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~MISSION STATEMENT~

The Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA supports a strong national defense, protects earned benefits, and serves uniformed service members, veterans, families, and survivors through advocacy, leadership, fellowship, and community service.



The Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit veterans organization dedicated to serving veterans, military families, surviving spouses, and future military leaders through advocacy, scholarships, mentorship, and community service.

President's Message

Welcome Back — A Summer of Service, A Fall of Opportunity



Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready for an exciting fall with the Halifax Area Chapter. While our regular luncheons took a break, our chapter certainly did not.

This summer was about mission, connection, and service. Three successful Coffee & Camaraderie gatherings brought together members, veteran organizations, civic leaders, and community partners—conversations that are already creating new opportunities.

We strengthened relationships with the Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, military recruiters, veteran organizations, and community partners while continuing Coffee & Doughnuts at the Daytona VA Clinic, Bagels & Bingo, mentorship, and veteran outreach.

We also put Advocacy in Action (AiA) by meeting with U.S. Rep. Randall Fine to advance MOAA's legislative priorities and advocate for servicemembers, veterans, retirees, and military families.

These efforts reflect our Membership Through Mission focus: creating meaningful opportunities for members to share their talents through advocacy, mentorship, scholarships, veteran support, and community service. When the mission is strong, membership follows.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Member Survey. Your feedback will help guide our 2026–2027 priorities, and we look forward to sharing the results at our September luncheon.

September also gives us much to celebrate. Halifax MOAA turns 42 on September 15, followed by the 79th birthday of the U.S. Air Force on September 18. Our September luncheon will launch an exciting speaker series with CAPT Winston Churchill, USCG (Ret), with more great programs ahead.

Meanwhile, planning is well underway for our Christmas Gala and Silent Auction, an opportunity to celebrate together while strengthening support for our scholarships and chapter missions.

As we begin another season, I am excited about our momentum. We are expanding advocacy, mentorship, partnerships, and service opportunities. There is a place in this mission for everyone. Get involved, share your ideas, and help us build a chapter defined by the difference our members make.

Never Stop Serving

Anita A. Williams

Anita A. Williams
CDR, USCGR (Ret)
President, Halifax Area Chapter MOAA

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

- **September 15** — Halifax MOAA celebrates 42 years of service.
- **September 18** — The United States Air Force celebrates its 79th birthday.
- **September 24** — Our fall luncheon features guest speaker CAPT Winston Churchill, USCG (Ret.). Special presentations for the USAF Birthday and the Halifax Area Chapter's 42nd birthday.
- Luncheon Reservations are due **September 18** - September 18 Luncheon – Halifax Area Chapter MOAA

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CHAPTER BUSINESS

Secretary's Report – May 5, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting

Bancroft McKittrick, Col, USMC (Ret)

Secretary

The MOAA Board of Director's (BOD) Meeting for the Halifax Chapter of MOAA met on May 5, 2026, at the Halifax Yacht Club, in Daytona Beach, FL. The meeting was called to order by President Anita Williams at 10 AM.

The following board members (showed with an asterisk) were present: Joe Peabody*, Arnold Leeks*, Drew Hoffman*, Bancroft McKittrick*, Jon Bateman* and Skip Keating*.

Quorum requirements met.

Reports of Officer/Committees

1. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the April's BOD meeting were distributed by email during the month of April 2026. Acceptance of these was nominated, seconded, and approved via email.
2. Treasurer's Report. Jose submitted the monthly report. He stated that there is \$3940.50 in the checking account. The BOD consensus is that Jose is very detailed in his reports and offers the BOD an opportunity for analysis on how the Chapter manages its finances. Drew made a motion to accept the report, Joe seconded and the BOD vote was unanimous.
3. Membership. Jon reviewed the Membership Report.
 - There are 93 members, with no losses this past month.

- Still waiting for confirmation of dues receipts from Robert Brewster (will renew), Robert Martin, and John McClellan who all expressed their intent to renew their memberships.
 - Also, we still have 6 members who have not yet expressed their interest to renew their dues. They are William Davidson; Joseph Diblasi; John Howell; Daniel Molthen; John Stovall; and James Wyatt.
 - Jon will follow up with potential new member, COL Mike Profenno, USA (Ret) in April.
 - Jon has received a few complaints from new members that they are not receiving the OC. He knows the new distribution list is being used, because his father, a recent new member, received his OC this month. After discussion, Jon will, again, verify addresses and also recommend that spam/junk folders be checked.
 - Jon will take the lead on 2 Chapter surveys that Anita drafted:
 - MOAA Member Satisfaction Survey
 - MOAA Membership Non-Renewal Survey
 - There was discussion about counting the recently commissioned ROTC officers as part of the Chapter's membership. The consensus was that they should not be counted since they move away after commissioning and are not part of the Chapter.
 - Jon will send BOD members a call list in July to stay connected with the membership over the summer break.
 - Joe made a motion to accept the Membership Report, Arnold seconded & the BOD vote was unanimous.
4. Officers Call Report.
- The May OC was sent out by Pierre.
 - Joe said he plans to send out an OC in July to keep membership informed on Chapter activities.
 - The OC Member Spotlight in September will be Arnold and in October Jon and his father.
5. Surviving Spouse Update. Patti sent a report that she is in contact with a number of the surviving spouses and maintains regular communications with them.

Old Business

6. Bagels and Bingo Update. Skip stated that there were 18 veterans and MOAA (6), VITAS, DAR and Mainland Cadets members volunteers at this month's meeting. A number of prizes were handed out to the veterans home attendees.
7. VCVC Update. Skip's comments: Our Chapter is supporting the Ormond Beach Memorial Day Remembrance Service on May 25, 2026.
8. VA Coffee and Donuts Update. Arnold said the event is going well and he had plenty of support from Team Red, White & Blue and the DAR.
9. FCOC Convention Update.
- The Chapter proposed to the FCOC to host the FCOC Convention in October 2028.
 - Drew and Bancroft are the Chapter's leads for the convention.
 - The Shores sent a final proposed contract, and it is under review by the FCOC event coordinator. The proposed schedule included more free time to enjoy the local attractions and less formal meetings.
 - Arnold asked Raul Gonzalez of the West Volusia Chapter for support when we host the FCOC Convention and he agreed.
 - FCOC, Pat Kluever, reviewed the proposed menu and sent it back to Betty Ann at the Shores for review.
 - The proposal to host the FCOC Convention will be presented to the FCOC BOD for approval at the May 9, 2026 FCOC BOD Meeting.

New Business

10. Outstanding Support to Veterans Award. Bancroft and Skip.
- The Outstanding Support to Veterans Award Luncheon is May 28, 2026.
 - This year's non-profit winner is VVA Chapter 1048 and for-profit winner is AAA Fence, Daytona Beach.
 - The press release was sent to the newspapers for publication on 1 May.
11. Christmas Gala
- The Holiday Gala Committee is Arnold, Billie and Bancroft.
 - The focus of the Holiday Gala is to celebrate our members for their support of our Chapter. Secondly, it is an opportunity to support the Chapter's Scholarship Program through the Silent Auction.
 - The date for the Holiday Gala is December 17, 2026.
 - The entertainment contract with ShBoom was signed for \$450.00.
 - Joe Peabody has volunteered to be in charge of the silent auction.

