advocacy in Action Ad appearing in *The Hill*, April 17th

**National Security Agency – Reboot your Smartphone weekly**

We spend a lot of time on our smartphones, yet we typically only power off our devices when an issue or bug appears or when the battery dies. However, the National Security Agency (NSA) recommends rebooting your smartphone weekly to protect against zero-click exploits, which attackers use to eavesdrop and gather data from phones. While rebooting won't completely thwart more advanced schemes, many modern cyberattacks involve a sequence of multiple vulnerabilities that need to be exploited in succession. Restarting your phone makes the attacker start over, which can disrupt their progress.



Additionally, manufacturers recommend restarting your phone regularly to prevent it from slowing down or freezing. A quick restart clears out background apps, fixes overheating, resolves memory issues, and improves call signals. Most importantly, it gives your device a fresh start, which means smoother performance & a longer-lasting battery. This applies to both Android phones & iPhones.

More mobile security tips from NSA: The NSA advises disabling Bluetooth when not using it, [updating your phone](#) with the latest version of the operating system & apps as soon as updates become available, and disabling location services when not needed. The NSA further warns you [not to open email attachments & links](#). The spy agency recommends you “not connect to [public Wi-Fi networks](#),” to disable Wi-Fi when not in use, and to delete unused Wi-Fi networks. This is solid advice, considering how much cybercriminals use Wi-Fi to exploit you.

While the tips mentioned above are quite useful, here are a few additional security measures from ‘Kurt the Cyberguy’ you might consider following:

- 1) Have strong antivirus software: The best way to protect yourself from clicking malicious links that install malware is to have antivirus protection installed on all your devices. This can also alert you of any phishing emails or ransomware scams.
- 2) Use a VPN: Consider using a VPN to protect against being tracked; a VPN will disguise your IP address to show an alternate location.
- 3) Enable two-factor authentication: Enable [two-factor authentication](#) whenever possible. This adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification, such as a code sent to your phone, in addition to your password.
- 4) Change your password: You can render a stolen password useless simply by changing it. Opt for a strong password — one you don't use elsewhere.

And finally, always wipe data from your device and reset it to factory settings before selling or otherwise disposing of your phone.

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From the Chief of Naval Operations: 13 October 2024 will mark the Navy's 249th Birthday. The central theme is "Warfighting Strength and Readiness," which directly aligns with my priorities of having a superior maritime force, able to be inserted into any warfighting situation at a moment's notice. Beginning with the establishment of our Navy in 1775 and continuing to our current modern fleet, our Navy and the warfighters that serve it have been ready, and will continue to prepare for the challenges of an unpredictable future.



Today, the Navy's Birthday celebrates our traditions of honor, courage and commitment, and recognizes Sailors past and present who are the foundation upon which we have built the world's greatest Navy and secured victories for our Nation.

**Happy Birthday!**

**October Luncheon: Surviving Spouse Appreciation Program**

**Guest Speaker: Pat Green with MOAA**



October 24th is our “Surviving Spouse Appreciation” luncheon, where we feature and recognize our Surviving Spouses. Join us for an exciting luncheon meeting with guest speaker, Pat Green, Surviving Spouse Advisory Council.

Pat Green is the surviving spouse of Col. Dave Green, USA, a Life Member of MOAA. Pat has been an active and engaged member of MOAA for 15 years, serving in many leadership roles including chapter secretary, surviving spouse board member, and most recently as committee chairperson/liaison for surviving spouses in the Florida Council of Chapters

**Location: Halifax River Yacht Club 331 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL**

**Date: October 24, 2024**

**Social Hour starts at 1100  
Lunch served at 1130**

**Location: Halifax River Yacht Club  
331 S Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL**

Please indicate choice(s) and number of the following entrees  
Reservations are due by October 18, 2024

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Mediterranean Salad, GF:**

Mixed greens and spinach with olives, tomatoes, red onion, pepperoncini, and feta cheese. Tossed with a Greek dressing. Topped with grilled chicken.

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**2. Chicken Tuscan Bowl:** Grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, wilted spinach and shitake mushrooms, Tossed with Penne Pasta in a creamy Parmesan sauce.

# \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Pork Loin, GF:** Stuffed with spinach, cheese and herbs. Served over wild rice pilaf.

