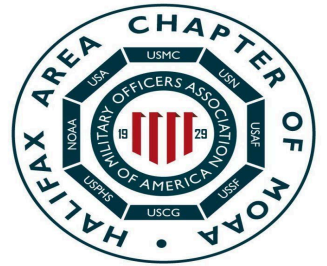




HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OFFICERS CALL October 2026



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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 ship,



President's Message

Anchored in Service — Honoring Our Surviving Spouses, Celebrating Our Navy



Thank you to everyone who celebrated our chapter's 42nd birthday and the United States Air Force's birthday at our September luncheon. Seeing attendance grow to 40 was encouraging! Your friendship and participation made it a special gathering.

October brings the United States Navy's birthday on October 13 and an opportunity to honor our surviving spouses. Their voices, leadership, and friendships help shape our chapter's future. We are grateful for the time and talents they continue to share, strengthening our chapter and the legacy of our veteran community.

Thank you also to everyone who mentors, volunteers, advocates, and supports fellow veterans. These contributions give our mission purpose and help our chapter thrive.

National MOAA continues to advocate for stronger survivor benefits, relief from remarriage penalties, and support for veterans and caregivers through the proposed Take Care of America's Veterans Act. Please visit [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#) to stay informed and contact your lawmakers. Supporting our military community includes making our voices heard. ([moaa.org](#))

We look forward to our Christmas Gala and Silent Auction on December 17, supporting chapter programs, scholarships, and service to the veteran community. We need one additional member to help Joe Peabody organize the auction, connect with potential donors, and coordinate donated items. Please consider sharing your time or business connections.

We also invite members to share their stories for our new Veterans Voices series with the *Observer* newspaper and our Veteran of the Week features. Experiences from military service and life afterward deserve to be remembered. You do not need to be a writer—we can help bring your story together.

Members are welcome at our board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. I am also available to discuss ideas, opportunities, and concerns that can help keep our chapter healthy and prosperous. For meeting details, volunteer opportunities, or story submissions, contact me at HalifaxareaMOAApresident@gmail.com.

There is a place for everyone in our mission. Thank you for continuing to serve.

Never Stop Serving

Anita A. Williams

**CDR, USCGR (Ret)
President, Halifax Area Chapter MOAA**

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

- **Throughout October** — Honoring our surviving spouses and their contributions to our chapter and veteran community.
- **October 6** — Chapter board meeting. Members are welcome to attend and share ideas.
- **October 13** — The United States Navy celebrates its 251st birthday.
- **October 15** — [Reservations](#) are due for our October luncheon.
- **October 22** — Chapter luncheon honoring our surviving spouses and celebrating the United States Navy's birthday.

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CHAPTER BUSINESS

Secretary's Report – October 1, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting

Secretary's Report – September 1, 2026 - Board of Directors' Meeting

The MOAA Board of Director's (BOD) Meeting for the Halifax Chapter of MOAA met on September 1, 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* Skip Keating* Kim Ramos* Patti Higgins* and Lon Gardner.

Quorum requirements met.

Reports of Officer/Committees

1. **Secretary's Report.** The minutes of the May's BOD meeting were distributed by email during the month of May 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 \$3458.58 in the checking account.
 - Received a \$200.00 donation from Ms. Janet Marnane's sisters in memory of Micheal Marnane.
 - I received a new membership application from Capt. Jeanne L. Bradford (Capt., USAF (Ret). Forwarded to Jon.
 - Submitted electronic IRS Form 990-N (Non-profit organization with less than \$50K revenue per year) for 2025. According to the IRS website the Chapter never submitted the IRS Form 990-N for 2024.
 - Kim reminded the BOD that \$3250.00 is needed to fund the Scholarship Program, \$500.00 this winter and \$2750.00 in the spring.