From The Floor

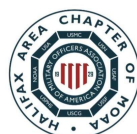
1. Skip said the Chapter is going to participate in this year's 4th of July celebration in Daytona Beach. He is attending a meeting on it today.
2. Skip will attend the Embry-Riddle commissioning of 30 cadets. Also, MAJ, LTC (Sel) Maddy will assume command of the unit.
3. Drew is going to ask the Sea Cadets to post the colors for the luncheon this month.
4. Arnold and Anita are attending the Mainland HS JROTC Awards Ceremony and dinner.
5. At the Veterans Museum meeting today, the Chief of Volusia Tourism, Lori Campbell Baker, will be the guest speaker.
6. Anita asked about the luncheon speaker lineup for the rest of this year. Arnold said he is working on the speaker slots for October and November.
7. Anita is developing a "MOAA Corner" in the local Observer newspaper to highlight Chapter events and activities.
8. Pierre proposed promoting a Chapter signature community event.
 - Since we already have these two events—Bagels & Bingo and Coffee & Donuts, we should capitalize on these events and invite community members to join our Chapter.
 - This would serve as signature events for the following purposes:
 - Community recognition and support for veterans,
 - A vehicle to promote our ROTC and end of year silent auction,
 - Press releases and generating more pictures from members attending.
 - Action needed:
 - Approval from the BOD to promote on Facebook,
 - Bigger footprint on the website,
 - Press releases,
 - More pictures from members attending these events.
 - More BOD discussion on this topic.
9. Skip said that the Veterans Day Ceremony he organized is a Chapter event. The ceremony is on November 11th at the Veterans Memorial Plaza, Daytona Beach. He is asking for Chapter volunteers to support this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Our next BOD Meeting is on September 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the HRYC.

2025-2026 Outstanding Support to Veterans for profit Award Winner



2025-2026 Outstanding Support to Veterans Non-Profit Award Winner



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LOOKING AHEAD

Halifax Area Chapter — 2026–2027 Planning Board (As of September 1, 2026)

BOD Date	Luncheon Date	Speaker and/or Event	Supporting Elements/P.O.C.s
September 1, 2026	Thursday, September 24, 2026	Speaker — CAPT Winston Churchill, USCG (Ret) Price: \$30 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Agree on Nominating Committee (45 days out) - Obtain 2026 – 2027 Lunch Menu - Obtain Holiday Menu - Save the Date Card - Gala
October 6, 2026	Thursday, October 22, 2026	Surviving Spouse Appreciation Program Speaker — Mrs. Cathy Heigher Price: \$30 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Toys for Tots Campaign. Include in Officers Call and at BOD Meeting - Announce the Holiday Gala
November 3, 2026	Thursday, November 19, 2026 Date moved due to Thanksgiving Holiday	Membership Meeting and Speaker — Ms. Laurie Campbell Baker, Tourism Price: \$30 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Advertise the “Holiday Gala” Membership Month - Launch Silent Auction effort for Christmas Gala - Annual Group Picture
December 1, 2026	December 17, 2026, 1700 hrs Date moved due to Christmas Holiday	“Christmas Holiday Gala Dinner Dance” Music and Entertainment Price: TBD Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- ERAU Fall Commissioning to Ensigns and 2nd Lt - MOAA “CM” Modifications for new Officers
January 5, 2027	Thursday, January 21, 2027	Speaker – Price: \$30 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- FCOC Leadership Forum - Initiate the write-up of Level of Chapter Excellence - Start Ordering Gold Bars - Submit Marvin Harris Communication Award – Due February 14, 2027
February 2, 2027	Thursday, February 25, 2027	Speaker – Price: \$30 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Submit to USAA for Council Sponsorship app - ROTC Dinner in April to MOAA - Submit Level of Excellence, Surviving Spouse, Legislative Liaison-Web/Newsletter nominations
March 2, 2027	Thursday, March 25, 2027	Speaker – Price: \$30 Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Negotiate Entertainment Contract for Holiday Gala - National MOAA CM Modifications
April 6, 2027	Thursday, April 29, 2027 Dinner Meeting – 1700 hrs start	ROTC Scholarship Dinner Price: TBD Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Cadet Intros and Recognition - Obtain 2nd half of 2026 Menus from HRYC
May 4, 2027	Thursday, May 27, 2027	Presentation of the Outstanding Support to Veterans Awards Price: TBD Location: Halifax River Yacht Club	- Obtain Sept-Dec menus from HRYC

2026–2027 CHAPTER PRIORITIES

Halifax Area Chapter – 2026-27 Action Plan As of 9/1/2026		
	<i>Chapter Goals and Objectives</i>	<i>Sponsor/Update/Follow-up</i>
	LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	
1	Continue the Guest Speaker Program to include the following areas: military, community, business and health and wellness	TBD speaker OCT-MAY Sep – Oct - Nov – Chapter Business Meeting and, Dec – Christmas Gala
2	Publish a local veteran related article in local newspaper on MOAA legislative efforts. Increase AIA participation	Board of Directors
	RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION	
3	The goal is for 25% of the membership to attend a luncheon/dinner.	Everyone Jan= , Feb = , March = , April = , May = , Sep = , Oct = , Nov = Dec =
4	Net gain of 10 members for 2027	Everyone
5	Identify and develop potential leaders from the Chapter membership to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD).	Committee. Need new slate NLT October 2027.....new board elected at the November Mtg
6	Feature new-member highlights in the Officers Call (OC)	Joe Peabody.
	PERSONAL AFFAIRS	
7	Surviving Spouse Program, Surviving Spouse Team/Spousal Affairs Officer	Patti Higgins, October Membership Meeting dedicated to SSM
8	Maintain joint events with other local MOAA Chapters	Chapter Members; Transfers; Special Events. LDS and FCOC Convention – January Veterans Stand Down – March, West Volusia Picnic- May, July 4 th Volusia Parade, Christmas Gala
	BASE COMMUNITY	
9	Present an annual “Outstanding Support for Veterans Award”: one to a local business or organization and one to a Not-for-Profit Organization	Bancroft McKittrick/Skip Keating/Ben Taylor
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, Skip Keating, John Higgins
11	Enhance the ROTC Dinner Event to recognize the cadets and encourage support for the Scholarship Program	Anita Williams, Glenn Harmon, Skip Keating, Drew Hoffman, John Higgins
12	Bagels and Bingo at Emory Bennett Nursing Home	Ongoing all year - Skip Keating
13	Coffee and Donuts at VA Clinic	Ongoing all year - John and Patti Higgins
14	Provide Gold Bars to all newly commissioned O-1s	Drew Hoffman/Kim Ramos/Skip Keating/John Higgins
15	Host an annual “Christmas Holiday Gala”; Invite Guest Chapters	Anita Williams, Board of Directors
16	Continue to offer Cyber Security 101 workshops to community organizations, as requested	Kim Ramos, Pierre Louis, Mary McLendon, Bancroft McKittrick;
	OTHER	
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


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★ *Guest Speaker* ★
CAPT WINSTON CHURCHILL,
USCG (RET)



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WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026


HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB
 331 S. BEACH STREET
 DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114


SOCIAL: 11:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 12:00 PM
 PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

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Christmas Gala
 &
SILENT AUCTION
2026

CELEBRATE. CONNECT. GIVE BACK.


THURSDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2026


HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB
 331 SOUTH BEACH STREET
 DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114


5:00 PM
 SOCIAL HOUR &
 SILENT AUCTION


6:00 PM
 DINNER & PROGRAM


7:30 PM
 LIVE AUCTION

★ PROCEEDS SUPPORT VETERANS, MILITARY FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. ★


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GOOD FOOD • GOOD COMPANY • GREAT CAUSE

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of great food, fellowship, and fun as we come together to celebrate summer and our shared commitment to supporting our veterans and military community.


SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026


10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 Indoor seating available
 Rain or shine!


VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER
 400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy
 Merritt Island, FL 32952


ENJOY

- Delicious grilled burgers and hotdogs
- Classic picnic sides
- Refreshing drinks
- The warm camaraderie of fellow MOAA members
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 Take time to explore the inspiring museum exhibits and impressive static displays at the Veterans Memorial Center.


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DONATIONS WELCOME
 Donations will be accepted at the door to support our chapter's ongoing programs.


FAMILIES WELCOME!
 Bring your family and enjoy a great day together supporting a great cause.


PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE
 to help us plan a wonderful day for all.
REGISTER BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026


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 Questions? Email us at info@moaacc.org

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JULY 2027

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MEDITERRANEAN ADVENTURE
 Explore stunning destinations, rich culture, and breathtaking views.


MOAA LEADERSHIP ON BOARD
 Join MOAA President & CEO Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret.) on this special journey.


CAMARADERIE & CONNECTION
 Travel and connect with fellow MOAA members from across the country.


INTERESTED?
 Lt. Col. Glenn Harmon, USAF (Ret.), our ROTC Awards Chair, has already booked the cruise and has more information, including a video overview from Jon Brenneman, President of MOAA Vacations. Glenn is your point of contact for all questions!
 Contact Glenn at: Glennharmon111@gmail.com


 Learn More & View Details
MOAA Vacations – Mediterranean Cruise
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MISSION IN ACTION

Legislative Affairs / National MOAA Advocacy in Action
CWO2 Pierre Louis, Legislative Affairs Chair

"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

Watch the instructional video and follow the login instructions below to complete your registration on the MOAA Legislative Action Center. It takes less than five minutes:

► INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO
[Legislative Action Center Howto](#)





Florida Council of Chapters Legislative Affairs Chair Pierre Louis (left) and Halifax Area Chapter President Anita Williams (right) at U.S. Rep. Randy Fine's district office.

Halifax Area Chapter President Anita Williams and Florida Council of Chapters Legislative Affairs Chair Pierre Louis recently spent an afternoon at U.S. Rep. Randy Fine's district office, carrying MOAA's three Summer Advocacy in Action priorities directly to the Congressman's staff:

The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102 / S. 1032) — ending the dollar-for-dollar offset that reduces retirement pay for combat-injured veterans medically retired with fewer than 20 years of service.

Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act (H.R. 6231 / S. 3265) — expanding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to military spouses, addressing a spouse unemployment rate that runs far above the national average and the retention costs that follow.

Restoration of GLP-1 pharmacy coverage for TRICARE For Life beneficiaries — closing the equity gap that leaves seniors 65 and older without coverage their fellow beneficiaries still receive.

It was a productive and welcoming conversation, and the delegation appreciated the district staff's time and attention to the issues facing Florida's veterans and their families.

"This is what advocacy looks like — showing up, bringing the data, and making the ask."



Reviewing MOAA's priorities and talking points with the Congressman's district staff.



Walking through the Summer Advocacy in Action priorities.



Making the case for Florida's veterans and military families.



Bringing the data — and the ask — to the table.

SUMMER ADVOCACY IN ACTION: WHY THESE VISITS MATTER

Most members picture MOAA advocacy as the spring event on Capitol Hill, when hundreds of volunteers visit congressional offices in a single day. But the mission runs year-round. Every August, while Congress is home on recess, MOAA's Summer Advocacy in Action campaign asks chapter leaders to meet lawmakers in their own districts — exactly what happened at Congressman Fine's office. Those in-person visits carry far more weight when they are reinforced by a wave of constituent messages from back home. In an election year, lawmakers are listening especially closely to the people they represent, which makes this the ideal moment to add your voice.

LEGISLATIVE LOWDOWN: WHERE THE PRIORITIES STAND

Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102 / S. 1032)

The bill would end the offset that forces roughly 54,000 combat-injured veterans — those medically retired with fewer than 20 years of service — to surrender a dollar of earned retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation. Support is overwhelming: about 334 cosponsors in the House and 79 in the Senate. Even so, congressional leadership has not scheduled a floor vote, and repeated attempts to pass the Senate version by unanimous consent have been blocked by objection. In May, a bipartisan discharge petition was filed to force the bill out of committee and onto the House floor. It needs 218 signatures and climbed through the low 200s over the summer. The single most useful thing a constituent can do right now is ask their U.S. Representative to sign the discharge petition.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit for Military Spouses (H.R. 6231 / S. 3265)

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit — a long-standing incentive for employers who hire groups that face barriers to employment, including veterans — expired at the end of 2025. The Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act would reauthorize the credit and add military spouses as an eligible group. Spouse unemployment has hovered around 20% or higher for more than a decade, driven largely by frequent permanent-change-of-station moves. Giving employers a reason to hire military spouses steadies family finances — and family stability is one of the biggest factors in whether an experienced servicemember stays in uniform.

GLP-1 Coverage for TRICARE For Life

As of Aug. 31, 2025, TRICARE stopped covering FDA-approved GLP-1 weight-loss medications for TRICARE For Life beneficiaries treated for obesity-related conditions — even though TRICARE Prime and Select users kept that coverage (with prior authorization), and every plan still covers GLP-1s prescribed for Type 2 diabetes. The result is an age-based gap: retirees 65 and older now pay out of pocket or go without. A new Medicare GLP-1 Bridge Program that launched July 1, 2026, does not help most of them, because the majority of TFL beneficiaries receive drug coverage through TRICARE rather than Medicare Part D. MOAA is pressing both the Defense Health Agency and Congress to restore pharmacy parity for all beneficiaries, regardless of age.

STILL ON THE RADAR THIS FALL

Government Funding & the Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168 / H.R. 7137)

The federal fiscal year ends Sept. 30, and Congress has not passed a full-year budget on time since 1997 — FY 2026 alone saw repeated funding lapses. The Shutdown Fairness Act would guarantee pay for members of the armed forces, including the reserve components, during any lapse in appropriations, and would let drilling reservists keep training. MOAA is also pushing to add USPHS and NOAA Commissioned Corps officers, who have missed paychecks in past shutdowns while serving alongside others in uniform. With another funding deadline approaching, this is the advocacy issue to watch this fall.

Health & family bills MOAA continues to back: Servicewomen and Women Veterans Menopause Research Act (H.R. 2717 / S. 1320); Improving Menopause Care for Veterans Act (H.R. 219); the BRAVE Act (H.R. 6024 / S. 609); Improving VA Training for Military Sexual Trauma Claims Act (H.R. 2201); and the Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act (H.R. 2576 / S. 1245).

From the past few weeks: MOAA data featured in a new ranking of the best and worst states for veterans; a fresh report detailing the real costs the continuing-resolution cycle imposes on the total force; and a bill aimed at fixing chronically inaccurate TRICARE provider directories.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — FREE MOAA WEBINARS

Get the Most Out of Medicare — Tuesday, Sept. 22

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- Communicate directly with your legislators.
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★ HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER MOAA ★

BAGELS & BINGO!

★ SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED ★

This summer, Halifax Area Chapter members spent several mornings at the **Emory L. Bennett State Veterans' Nursing Home** sharing bagels, bingo, laughter, and most importantly—time with our fellow veterans.

BIG WINNERS!
THE PURPLE SHIRT TABLE celebrated 3 Bingos in a row!

Congratulations to **PAUL, a U.S. MARINE CORPS VETERAN**, who took home the final Bingo win of the morning!

Thank you, **TINA from VITAS**, for all you do and for being there for another wonderful event!

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OFFICERS CALL
CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
★
SUMMER 2026

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
DAYTONA BEACH VA CLINIC

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Honoring Those Who Served
★ AT THE DAYTONA BEACH VA CLINIC ★
A simple gesture. A meaningful impact.

This summer, the Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA continued our monthly tradition of supporting our nation's heroes through Coffee & Doughnuts at the Daytona VA Clinic.

Our volunteers serve up more than coffee and doughnuts—we share gratitude, build connections, and show Veterans they are not forgotten.

THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers and especially **TEAM RED, WHITE & BLUE (TEAM RWB)** for your continued partnership and unwavering support!

DAYTONA BEACH VA CLINIC
Our outpatient clinic offers primary care and specialty health services, including mental health care, orthopedics, dentistry, vision care (optometry), hearing loss (audiology), programs to help Veterans to stop smoking, treatment of spinal cord injuries, an amputee clinic, and more.
Below, you'll find our address and hours, parking and transportation information, and the other health services we offer at our Daytona Beach VA Clinic.

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
DAYTONA BEACH VA CLINIC

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DAYTONA BEACH VA CLINIC

TEAM RWB

SERVING OUR VETERANS

- Primary Care & Specialty Health Services
- Mental Health Care
- Dentistry
- Vision Care (Optometry)
- Hearing Loss (Audiology)
- Programs to Help Veterans Stop Smoking
- Treatment of Spinal Cord Injuries
- Amputee Clinic
- ...and more.

Thank You!
Your time, generosity, and commitment make a difference in the lives of our Veterans every single month.

TO HONOR, SERVE, AND CONNECT WITH VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES—
ONE CLIP, ONE CONVERSATION, AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

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THE HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OF MOAA HAS PARTNERED WITH **THE OBSERVER** NEWSPAPER TO BRING THE STORIES OF OUR LOCAL VETERANS TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A MONTHLY FEATURE.

Every veteran has a story—of service, sacrifice, friendship, challenge, humor, adventure, and moments that remain with us long after the uniform is put away. Through this partnership, we want to give those stories a voice.

»»» **WE ARE LOOKING FOR VETERANS** willing to share their experiences—not simply to preserve our military history, but to **inspire others, motivate future generations, and rekindle memories** among fellow veterans and their families.



★ YOUR STORY COULD BE ABOUT: ★



Your first duty station or an unforgettable assignment



A mentor who influenced you or lifelong friendships



A deployment or challenging experience



A funny military memory



Lessons from service that still guide you today



HAVE A STORY TO TELL—OR KNOW A VETERAN WHOSE STORY DESERVES TO BE HEARD?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- ★ Help us preserve these stories—one veteran, one memory, and one voice at a time.
- ★ Please contact the Halifax Area Chapter MOAA at www.halifaxareamoaa@gmail.com to share your story or recommend a veteran for an upcoming feature.



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★ **ALL SEA SERVICE MEMBERS!**

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★ **INSPIRE.**

★ **LEAD.**

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Daytona Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps,
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The Daytona Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is part of the nation's premier youth program for young men and women **ages 11-17.**

- ✓ Character Development
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Our cadets learn discipline, leadership, seamanship, and service through hands-on training, uniformed excellence, and real-world experiences.

**They have the desire to succeed.
They just need mentors to help guide the way.**

BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS.
ROOTED IN NAVAL HERITAGE. FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE.



We develop future leaders of character who are prepared to serve our nation and communities.



We welcome all sea service members who want to make a lasting impact.

★ **AS A MENTOR, YOU CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT** ★



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Share your knowledge and sea service experience to help cadets grow.



PROVIDE GUIDANCE

Offer encouragement, advice, and leadership as they navigate their journey.



OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

Introduce cadets to careers, training, and opportunities in the sea services.



BUILD CONNECTIONS

Become part of a network dedicated to developing future leaders.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Inspire confidence, character, and a lifelong commitment to service.



JOIN OUR SEA CADET MENTORSHIP BOARD!

Be the compass that helps guide the next generation of sea service leaders.



ABOUT THE DAYTONA DIVISION, U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

We are a unit of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps serving the Daytona Beach area.

We meet regularly for training, drills, community service, and fun activities that build skills for life.

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Find us on Facebook:
Daytona Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps



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Subject: Sea Cadet Mentorship Board



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TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE FOR OUR SEA CADETS AND OUR NATION.



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PARTNER WITH HALIFAX MOAA — YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



The Halifax Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a **501(c)(19) nonprofit veterans organization** dedicated to continuing a tradition of service to those who have served our nation, their families, and the next generation of military leaders.

OUR PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS:



VETERANS

Supporting those who have served our nation.



SURVIVING SPOUSES

Honoring and supporting surviving spouses.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards for ROTC, JROTC and deserving students pursuing higher education.



MENTORSHIP & OUTREACH

Mentoring future leaders and connecting with veterans and families.



CHARITABLE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Partnering with local organizations to make a lasting impact.



100%

OF DONATED FUNDS
AND PROCEEDS

100% of donated funds and proceeds designated for these programs go directly toward supporting our scholarships, charitable causes, and mission-focused organizations and activities throughout the Halifax Area Chapter and the Greater Daytona Beach area.



Through our partnerships with local veteran and community organizations, we are able to extend our impact even further throughout **the Greater Daytona Beach area.**



By partnering with Halifax MOAA, you are doing more than supporting an organization—**you are investing in veterans, military families, future leaders, and a stronger community.**



YOUR PARTNERSHIP HELPS US CONTINUE TO SERVE.

Lead Through Service. Grow Through Mission. Never Stop Serving.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON



Guest Speaker

CAPT Winston Churchill, USCG (Ret)

Captain Winston Churchill served a distinguished U.S. Coast Guard career, rising from enlisted service to Captain and commanding multiple cutters. His assignments included Operation Desert Storm, Coast Guard Forces Middle East, and senior posts in Europe and California. After retirement, he served as a merchant mariner, marine surveyor, and maritime advisor.



Date: September 24, 2026

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



Name _____

Salads can be made without meat: please specify "no meat or vegetarian" in the comments for salad choices if desired.

Please indicate choice(s) and number of the following entrees. Reservations are due by September 18, 2026

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Or call (360) 813-4444



Choice 1: Sautéed Chicken Breast – Sautéed chicken breast with shallots and raspberries, deglazed with cognac and finished with a cream sauce. Served with rice pilaf and baby carrots.

Choice 2: Oven-Poached Salmon – Salmon with shallots and Grand Marnier, finished with butter and garnished with toasted almonds. Served with rice pilaf and buttered asparagus.

Choice 3: Vegetarian Pesto Tortellini – Tri-colored cheese tortellini with roasted tomatoes, mushrooms, onions, asparagus, spinach, and artichokes, tossed with pesto

Halifax Chapter Of Moaa



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Luncheon: \$30 per person

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Total

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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.