**Total Food: \$27**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Outreach Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fund Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA  
Membership Application**



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Salute

To our membership; we have created our new **Salute Section** to better serve you with recent **Veterans' interest stories, Veterans' Outreach**, and many other events happening in our area. If you are aware of a Veteran event/story you feel should be highlighted to the membership, please submit information to [halifaxareamoaa@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxareamoaa@gmail.com)



*\*All submissions will be reviewed by the President/1st VP before submission and must be submitted by the 15th of the month preceding the event\**

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### ~LOOKING AHEAD/HELPFUL LINKS~

**Nov 2024**

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First Tuesday of each month  
**Halifax River Yacht Club**  
**Starts at 1000**

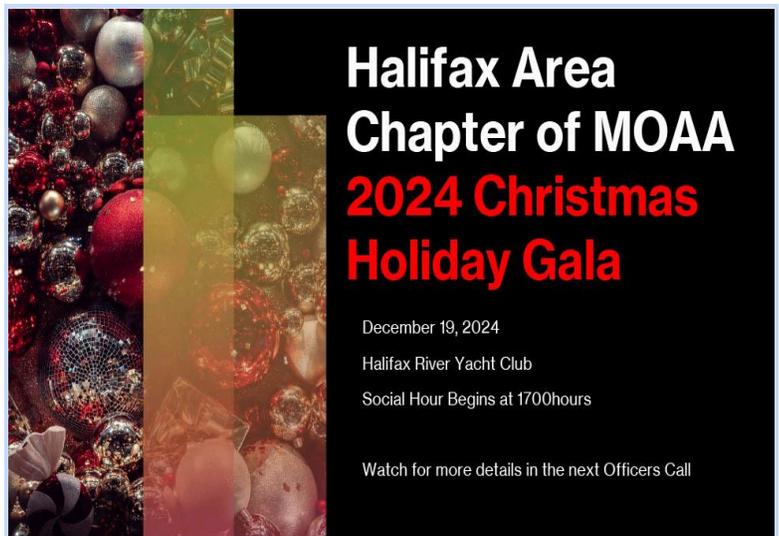
**Coffee & Doughnuts**  
First Thursday of each month  
**William V. Chappell, Jr. Veterans'**  
**Outpatient Clinic**  
**Starts at 0830**

**Bagels & Bingo**  
First Monday of each month  
**Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home**  
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## [Why Join Our Chapter?](#) ***BENEFITS of Chapter Membership***

Halifax Area Chapter membership is open to all men and women who are or have ever been commissioned or warrant officers in any component of the seven uniformed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Individuals can elect to become life members of the Association or to renew their membership yearly. Surviving Spouses are automatically eligible for membership in the Association. The Board of Directors may grant Honorary Membership to foreign officers who apply for such membership. Membership in National MOAA The basic National MOAA membership is free. We encourage anyone that is not a member, to take the time to register. To sign up for National Basic Membership, all you need is a valid email address and, of course, the desire to join National MOAA.

To join, follow this link: [National MOAA Basic Membership](#)

Chapter Dues -\$20 for one year, \$33 for 2 years, or \$44 for 3 years. Dues for Chapter membership with electronic distribution of "Officers Call" can also be paid online via credit card at [CHAPTER DUES](#)

Halifax Area Chapter Talking Points

- Our mission is to maintain a strong national defense and preserve the earned benefits of the uniformed services and their families.
- Meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month.
- Luncheons are from Sept to May at the Halifax River Yacht Club at 331 S. Beach Street, in Daytona Beach.
- At our luncheon, our social hour starts at 1100/lunch at 1200. For dinner events, normally meets at 1700/dinner at 1800.
- We conduct 2 monthly Community Outreach efforts, one at the local Emory L. Bennett Memorial Nursing Home by providing Bagels and Bingo and one at the Daytona Beach VA Clinic by providing Coffee and Doughnuts.
- We publish a monthly newsletter called the Officers' Call (except June thru Aug)
- Our website is <https://halifaxchaptermoaa.wordpress.com/>
- We have a designated Legislative Chair that keeps us informed of ongoing and upcoming military legislation.
- We have chapter members serving on the Volusia County Veterans Council. Our representative is Skip Keating
- Frequently we are listed in the News Journal, Hometown News, Orlando Sentinel, and the Florida Courier newspapers.
- Our chapter is an active member of the Florida Council of Chapters
- We support 3 Reserve Officer Training Corp Units ( Army/Navy/Air Force at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- We award 6 scholarships a year to deserving cadets/midshipmen
- Each year we award a National MOAA Medal and a Challenger award at the Spring Color Parade Awards Ceremony
- Our chapter is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America
- Our chapter is the first Military Organization to spearhead the efforts of the Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge and Plaza
- Each year we host our annual Christmas Gala to support veterans advocacy and to build camaraderie
- The Chapter's Outstanding Support to Veterans Award is presented annually to the local area company or organization making the most significant contributions to veterans and their families.

Scholarship Information:

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

The chapter sponsors two \$500 scholarships each year to a deserving, aspiring officer in each of the 3 ROTC Units.

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)

The Chapter has a separate Scholarship program sponsored by a Chapter member which makes an additional scholarship donation each year to a deserving Army ROTC student in memory of LTC Daniel Redner, USA (a former Chapter President).