- Kim said she needed more USAF 2nd Lieutenant insignia and Skip said he needed 65 more USA 2nd Lieutenant insignia. Drew has for action.
 - Kim made a motion to accept the report, Drew seconded and the BOD vote was unanimous.
3. **Membership.** Jon reviewed the Membership Report.
 - There are 96 Chapter members.
 - Also, we still have 5 members who have not yet expressed their interest to renew their dues.
 - I received a membership inquiry from Robert Beard (LTC, USAF, Ret). I forwarded him a membership application.
 - Jon will follow up with potential new member COL Mike Profenno, USA (Ret). A referral from Steve.
 - Jon will coordinate with Anita on the lead MOAA Membership Non-Renewal Survey.
 - Jon requests BOD members provide him the results of the call list to members made over the summer break.
 - Skip made a motion to accept the Membership Report, Kim seconded and the BOD vote was unanimous.
 1. **Officer's Call (OC) Report**
 - The September OC was sent out.
 - The OC Member Spotlight in October will be Arnold, in November a surviving spouse and in December Jon and his father.
 - Joe requested that the BOD members send him any events that should be published in the OC.
 2. **Surviving Spouse Update**
 - Patti said that she is in contact with a number of the surviving spouses. maintains regular communications with them and they are doing fine.
 - She asked Jon to help Sharon Miller reconcile some nametags that she has ordered for Chapter members.
 - Patti announced that she will be stepping down as the Surviving Spouse Liaison at the end of the year. She will assist in finding a replacement.
 3. **Around the Room - Board Officer/Director Updates.**
 - Joe discussed his initiative to send out letters to large corporations and companies soliciting support for our Scholarship Program. One example he mentioned was NASCAR. He said they host Reenlistment Ceremonies at the track, have a Military Appreciation Program, and will fund organizations that support NASCAR events.
 - Drew mentioned that a ceremony commemorating the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 at 8:15 AM on Friday, September 11th Hammock Beach Golf Resort and Spa, located at 200 Ocean Crest Drive in Palm Coast.
 - Skip suggested inviting Lohman Funeral representatives to make a short brief at one of the luncheons.
 - Skip Keating is requesting volunteers to assist with the Volusia County Veterans Day Memorial celebration with MOAA. The first meeting will be on 9/14 @1000 located at the American Legion Post 267 on New Briton Ave., Ormond Beach.

Old Business

1. **Mission Impact Dashboard.** Anita presented the Mission Impact Dashboard documenting 442 volunteer hours through August 2026, representing an estimated community value of \$15,417. The Board discussed using the dashboard to demonstrate chapter impact and support membership recruitment and retention. Board members were asked to submit any outstanding volunteer hours to Anita when completed.
2. **Summer Member Survey**
 - Review current participation/response rate and initial feedback.
 - Identify potential actions for the 2026–2027-chapter season.
 - Full results to be shared with membership at the September Luncheon.
3. **Coffee and Camaraderie (C&C) / Veteran Community Outreach**
 - Review summer events and lessons learned.
 - Discuss future format, speakers, VSOs, community partners, and veteran-resource topics.

- Consider how C&C supports community visibility and membership growth.
- Anita mentioned holding a C&C at Spruce Creek since they have a large military contingent.

4. Cadet and Mentorship Programs

- JROTC/ROTC Mentorship Proposal. Skip, Bancroft, Anita
- Sea Cadet Mentorship.
- Civil Air Patrol Cadet Mentorship.
- Discuss common framework, scope, expectations, safeguards, and opportunities to build upon successful MOAA mentorship models

5. Bagels and Bingo Update.

- Skip stated that our Chapter supported Bagels and Bingo throughout the summer.
- A number of prizes were handed out to the veteran's home attendees.
- Christmas gift from MOAA? – *discuss American Legion Red Shirt Day*

1. VCVV Update. Skip said that he attended VCVV meetings throughout the summer.

2. VA Coffee & Doughnuts / Veteran Outreach Update. Arnold said the event is going well, and he had plenty of support during the summer.

3. FCOC Convention Update

- The Chapter proposed to the FCOC to host the FCOC Convention in October 2028.
- Drew and Bancroft are reviewing other venues in Volusia County to support this event.

New Business

1. Volusia County Veterans Endowment Cause

- Introduce the cause and its potential benefit to Volusia County veterans and military families.
- Discuss whether and how Halifax Area Chapter MOAA should support, participate, partner, or help promote the cause.
- No immediate commitment requested, Board discussion and direction.

2. Holiday Gala and Silent Auction - December 17, 2026

- Planning update.
- Community Partner/Donor Solicitation.
- Silent Auction Donations and Sponsorship Support. Joe will send a letter, this month, to local businesses and organizations asking for donations and support for the Silent Auction to support the Scholarship Fund.
- Committee responsibilities and upcoming milestones. Anita met with the Holiday Gala Committee twice to review details and the timeline for this event.
- Anita mentioned inviting the Flagler and Cape Canaveral Chapters to the gala. However, Arnold will verify how many seats are available before any invites are extended.
- Billie and Arnold confirmed the gala menu: Mahi, Steak, and a Vegan dish. The cost could be about \$65.00 per person.