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

Little-Known Aztec Eagles Flew to Glory During World War II

As one of more than 40 nations to join the Allied cause during World War II, Mexico played a little-known but meaningful role in the conflict's outcome. In 1945, a squadron of Mexican fighter pilots equipped & trained by the US Army Air Forces (USAAF) entered the fight against Japan. Dubbed the Aztec Eagles, these courageous aviators flew 59 operational missions over the Philippine islands & Formosa (now Taiwan) throughout the war.



In June 1942, after losing several merchant ships to German submarines, Mexico declared war on the Axis powers. By the spring of 1944, the Mexican Expeditionary Air Force (MEAF) had been organized for duty overseas. At its heart was the Escuadrón Aéreo de Pelea 201, a fighter squadron that included 36 officers and 270 ground crew members.

In July, the Aztec Eagles were sent to air bases across the US where they spent many months learning USAAF tactical procedures & advanced flying skills. In April 1945, the members of Escuadrón 201 were declared combat-ready & they deployed to the Philippines. Based at Clark Field on the island of Luzon, the squadron became part of the USAAF 58th Fighter Group. On Luzon, aviators with Escuadrón 201 chiefly conducted close air support strikes against enemy ground targets, while also flying long-range fighter sweeps deep into Japanese-held territory. Overcoming issues such as experience & the language barrier, the Escuadrón 201 airmen established a solid operational record. The Aztec Eagles often flew in support of the 25th Infantry Division, earning several letters of commendation during the war. The fighter pilots of Escuadrón 201 completed about 800 individual aircraft sorties while accumulating nearly 2,000 hours of combat time. The Aztec Eagles received a hero's welcome when they returned home. Thousands of cheering citizens gathered to celebrate their service at a grand military parade held in Mexico City on 18 November 1945. The squadron's contribution to victory strengthened US-Mexico relations and became a source of great civic pride. To this day, the Aztec Eagles remain Mexico's only military force to serve in combat outside the country.

From: Article by LTC Patrick J. Chaisson, USA (Ret), September 2026 issue of
Military Officer magazine.

That 'Choose VA' Postcard Isn't a Scam



The VA will send postcards to about 3.8 million Veterans through 11 September who are not enrolled in VA health care. These new "Choose VA" postcards are legitimate VA communications & are part of an official outreach campaign. Veterans seeking information about VA health care eligibility can call the VA enrollment center (877-222-8387). Veterans can apply for care by completing an online registration form.

Veterans who have questions about the authenticity of veteran-related communications can call the VSAFE Fraud Hotline at 833-388-7233 or visit VSAFE.gov for resources on military & Veteran benefit scams, identity theft, and other types of fraud.



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HONORING A PROUD LEGACY

From ROTC scholarships and JROTC recognition to advocacy and veteran outreach, our chapter continues the mission of serving those who served and supporting those who will serve.

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LT. COL. GLENN HARMON, USAF (RET.)
ROTC AWARDS CHAIR, HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER MOAA



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F-111 Weapons System Officer, T-43 instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Aerospace Physiologist.



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1976 Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force ROTC program at East Carolina University.



AVIATION PROFESSIONAL

Airline pilot, Embry-Riddle faculty, and more than 10,000 flight hours.



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Leads Halifax MOAA's ROTC and JROTC scholarship programs and is active in veteran and community service.



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42 YEARS OF SERVICE

HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

On September 15, 2026, the Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA celebrates its 42nd birthday—an opportunity not only to celebrate, but to remember where we came from and recognize how much of our mission today was shaped by those who came before us.

★ OUR BEGINNING

In 1983, members of the Volusia County Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) sought approval to establish a second chapter serving the Halifax area. Approximately 265 TROA members lived east of I-95. After receiving approval from the national organization, the new Halifax Area Chapter was formed.

Our Charter Banquet was held at the Elks Lodge in Ormond Beach on September 15, 1984, where the first officers were formally installed by a representative from the national organization. LTC Charles Whalen, USA, was our first president.

CHARTER BANQUET • SEPTEMBER 15, 1984



The first officers installed at our Charter Banquet at the Elks Lodge in Ormond Beach.

A MISSION THAT ENDURES



SUPPORTING FUTURE LEADERS

Following the loss of the *Space Shuttle Challenger* crew in 1986, we established the *Challenger Sabre Awards*, recognizing outstanding ROTC cadets at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Over the years, we expanded to include scholarships, medals, and recognition for Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC cadets at ERAU and JROTC cadets at area high schools.



ADVOCACY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Throughout the 1990s and beyond, our members advocated for active-duty personnel, retirees, and military families. One major victory came with the passage of TRICARE For Life in 2001—achieved through individual member letters and MOAA/TROA advocacy efforts. An early example of what we today call Advocacy in Action.



SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

In 2007, we began serving coffee and doughnuts at the local VA clinic—a tradition that continues today. Our commitment to veterans and the community remains a cornerstone of our chapter.



CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

In 1998, Halifax members operated a food booth at Daytona International Speedway during the Pepsi 400 to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. From the track to the community, our members have always found ways to serve.



EVOLVING, YET STAYING TRUE

In 2003, following the national organization's transition from TROA to the Military Officers Association of America, we became the Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA. Our name changed, but our mission did not.

42 YEARS. ONE MISSION.

Today, we continue our work through scholarships, ROTC/JROTC recognition, veteran outreach, legislative advocacy, Coffee & Doughnuts, mentorship, and community partnerships.

Our mission has always been bigger than membership.

★ GENERATIONS OF HALIFAX OFFICERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND SERVED OTHERS—BECAUSE SERVICE DOES NOT END WHEN THE UNIFORM COMES OFF. ★

HAPPY 42ND BIRTHDAY, HALIFAX!

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Membership Through Mission – *Help Us Grow the Halifax Team*

As we begin our 2026–2027 season, your Board of Directors is excited about the momentum building across the Halifax Area Chapter.

Our chapter is increasingly visible throughout the Greater Daytona Beach community through veteran outreach, scholarships, ROTC/JROTC and cadet mentorship, Advocacy in Action, Coffee & Camaraderie, community partnerships, and service to veterans and military families.

We believe this is also our greatest opportunity for membership growth.

We aren't interested in growing simply for the **sake of having a larger membership number**. **We want to grow our capacity to serve**. Every new member brings another lifetime of leadership, experience, relationships, and ideas that can strengthen our chapter and our community.

That's where we need your help.

The Board is asking every Halifax member to think of one eligible military officer or surviving spouse who might enjoy becoming part of what we're building.



INVITE THEM
to a luncheon.



BRING THEM
to Coffee &
Camaraderie.



INTRODUCE THEM
to a service
project.



TELL THEM
why you belong
to MOAA.

★ THE ONE-MEMBER CHALLENGE ★

One member.
One invitation.
One opportunity
to grow our mission.

You don't have to "recruit" anyone. Just invite someone to experience Halifax MOAA.

We'll take it from there.



**BRING A GUEST.
SHARE OUR MISSION.
GROW OUR IMPACT.**



The strongest chapters aren't built by membership drives alone.
They're built by people who believe in the mission and invite others to be part of it.



When the mission is strong, membership follows.

— Halifax Area Chapter MOAA Board of Directors

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Membership Application

Date: _____



Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA Membership Application

NAME: _____

(First, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix if applicable)



BIRTH: _____

(MM/DD/YYYY)

RANK: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

STATUS: _____

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(Shown on line 2 of the "Military Officer" magazine mailing label).