The Chapter also supports the JROTC Unit at Mainland High School each spring with a \$250 scholarship along with a MOAA Medal and Challenger Plaque.

Funding for the Chapter's 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 held each April.

The Chapter also awards the National MOAA Medal and a "Challenger Plaque" to deserving midshipmen/cadets at each of the unit's Spring Color Parade and Awards Ceremonies

## READY REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION

**Air Force Retiree Services:** (800) 531-7502; [www.retirees.af.mil](http://www.retirees.af.mil)

**Arlington National Cemetery:** (703) 607-8000;

[www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org)

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**Army & Air Force Exchange Service:** (214) 312-2011;

[www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com)

**Army Retired Services:** (703) 571-7232;

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

**Burial at Sea Information:** (866) 787-0081;

**Combat Related Special Compensation:**

[www.va.gov/resources/combat-related-special-compensation-crsc/](http://www.va.gov/resources/combat-related-special-compensation-crsc/)

**DEERS:** (800)-538-9552, Fax: (831) 655-8317;

[www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers)

**Defense Commissary Agency:** [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

**DFAS Casualty Assistance Branch:** (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955; (For Reporting a Retiree's death, option #1)

**Fleet Reserve Association:** (703) 683-1400; [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)

**Gulf War homepage:** [www.gulflink.osd.mil](http://www.gulflink.osd.mil)

**I.D. Cards Benefits and Eligibility:** (866) 827-5672;

**Internal Revenue Service:** (800) 829-1040; [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

**Marine Corps Retired Affairs:** (800) 336-4649; [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil)

(Hover over "Marine Services" then click on "Retired Services")

**Medicare:** (800) 633-4227. TTY: (877) 486-2048; [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**Military Officers Assoc. of America:** (800) 234-6622; [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

**National Burial Services:** (800) 697-6940

**Navy Reserve Personnel Management (PERS 9):** (866) 827-5672;

**Navy Casualty Assistance:** (800) 368-3202

After duty hours call (901) 634-9279 for Casualty Watch Officer

**Navy Retired Activities:** (866) U-ASK-NPC (866-827-5672)

Email: [MILL\\_RetiredActivities@navy.mil](mailto:MILL_RetiredActivities@navy.mil)

**Navy Retired Activities Offices**

**Navy Uniform Shop:** (800) 368-4088; [www.navy-nex.com/uniform](http://www.navy-nex.com/uniform)

**Report the Death of a Retiree:** (800) 321-1080

**Reserve Component SBP:** (866) 827-5672 ask for PERS-912

**Retiree Dental — Delta Dental:** (888) 838-8737; [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org)

**Servicemembers Group Insurance (SGLI):** (800) 419-1473;

[www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov)

**Naval Historical Center:** (202) 433-2210; [www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)

**Social Security Administration:** (800) 772-1213; [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**TRICARE:** [www.mytricare.com/mtc](http://www.mytricare.com/mtc)

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**VA:** [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**Regional offices:** (800) 827-1000 (overseas retirees should contact the American Embassy/consulate), TDD (800) 829-4833

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**GI Bill:** (888) 442-4551; [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

**Records:**

**For replacement DD 214s, service records, medical records, award information:**

**Retired prior to 1995:**

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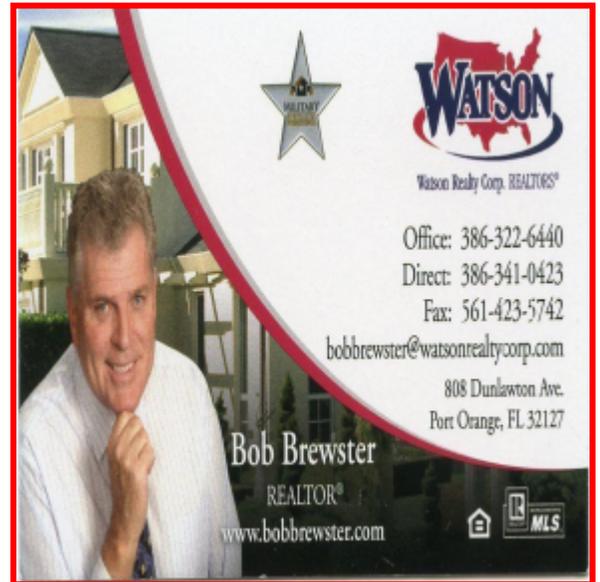
**Gray-area reservists:** (866) 827-5672

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Thank you in advance for assisting in this effort.



**Transition Liaison/Networking Coordinator** -The transition liaison's responsibilities are:

- provide transition assistance to servicemembers;
- serve 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;
- share 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, such as:
  - serving as chapter point of contact for the transition liaison;
  - forwarding information deemed appropriate for dissemination to chapter members;
  - providing articles for chapter newsletter on transition news and issues; and
  - performing other duties the president might assign.



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