3. September Luncheon / 42nd Chapter Anniversary 9/15

- Chapter Birthday Recognition. Mary McLendon
- U.S. Air Force Birthday Recognition 9/18. Glenn Harmon
- Chapter Member Survey Results
- Upcoming Chapter Activities and Opportunities

4. Veterans Voices - Observer Newspaper / Lon – November and Bancroft December

- Discuss opportunities for greater Chapter and veteran-community visibility through Veterans Voices.
- Identify potential stories, members, programs, and chapter impact to highlight.
- Skip has shown interest in submitting a story.

5. Website vs. Digital Brochure / Chapter Communications

- Update on Outreach to Niche and Pierre.
- Discuss purpose and future direction of the chapter website versus a more flexible digital brochure.
- Consider membership recruitment, community outreach, ease of maintenance, and chapter continuity.

6. Advocacy Update

- Advocacy in Action activities and recent legislative outreach.
- Discuss continuing engagement with elected officials and communicating MOAA priorities to membership.

7. Committees

- Cici & Hyatt Brown Museum of Art, Science & History ("The Brown").
- All Coins
- Patriot Paws
- MOAA Mobile. LT Terrance Bartley, USN (Ret) offered an introduction and conference room to come out to Spruce Creek to do meet and greets or Coffee and Camaraderie event.
- From the Floor. Board Member Comments/Special Announcements

8. Upcoming Dates / Events:

- September Luncheon - September 24, 2026. CAPT Winston Churchill
- October Luncheon – Surviving Spouses. Mrs. Cathy Heigher
- Veterans Day Memorial Volusia and MOAA.
- Christmas Gala and Silent Auction. December 17, 2026. Other upcoming veteran/community events and chapter participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Our next BOD Meeting is on October 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the HRYC.

Respectfully submitted,
Bancroft McKittrick, Col, USMC (Ret)
Secretary

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***2025-2026 Outstanding Support to
Veterans Nonprofit Award Winner***

***2025-2026 Outstanding Support to
Veterans for Profit Award Winner***



LOOKING AHEAD

Halifax Area Chapter — 2026–2027 Planning Board (As of October 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 application for ROTC Dinner in April to MOAA - Submit Level of Excellence, Surviving Spouse, Legislative Liaison and 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 Introductions 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 & retirement ceremony 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 10/1/2026

	Chapter Goals and Objectives	Sponsor/Update/Follow-up
	LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	
1	Continue the Guest Speaker Program to include the following areas: military, community, business and health and wellness	TBD speaker JAN-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

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.”

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](#)

Summer Advocacy Wraps Up — and Where the NDAA Stands Now

SUMMER ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Most members picture MOAA advocacy as the spring event on Capitol Hill, but the mission runs year-round. Every summer, while Congress is home on recess, MOAA's **Summer Advocacy in Action** campaign asks chapter leaders to carry the association's priorities to lawmakers in their own districts — and our chapter answered the call. As reported last month, President Anita Williams and I spent an afternoon at Congressman Randy Fine's district office, walking his staff through MOAA's three summer priorities: the Major Richard Star Act, expanding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to military spouses, and restoring GLP-1 pharmacy coverage for TRICARE For Life beneficiaries.

With the summer campaign now closing and Congress back in session, here is where the fight stands heading into the fall.

NDAA — WHERE THE VOTES STAND

The must-pass vehicle. The National Defense Authorization Act is one of the few bills Congress passes every year, which makes it the vehicle advocates watch most closely. The FY 2026 NDAA became law and delivered a 3.8% pay raise for the force — but the Major Richard Star Act, added to the Senate's version, was dropped in conference before final passage. A win for the force overall; unfinished business for our combat-injured retirees.

FY 2027 is stalled in the Senate. The House narrowly passed its version (H.R. 8800) in late July, authorizing about \$1.15 trillion for the base defense budget. The Senate's companion (S. 4784) cleared the Armed Services Committee, but a July cloture vote to bring it to the floor failed — held up amid unrelated disputes over Iran policy and the size of the defense topline — and no FY 2027 NDAA has been enacted.

What to watch next month. Congress returns for roughly three working weeks before the Nov. 3 midterm elections, and little floor action is expected in that window. The open question is whether the Senate makes another run at cloture or shifts to behind-the-scenes negotiations. MOAA is working to keep our priorities — the Star Act chief among them — in the bill so they survive when the House and Senate reconcile their two versions.