Not a member of the National MOAA? Become part of our nationwide "One Powerful Voice" organization. Join now at <http://www.moaa.org/>.

I am applying for ☐ CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

(Select electronically and indicate the number of years of dues you wish to pay (1-3)).

Chapter Dues for membership with "Officers Call" is \$20 for one year, \$33 for 2 years, or \$44 for 3 years. SIGNATURE: _____

Mail application with a CHECK payable to "HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OF MOAA" to:
HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OF MOAA, P.O. BOX 2093, DAYTONA BEACH, FL. 32115-2093



WE APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERISM
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When you wear your shirt to meetings, volunteer events, or around town, you increase our chapter's visibility and help spark conversations about the important work we do.

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Each T-shirt purchase includes an average \$5.00 donation that directly supports our vital programs and operating expenses.

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Veteran Care:

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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.

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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.

Article should be no more than 230 words in length and all photos should be in .jpg, .bmp or .jpeg format.



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★ *in our community* ★



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Coffee & Camaraderie brings together the people and organizations serving our military and veteran community—from the **Daytona Beach Recruiting Company** to **Veteran Affairs of Volusia County** and our local veteran organizations.



SHARE. Here we share information, build relationships, identify needs, and connect resources.



COLLABORATE. The goal is simple: **removing the siloing of information** so we can better serve veterans, military families, and future service members together.



CONNECT. Stronger connections. Better communication. **Stronger community.**

Come for the
COFFEE.

Stay for the
CONVERSATION.

Leave better
CONNECTED.



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~ LOOKING AHEAD/HELPFUL LINKS ~

Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
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
Starts at 1000

National MOAA Website

Florida Council of Chapters Website

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Speakers Corner
2026-2027 Speakers
Speakers Schedule

<i>September 2026</i>	<i>CAPT Winston Churchill, USCG (Ret)</i>
<i>October 2026</i>	<i>Surviving Spouse Month - Mrs. Cathy Heigher, Gold Star Families, Inc.</i>
<i>November 2026</i>	<i>Ms. Laurie Campbell Baker - Tourism</i>
<i>January 2027</i>	<i>TBD</i>

To read more on our speakers' stories click here 
<https://halifaxchaptermoaa.com/news-events/speakers-corner/speakers-corner/>



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Our chapter is composed of active, retired, and former officers, their spouses, and auxiliary members. The OFFICERS CALL and our website are the primary means to reach the 350,000 members of the non-partisan National Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). In addition, this communication is used to direct value-added content to other MOAA Chapters and military professionals throughout Volusia County and the state of Florida.

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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](#)

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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 from June through August)
- 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 an 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
Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000;
www.arlingtoncemetery.org
Armed Forces Retirement Home: (800) 422-9988; www.afrh.gov
Army & Air Force Exchange Service: (214) 312-2011;
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-csrc/
DEERS: (800)-538-9552, Fax: (831) 655-8317;
www.tricare.osd.mil/deers
Defense Commissary Agency: 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
Gulf War homepage: www.gulfink.osd.mil
I.D. Cards Benefits and Eligibility: (866) 827-5672;
Internal Revenue Service: (800) 829-1040; www.irs.gov
Marine Corps Retired Affairs: (800) 336-4649; www.usmc.mil
 (Hover over "Marine Services" then click on "Retired Services")
Medicare: (800) 633-4227. TTY: (877) 486-2048; www.medicare.gov
Military Officers Assoc. of America: (800) 234-6622; 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
Navy Retired Activities Offices
Navy Uniform Shop: (800) 368-4088; 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
Servicemembers Group Insurance (SGLI): (800) 419-1473;
www.insurance.va.gov
Naval Historical Center: (202) 433-2210; www.history.navy.mil
Social Security Administration: (800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov

TRICARE: www.mytricare.com/mtc

TRICARE East: www.humanamilitary.com/beneficiary

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TRICARE West: www.tricare-west.com

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TRICARE mail order pharmacy: (877) 363-1303;

www.tricare.mil/pharmacy

www.express-scripts.com

VA: www.va.gov

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

Insurance:

VA Regional Office and Insurance Center

PO Box 7208 (claims inquiries) -ORPO

Box 7327 (loans) -ORPO

Box 7787 (payments)

Philadelphia PA 19101

(800) 669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov

Burial information: (800) 827-1000; www.cem.va.gov

GI Bill: (888) 442-4551; www.gibill.va.gov

Records:

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

Retired prior to 1995:

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Retired after 1995:

Navy Personnel Command

PERS-312E

5720 Integrity Drive

Millington, TN 38055-3120

Fax requests to: (901) 874-2664

Gray-area reservists: (866) 827-5672



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A Lifetime of Gratitude.*



OUR MISSION

To honor America's Veterans by transporting them at no cost to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials dedicated to their service.



ELIGIBILITY

Priority for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans, plus Veterans facing terminal illness.



UPCOMING FLIGHTS

September 15, 2026

October 20, 2026

Flights depart from St. Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport (PIE)



APPLY TODAY!

Veterans can apply online or by mail:

Honor Flight West Central Florida
P.O. Box 55661
St. Petersburg, FL 33732



SUPPORT OUR MISSION

We are 100% volunteer-driven. Donations go directly to fund Veterans' travel and honor their service.



WE CAN'T ALL BE HEROES SOME OF US JUST WEAR DOG TAGS

Help us say
THANK YOU
in the most meaningful way possible.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



VOLUNTEER – Join our dedicated team and make a difference in a Veteran's life.



DONATE – Every dollar helps send a Veteran to Washington, D.C.



SPREAD THE WORD – Share our mission with Veterans and your community.



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

ONE FLIGHT.
ONE DAY.
A LIFETIME OF GRATITUDE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, VISIT
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VOLUSIA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES INITIATIVE

VOLUSIA VETERANS SUPPORT ENDOWMENT

OUR GOAL

\$50,000

A cornerstone of the Volusia Values Veterans Program (V3P) supporting the 50,000+ veterans who call Volusia County home.



ADDRESSING CRITICAL NEEDS

Supporting programs that help veterans facing homelessness, food insecurity, and mental health challenges.



BUILDING A LASTING IMPACT

A self-sustaining endowment ensures ongoing support for veterans in need—today and for generations to come.



ONE COMMUNITY. ONE MISSION.

Together, we can build a legacy of support for those who have served.

WE NEED

\$20,000

TO REACH OUR GOAL!



\$50,000 GOAL

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000 STILL NEEDED

\$0 START



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE, CONTACT:
www.volusia.org/v3p



Volusia County
FLORIDA
VETERANS SERVICES

Your contribution helps build a stronger, veteran-friendly Volusia County.

Thank you!

★ COUNCIL & CHAPTER LEADERS: ★



2025 MOAA LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE & COL. MARVIN J. HARRIS COMMUNICATION AWARDS *Winners!*



On behalf of MOAA President and CEO, Lt Gen Brian "BK" Kelly, I am thrilled to announce the 2025 MOAA Levels of Excellence and Col. Marvin J Harris Communication Award winners. This year, our judges considered **158 LOE** award and **259** Communications award nominations, with a record number of new submissions. This was a highly competitive process reflective of the extraordinary level of grass roots engagement and dedication of our affiliates across the country and virtually.