WHERE OUR 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 give up a dollar of earned retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation. It carries more than 400 House and Senate cosponsors, yet leadership has not scheduled a floor vote and repeated attempts to pass it by unanimous consent have been blocked by objection. A House discharge petition to force the bill to the floor needs 218 signatures. The single most useful thing you can do right now is ask your U.S. Representative to sign it.

Government funding — pressure eased, for now. A continuing resolution signed Sept. 2 funds the government through Dec. 11, taking the immediate shutdown threat off the table this fall. But the pattern of repeated funding lapses is exactly why MOAA continues to press the Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168 / H.R. 7137), which would guarantee pay for the armed forces — and, MOAA is urging, for USPHS and NOAA Commissioned Corps officers — during any lapse. December is the next cliff to watch.

Also still in play. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit for military spouses (H.R. 6231 / S. 3265), which expired at the end of 2025, and restoration of GLP-1 pharmacy parity for TRICARE For Life remain active MOAA priorities and part of the same summer ask we carried to Congressman Fine's office.

TAKE ACTION — REINFORCE THE VISIT FROM HOME

A district-office visit lands hardest when members back it with messages from home — five minutes at MOAA's Legislative Action Center. **Ask your U.S. Representative to sign the Star Act discharge petition.**

Legislative Action Center: moaa.quorum.us · **Capitol Switchboard:** (202) 224-3121

The greater the impact, the greater our voice.

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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

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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

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VOLUNTEER FOR FUTURE EVENTS

A mentorship board has been identified. Additional volunteers are always welcome for future cadet and parent events.



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Subject: Sea Cadet Mentorship Board



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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.



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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.

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OCTOBER LUNCHEON *(Surviving Spouse Appreciation Program)*



Guest Speaker

Mrs. Cathy Heighter

Cathy Heighter is a Gold Star Mother, veteran Advocate, author, speaker, and community leader whose son, CPL Raheen Tyson Heighter, was killed in action in Iraq in 2003. She has dedicated more than two decades to serving veterans, military families, and her community through advocacy, nonprofit leadership, and public service. Her guiding philosophy is simple: "Here to Serve."

Date: October 22, 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 October 16, 2026

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Choice 1: Chicken Marsala: Tender pan-seared chicken breasts smothered in a rich Marsala wine sauce with sauteed mushrooms & finished with herbs. Served with garlic mashed potatoes & vegetable of the day.

Choice 2: Grilled Salmon Salad: Grilled Salmon on a bed of mixed greens with strawberries, raisins, toasted walnuts, cherry tomatoes, and goat cheese. Tossed in a cider vinaigrette and topped with a strawberry reduction.

Choice 3: Vegetarian Pesto Tortellini: Tri-colored cheese tortellini with roasted potatoes, mushrooms, onions, asparagus, spinach, and artichokes and tossed with pesto olive oil.

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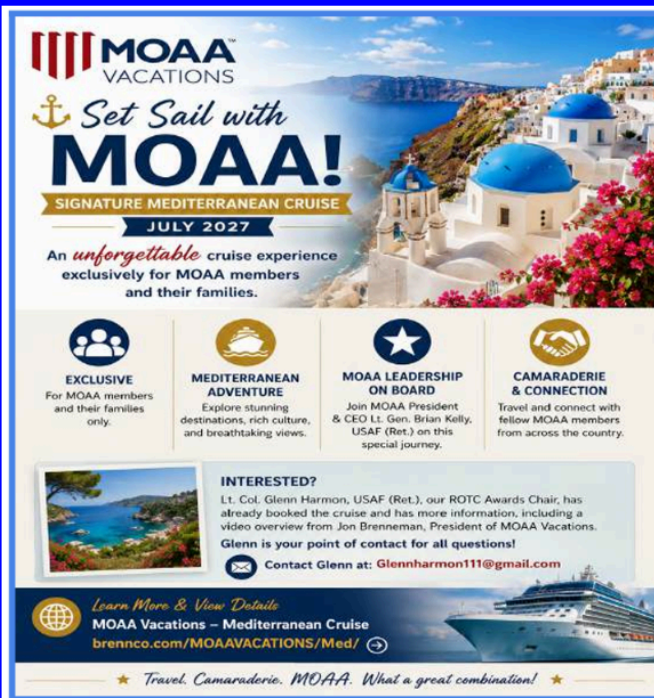
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THE HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OF MOAA HAS PARTNERED WITH THE OBSERVER NEWSPAPER TO BRING THE STORIES OF OUR LOCAL VETERANS TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A MONTHLY FEATURE.