We will take advantage of the opportunity with gathered council and independent chapter leaders in Washington, DC for Advocacy in Action week to host an awards ceremony on **Thursday, April 16** as part of our Council President/Independent Chapter President Meeting agenda. Leaders will have the opportunity to receive all awards on behalf of their council or have awards mailed to chapters. We will coordinate separately with those council and independent leaders not in attendance. Please consider that presentation options include opportunities during national visits or state-wide meetings and conventions.



Special thanks to Affiliated Councils and Chapters Committee Chair, **Lelia Jackson** and all committee members who served as LOE judges, MOAA Communications professionals **Blair Drake** and **Kevin Lilly** for their review of communication awards, and **Dena Kilgore** for her exceptional coordination of all affiliates annual awards.



Congratulations to all for a great annual recognition year for both award categories. In the coming weeks, we will be sending out specific feedback from judges to all award applicants. We ask that the recipients of this feedback please share this information with your fellow leaders involved in these efforts and consider how the feedback can bolster future efforts.

Celebrate. ★ Communicate. ★ Lead. ★ Make an Impact.

PLEASE USE THESE LINKS TO SEE A FULL LISTING OF AWARDEES:



2025 LEVELS OF
EXCELLENCE AWARDEES

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)



2025 HARRIS
COMMUNICATION AWARDEES

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Thank you for all you do to serve our members, our communities, and our nation.



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★★ PRESENTS ★★

VETERANS BALL

2026

★★★★★
HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS
AND ALL WHO SERVED

Saturday Evening
THE 7TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2026
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Souvenir Book

DRESS CODE

FOR
Veterans Ball

Honoring Our Local Veterans
and All Who Served

LADIES

PIC IN BALL GOWN
OR HALF DOWN
THE LEG.

MILITARY UNIFORM
OPTIONAL

MEN

VETERANS,
SUITS

MILITARY UNIFORM
OPTIONAL

MILITARY ATTIRE
IS OPTIONAL

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Omega Psi Phi Inc.

★★ PRESENTS ★★

VETERANS BALL 2026

★★★★★
Honoring our Local Veterans
and all who served

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Meet and Greet
6:00PM – 10:00PM
HOULIGANS RESTAURANT
1725 W International Speedway Blvd
Daytona Beach, FL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Veterans Ball
6:00PM – 10:00PM
THE CHERRY CENTER
925 George Engram Blvd
Daytona Beach, FL

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE

ADMISSION FREE FOR VETERANS \$55 ADULTS \$25 CHILDREN DONATIONS ACCEPTED	PAYMENT METHODS Zelle: 3863156789 Cash App: \$JocelynDavis3 Payhip.com/ totalwomanassociation	PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HAVEN FOR HOPE FOUNDATION A Place for Veterans 501(c)3
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HONOR ★ RESPECT ★ GRATITUDE ★



Halifax Area Chapter

Support Our Mission. *Invest in Our Community.*

Every day, veterans, military families, and young men and women preparing to serve our nation continue to make sacrifices on behalf of our community and country. The Halifax Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is proud to stand beside them through scholarships, veteran outreach, advocacy, and community service.

The Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit veterans organization dedicated to serving those who have served our nation while investing in the next generation of military leaders. Through scholarships, cadet recognition, veteran outreach, advocacy, and community service, we strive to strengthen the military community throughout the Greater Daytona Beach area.

We invite you to become one of our Community Partners by donating an item, gift certificate, service, or experience for our Silent Auction. Your contribution will directly support programs that make a lasting difference in the lives of local veterans, military families, and future military leaders.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS INCLUDE:



Restaurant
Gift Certificates



Golf Outings



Vacation
Accommodations



Event Tickets



Professional
Services



Unique
Experiences



Gift Baskets



Merchandise

*Whether your donation is large
or small, your generosity will
make a meaningful difference!*

Net proceeds from the silent auction will remain in our local community and support chapter programs benefiting veterans, military families, and ROTC and JROTC cadets in the Greater Daytona Beach area.

All donors will be recognized during the Gala, in the event program, and through chapter communications as valued partners supporting our local military community.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of those who have served our nation. We hope you will join us as a valued community partner.

*Together, we can honor yesterday's heroes
while investing in tomorrow's leaders.*



EVENT INFORMATION

Holiday Gala & Silent Auction



Date: Thursday, December 17, 2026



Location: Halifax River Yacht Club



Expected Attendance: 60-75
community leaders, military officers,
veterans, and supporters

DONATION DETAILS

To allow time for auction preparation and donor recognition, we respectfully request donations by **November 30, 2026**.

We would be pleased to arrange pickup of your donation, or gift certificates may be provided electronically.

Please include a brief description of the donated item or service, any restrictions or expiration dates, and its estimated fair market value.

Donors will receive written acknowledgment of their contribution for their records. Donors should consult their tax adviser regarding deductibility.

CONTACT

If you are interested in supporting our event, please contact:



Joe Peabody



(913) 244-2564



jpeabody65@gmail.com

*We invite you to join us in honoring
those who have served while
helping prepare the next generation
of military leaders.*



Halifax Chapter Of Moaa



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Make a Difference.
**HELP VETERANS
MAKE THEIR NEXT MISSION
★ A SUCCESS! ★**



TRANSITION LIAISON / NETWORKING COORDINATOR

Be the connection that changes lives.

Help servicemembers, veterans, and their families navigate their transition and connect with opportunities, resources, and our MOAA community.



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES



Provide transition assistance to servicemembers.



Serve as the primary point of contact in the chapter for MOAA members and their spouses.



Share all job opportunities with the state council's transition liaison and national MOAA.



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 chapter transition news and issues to the newsletter.



Performing other duties the president might assign.



INTERESTED?

Contact any Halifax Area Chapter MOAA Board member to learn more.



*Lead Through Service.
Grow Through Mission.
Never Stop Serving.*



CONNECT. SUPPORT. EMPOWER.



Your leadership can make the path forward clearer and brighter for those who have served our nation.



Your **Experience Can Move Our Mission Forward**

Halifax MOAA is growing through mission, service and connection—and we need the talents of our members to help lead the way.

If you have time, expertise, professional experience, or simply an interest in getting involved, consider leading a committee or joining one of our mission teams.

We are looking for members to help with:



Sea Cadet Mentorship

Mentor and inspire the next generation of sea service leaders.



Civil Air Patrol Initiative

Help develop and lead our growing relationship with local CAP cadets.



JROTC & ROTC Mentorship

Share your leadership and military experience with tomorrow's officers and service members.



Webmaster & Social Media

Help tell the Halifax story and keep our members and community connected.



Silent Auction Committee

Help make our annual fundraiser successful and strengthen support for our causes.



Fundraising & Community Partnerships

Build relationships with area businesses and organizations that share our commitment to veterans, military families, scholarships, and youth.



Mobile MOAA / Coffee & Camaraderie

Have a location in your neighborhood where you would like MOAA to come to you? Help us host a Coffee & Camaraderie-style gathering where veterans and community partners can connect, share Advocacy in Action, discuss veteran health and well-being, exchange resources, and help break down the silos of information that too often keep people from the resources they need.



Help with Our Luncheons

Join the team to assist with event decorations, speaker coordination, registration, and more.



You don't have to do everything—just bring what you know, what you enjoy, and a willingness to serve.