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

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

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- Funding scholarships and purchasing cadet rank for local JROTC/ROTC units.

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- Sponsoring the "Flag & Beer" event at the Ensign L. Bennett State Veterans Nursing Home.

Community & Fellowship:

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Mary B. McLendon, CAPT, US Navy (Ret)

Sarcopenia Can Be Life Threatening



Starting in our late 30s, we begin losing muscle mass & strength, slowly at first, then faster. When the loss crosses a threshold, it becomes sarcopenia. Here's the uncomfortable truth for those of us who built our health around the annual PT test for cardio. A fast 1.5 or 2-mile run tells you almost nothing about the tissue that keeps you upright, independent, and alive. Decades of physical readiness testing trained us to equate fitness with aerobic capacity. That blind spot has a cost, and the neglected

variable is skeletal muscle. Major loss in skeletal muscle, sarcopenia, is the main contributor to falls, fractures, hospitalization, and the loss of independence that follows. Because the early stages produce no symptoms, most people never feel it until they hit the floor.

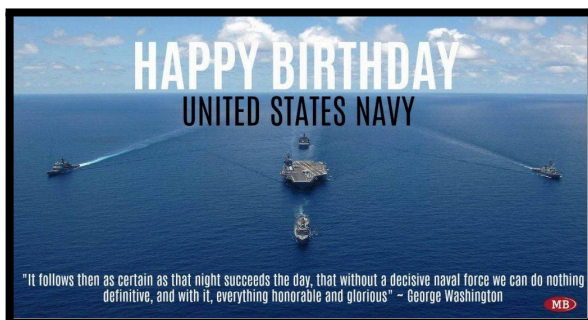
Strength is one of the best predictors of how long a person will live. Skeletal muscle is the largest organ in your body by mass, and it clears roughly 80% of the sugar from your blood after a meal. It also acts like a gland, releasing signaling molecules called myokines that sharpen insulin sensitivity.

The good news: dwindling strength is easily fixable – resistance training is one of the most effective ways to rebuild strength as we age. You don't need an elaborate program. Two to three sessions a week covering the basics – pushing, pulling, squatting, and hinging with enough weight that the last few reps are genuinely hard – is enough to change your trajectory. Then add protein to help build muscle. Current guidance for older adults is 1.5 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight per day to maintain muscle mass & overall health. So a 175-pound mature adult should strive for 120 grams of protein each day; ideally spread out throughout the day, including high-protein foods at each meal & snack.

Sarcopenia is preventable, and muscle is one of the few things about your long-term health that stays fully under your command. So let's get to it!

From: Article by LTC Nick Barringer, USA (Ret), October 2026 issue of
[Military Officer magazine](#)

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Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA Membership Application



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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**



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HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER MOAA OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Surviving Spouse Appreciation Program

Honoring Our Surviving Spouses

Thursday, October 22, 2026

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

11:00–11:30 a.m. • Social
11:30 a.m. • Program Begins

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Cathy Heigher

Gold Star Mother • Veteran Advocate • Author • Speaker • Community Leader

Cathy Heigher's son, CPL Raheen Tyson Heigher, was killed in action in Iraq in 2003. For more than two decades, she has served veterans, military families, and her community through advocacy, nonprofit leadership, and public service.

"Here to Serve."

Join us for fellowship, gratitude, and recognition of the surviving spouses who enrich our chapter and veteran community.

For luncheon details and reservations:

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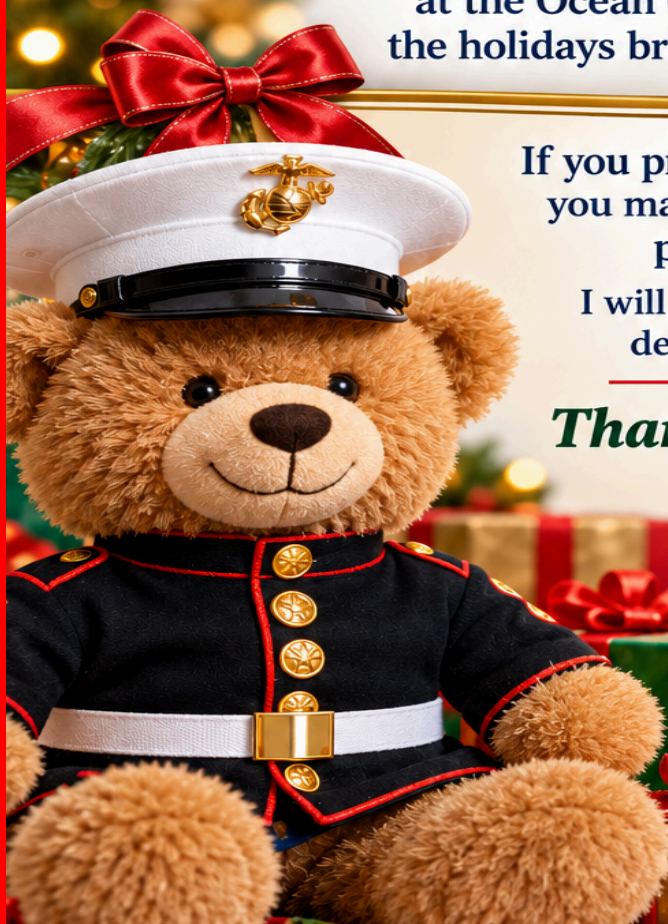
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Salute