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Never Stop Serving.*



If you would like to head a committee, join a team, or bring a new idea to the chapter, please contact any Halifax Area Chapter MOAA Board member.

★ *Stronger Together.* ★
★ *Greater Impact.* ★



YOUR CHAPTER AT WORK

OUR IMPACT IN THE VETERAN COMMUNITY



LEAD THROUGH SERVICE ★ GROW THROUGH MISSION ★ NEVER STOP SERVING.



BEGINNING THIS SEASON, we are introducing a new way to capture, celebrate, and communicate the impact of our members' service.

Every hour our members give—on stage and behind the scenes—strengthens veterans, military families, cadets, and our community.

“We aren't tracking hours to keep score—we're tracking them so we can tell our story.

Because when we can show the time our members give, the people they engage, the partnerships they build, and the outcomes they achieve, we can better demonstrate what Halifax MOAA means to the veteran community.”

WHY WE TRACK OUR IMPACT



DEMONSTRATE OUR IMPACT

Hours, activities, partnerships, and outcomes show what our 94 members are accomplishing for veterans and our community.



ATTRACT & ENGAGE NEW MEMBERS

Prospective members want to know, “What does this organization actually do?” We have the answer.



RETAIN & ENGAGE CURRENT MEMBERS

Helps us understand interests, create meaningful opportunities and recognize the many ways members serve.



STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS

Partners see the value of working with an active, engaged chapter that invests people and time in the community.



SUPPORT SPONSORSHIPS & FUNDRAISING

Documented impact builds credibility and opens doors for Silent Auction donations, sponsorships, and other support.



EARN RECOGNITION

Supports MOAA Levels of Excellence submissions and other chapter recognition.



IMPROVE DECISION-MAKING

Data helps the Board invest time and resources where we can make the biggest impact.



TELL OUR STORY

Concrete information for newsletters, website, social media, presentations, recruiting materials, and community partners.



BUILD CONTINUITY

A lasting record helps future leaders understand what worked—and where to go next.



MEASURE MORE THAN HOURS

Hours show effort; outcomes show why it mattered. Lives changed are the real impact.

OUR IMPACT SNAPSHOT

AS OF AUGUST 28, 2026

TOTAL MEMBERS

94

81 Regular Members
13 Surviving Spouses

100% Paid Membership

DOCUMENTED VOLUNTEER HOURS YEAR TO DATE

458.5

Across 27 events, programs,
advocacy, partnerships
& initiatives

ESTIMATED COMMUNITY VALUE OF SERVICE

\$15,993

Based on Florida value of
\$34.88 per volunteer hour

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH OUR IMPACT

1,200+

Veterans, Military Families,
Cadets, Students &
Community Members



PARTNERS & ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED

18

Veteran & Military Groups, Community Organizations,
ROTC/JROTC, & More

RECENT HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES (AUGUST 2026)

AUG 18	Advocacy in Action – Meeting with Congressman Randy Fine's Office	6 HRS
AUG 24	Coffee & Camaraderie	16 HRS
AUG 27	Summer Calls, Coffee & Camaraderie Admin, Review/Response – ROTC Mentorship Program	2 HRS
AUG 28	Officers Call Development – preparing communications to inform members of events and upcoming activities	6 HRS
AUG 28	Partnership & Fundraising Development – outreach and coordination	3 HRS
AUG 28	Christmas Gala Planning Meeting – 5 Members	7.5 HRS

TOTAL NEW HOURS ADDED

40.5 HRS



TRANSPARENCY YOU CAN COUNT ON

We are committed to transparency in how we use our members' time and the support we receive. These metrics reflect our dedication to accountability and our responsibility to those who believe in, support, and partner with our mission.

- ✓ Open and honest reporting
- ✓ Responsible stewardship of resources
- ✓ Focused on measurable impact
- ✓ Building trust in all we do

OUR MEMBERS DONATE TIME AND EXPERTISE THAT CHANGE LIVES.

Thank you to every member whose time, talent and heart make our mission possible.



SERVING THOSE
WHO SERVED



TOGETHER, WE LEAD
THROUGH SERVICE
AND NEVER STOP SERVING.



STRONGER TOGETHER.
GREATER IMPACT.



PROUDLY SUPPORTING
VETERANS, MILITARY FAMILIES,
AND OUR COMMUNITY.





PURPOSE OF TRACKING CHAPTER SERVICE & MISSION IMPACT

Halifax Area Chapter MOAA



LEAD THROUGH SERVICE ★ GROW THROUGH MISSION ★ NEVER STOP SERVING

WHY WE TRACK OUR SERVICE & MISSION IMPACT

- 1 DEMONSTRATE OUR IMPACT.**
Membership numbers alone do not tell our story. Hours, activities, partnerships, and outcomes show what our members are accomplishing for veterans, military families, cadets, and our community.
- 2 ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS.**
Prospective members want to know, "What does this organization actually do?" Tracking shows meaningful service, mentorship, advocacy, veteran support, and community engagement.
- 3 RETAIN & ENGAGE CURRENT MEMBERS.**
Helps us understand what interests our members and where they want to serve—and identify opportunities to engage those seeking a meaningful way to contribute.
- 4 RECOGNIZE SERVICE THAT OFTEN GOES UNSEEN.**
Planning, calls, coordination, mentoring, communications, partnerships, and follow-up are captured and recognized as valuable chapter contributions.
- 5 STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS.**
Partners want to know their time and resources support an active organization with measurable community reach.
- 6 SUPPORT SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING.**
Documented hours, partnerships, events, and people reached strengthen our credibility and increase support for our mission.
- 7 STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS.**
We actively invest people and time in organizations such as ROTC/JROTC, Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, veterans groups, recruiting commands, and community nonprofits.
- 8 SUPPORT MOAA RECOGNITION & REPORTING.**
Provides useful evidence for MOAA Levels of Excellence submissions and other chapter recognition.
- 9 IMPROVE BOARD DECISION-MAKING.**
Data shows which activities are growing, which programs are producing meaningful outcomes, and where to invest additional time or resources.
- 10 MEASURE MORE THAN HOURS.**
Hours tell us the level of effort, but outcomes tell us why that effort mattered—mentorship, connections, resources to veterans, and stronger communities.
- 11 TELL OUR STORY TO THE COMMUNITY.**
Metrics give us concrete information for newsletters, the website, social media, presentations, recruiting materials, community partners, and our members.
- 12 ESTABLISH CONTINUITY FOR FUTURE LEADERS.**
A documented record of activities, partnerships, participation, and outcomes guides future boards on what worked and what to continue.

★ THE SIMPLE TRUTH

“We aren't tracking hours to keep score—we're tracking them so we can tell our story.”

When we know what we did, who participated, how much time our members contributed, and what resulted from that effort, we can demonstrate the true impact of Halifax MOAA.

THAT HELPS US GROW, STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS, GAIN SUPPORT, AND MAKE A GREATER DIFFERENCE.

WHAT THIS IS NOT

- ✗ Not measuring individual members
- ✗ Not comparing who does more or less
- ✗ Not money earned
- ✗ Not fundraising revenue
- ✗ Not a financial statement

OUR IMPACT IN ACTION



**OUR MEMBERS DONATE TIME AND EXPERTISE THAT CHANGE LIVES.
THE VALUE SIMPLY HELPS THE WORLD SEE IT.**



THANK YOU
to every member whose time, talent and heart make our mission possible.