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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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Michael O'Neil

U.S. NAVY & U.S. ARMY VETERAN

A Vietnam-era Army aviator, AH-1G Cobra pilot and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient whose story continues through service, remembrance and veteran advocacy.

"Service often continues long after the uniform is put away."

The Halifax Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is proud to recognize Michael O'Neil as our Veteran of the Week, honoring a lifetime of military service, courage, aviation and continued commitment to fellow veterans.

Michael's military journey began in 1962 with service in the U.S. Navy, but aviation would ultimately take him into the U.S. Army and the skies over Vietnam. As an Army aviator, Michael flew the AH-1G Cobra attack helicopter, accumulating approximately 1,250 combat flying hours during one of the most demanding periods of the Vietnam War.

His service placed him in an environment where Army helicopter crews routinely operated in direct support of troops on the ground, often under hostile fire and in rapidly changing battlefield conditions. Among Michael's missions was combat action during the Cambodian campaign in May 1970. His actions during that period resulted in the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, recognizing heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

The photographs accompanying this feature provide a glimpse into that chapter of Michael's life - from the austere conditions of a Vietnam fire support base to the aircraft and cavalry units that became such an important part of his wartime experience.

But Michael's story did not end when he returned home. Aviation remained an important part of his life, as did his commitment to preserving the experiences of those who served. Over the years, he has worked to ensure that veterans' stories - particularly those of Vietnam veterans - are remembered and understood. He has also spoken openly about the lasting effects of combat and the difficult journey many veterans face in understanding and living with those experiences.

Michael has remained active in the military aviation and veteran community and has served as President Emeritus of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society. Through his writing, advocacy and continued involvement with veterans, he has helped preserve an important part of our nation's military history while reminding others that service often continues long after the uniform is put away.

Today, the Halifax Area Chapter is honored to share Michael's story - not simply because of the missions he flew or the decorations he earned, but because his life reflects the enduring connection between service, remembrance and giving back.

Michael, thank you for your service - and for continuing to share the story.



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Old Guys and Their Airplanes - Michael O'Neil's story

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Veteran of the Week - Honoring the stories and continued service of our members

~ **LOOKING AHEAD/HELPFUL LINKS** ~
October 2026

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

Halifax MOAA Website



Speakers Corner **2026-2027 Speakers** **Speakers Schedule**

October 2026	<i>Surviving Spouse Month - Mrs. Cathy Heigher, Gold Star Families, Inc.</i>
November 2026	<i>Ms. Laurie Campbell Baker - Tourism</i>
January 2027	TBD
February 2027	TBD

To read more on our speakers' stories click here 
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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](#)

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 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

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

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Medicare: (800) 633-4227. TTY: (877) 486-2048; www.medicare.gov

Military Officers Assoc. of America: (800) 234-6622; www.mcaa.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

AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, IL, IN, KY, FL, GA, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN (except 35 Western zips), TX (except the extreme Western area) VT, VA, WI, and WV

TRICARE West: www.tricare-west.com

AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, IA (except 82 zips near Rock Island), KS, MO (except St. Louis area), MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR, DE, SW TX, UT, WA, WY some zips in IA, MO, TN

TRICARE Overseas: (888) 777-8343; www.tricare-overseas.com

TRICARE For Life: (866) 773-0404; www.tricare.mil/tfl

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



HONOR FLIGHT

CENTRAL FLORIDA

HONOR THEIR SERVICE. WELCOME THEM HOME.

MISSION #37

Saturday, October 17, 2026
Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB)
A day of honor in Washington, D.C., visiting the memorials dedicated to our veterans.

JOIN THE EVENING WELCOME HOME

The public is invited to welcome returning veterans.
Confirm arrival time and gathering location with Honor Flight Central Florida before traveling.



VETERANS: APPLY
Veterans from all service eras may apply. Priority and flight selection are determined by the organizer. No cost to veteran honorees.



VOLUNTEER OR SERVE AS A GUARDIAN
Explore applications and requirements on the organizer's website.



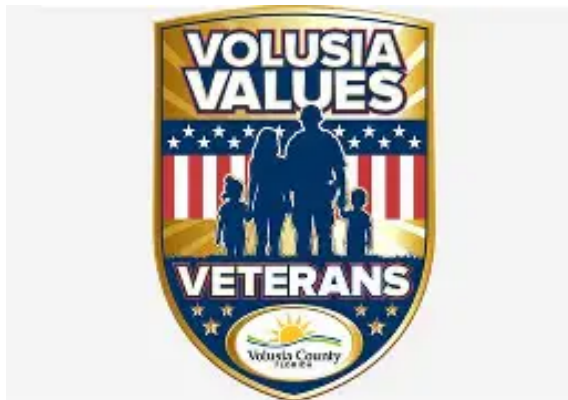
DONATE
Help make future flights possible.

Serving Central Florida, including Volusia County.

DETAILS • APPLICATIONS • UPDATES

 honorflightcentralflorida.org |  407-203-7010 |  Honor.Flight.Central.Florida@gmail.com

★ Shared by Halifax Area Chapter MOAA • Schedule checked September 30, 2026 ★




★ VOLUSIA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES INITIATIVE ★

VOLUSIA VETERANS SUPPORT ENDOWMENT

OUR GOAL **\$50,000** ENDOWMENT GOAL

Help build lasting support for Volusia County veterans.
Part of the Volusia Values Veterans Program (V3P).



PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS
Supporting veterans facing housing insecurity.



ADDRESSING HUNGER & ESSENTIAL NEEDS
Helping veterans meet basic needs.



SUPPORTING VETERANS STAND DOWN
Connecting veterans with resources and assistance.



STRENGTHENING FRONTLINE SUPPORT
Supporting professional development for Veteran Service Officers.

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One Community. One Mission.
Help create a lasting legacy of support for those who served.

Learn more about the program and how to support:
www.volusia.org/v3p

 Volusia County FLORIDA

★ **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
[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

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







— GUEST SPEAKER —

CWO2 Pierre Louis

— USMC (Ret.) —



HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER MOAA

HELP WANTED

Your time. Your talents. Our mission.

PRIORITY VOLUNTEER NEEDS

SECOND WEBMASTER

Help maintain our WordPress website, post chapter news, and keep event information current.

SILENT AUCTION ASSISTANTS

One or two members to help Joe Peabody with donor outreach, follow-up, donations, and auction preparation.

MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

COMMUNICATIONS & STORIES

Officer's Call, photos, Veterans Voices, Veteran of the Week, and community speaking.

MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Welcome members, support outreach, and help with luncheons and Coffee & Camaraderie.

ADVOCACY

Support legislative outreach and help members use MOAA's Legislative Action Center.

CADETS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Assist ROTC/JROTC outreach, scholarships, and future Sea Cadet mentorship events.

VETERAN & SURVIVOR SUPPORT

Help with community service, surviving-spouse activities, and member support.

EVENTS & CHAPTER SUPPORT

Assist with the Christmas Gala, awards, chapter history, and committee projects.

These are opportunities to assist existing chapter leaders and programs.

Help with one project or serve regularly. Every contribution matters.

★★ READY TO LEND A HAND? ★★

Contact Anita Williams • Auction volunteers may also contact Joe Peabody

HalifaxAreaMOAA@gmail.com

halifaxchaptermoaa.com

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HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER MOAA

LEND A HAND

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas Gala & Silent Auction

December 17, 2026

ONE OR TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help 1st Vice President Joe Peabody carry our Silent Auction effort forward.

- Reach out to local businesses and community partners
- Follow up with potential donors
- Organize donated items
- Help prepare for the Silent Auction

No fundraising experience needed.

Joe has already laid the groundwork.

A few hours—or help contacting a handful of businesses—can make a difference.

100% OF SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS STAY WITH OUR CHAPTER

Supporting scholarships, veteran support, and chapter initiatives.

READY TO HELP?

Contact Joe Peabody or Anita Williams
HalifaxAreaMOAA@gmail.com

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DOCUMENTED
VOLUNTEER HOURS
(Year to Date)

1,182.4

+740.4 since Sept. 1
(+168% increase)



ESTIMATED
COMMUNITY VALUE
OF SERVICE

\$41,246

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, Schools & More



CHAPTER EVENTS &
INITIATIVES (YTD)

80

Events, Programs,
Meetings & Initiatives



CHAPTER MEMBERS

96

93 Regular Members
3 Surviving Spouses
100% Paid Membership



*"Service
always
finds a way."*

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

ALIGNED WITH MOAA'S NATIONAL MISSION

To preserve and protect earned benefits for our uniformed services, veterans, their families, and surviving spouses through advocacy, leadership, education, and service.



ADVOCACY

Protecting earned benefits and representing the uniformed services community.

- Legislative engagement (AiA)
- Member education
- Veterans' rights and support
- Community policy awareness



LEADERSHIP

Developing leaders within our chapter, MOAA, and our community.

- Chapter governance
- Mentorship and succession
- Collaboration with civic leaders
- Strengthening community ties



EDUCATION

Supporting professional development, mentorship, and lifelong learning.

- ROTC/JROTC support
- Cadet programs (Sea Cadets, CAP)
- Guest speakers and luncheons
- Veterans Voices and historical awareness



SERVICE

Serving veterans, military families, surviving spouses, and our local community.

- VA Coffee & Doughnuts
- Bagels & Bingo
- Community partnerships
- Scholarships and youth programs
- Disaster response and volunteer support

MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT



96

Total Members

- 93 Regular Members
- 3 Surviving Spouses
- 100% Paid Membership



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Members with Pending Renewals
Follow-up in progress



1

New Membership Application
Capt. Jeanne L. Bradford, USAF (Ret)



2

Prospective-Member Leads
Robert Beard (LTC, USAF, Ret)
COL Mike Profenno, USA (Ret)

2026 MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE



Month	Attendance
JAN	39
FEB	38
MAR	41
APR	58
MAY	59
JUN	47
JUL	68.5
AUG	72
SEP	82



56

Average Attendance
Year to Date

Consistent Engagement.
Growing Impact.

TOP MISSION AREAS BY VOLUNTEER HOURS (AUGUST – SEPTEMBER)



Mission Area	Hours
Event Planning & Execution (Luncheon, Gala, etc.)	171.9
Administration (Emails, Calls, Planning)	63.0
Member Engagement (C&C, Luncheon, Outreach)	27.0
Community Service (VA, Bagels & Bingo, Etc.)	24.5
Partnerships & Advocacy	20.5
Education & Mentorship (ROTC/JROTC, Cadets)	10.0
Communications (Officers Call, Website, Socials)	9.5
Veterans Voices & Historical Programs	7.0
Other (Recruiting, Travel, Follow-up)	12.0

★ AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS



Aug 24 – Coffee & Camaraderie
15 participants | 22.5 hours
Veteran benefits, end-of-life planning, advocacy and community resources.



Aug 18 – Congressional Advocacy
Meeting with Rep. Randy Fine's Office
Presented MOAA legislative priorities.



Community Outreach
Bagels & Bingo, VA Coffee & Doughnuts, mentorship development, membership engagement, and partnerships.



Gala Planning & Administration
Ongoing planning, vendor coordination, and program development.



Education & Mentorship
ROTC/JROTC and youth outreach planning.

★ SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Sep 24 – Chapter Luncheon
40 participants | 103 hours
2.5-hour event (100 participant-hours) plus 3 additional setup hours.



Sep 23 – Presidents Planning Meeting
5 members | 7.5 hours
Chapter planning and strategic alignment.



Sep 26 – Volusia County Veterans Council
Anita Williams & Skip Keating | 6 hours
2 members, 1 hr meeting, 1.5 hrs travel each, 0.5 hr admin each.



Veterans Voices & Communications
Article development and outreach.



Gala Planning & Membership
Continued coordination, recruitment and member engagement.



Community Partnerships
Ongoing collaboration with veteran-serving organizations and local community partners.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES (AUGUST – SEPTEMBER)

Date	Activity	Hours
AUG 24	Coffee & Camaraderie	22.5 HRS
AUG 18	Meeting with Rep. Randy Fine	6.0 HRS
AUG 28	Officers Call Development	6.0 HRS
AUG 28	Partnership & Fundraising Outreach	3.0 HRS
SEP 23	Presidents Planning Meeting (5 members)	7.5 HRS
SEP 24	Chapter Luncheon (40 participants + setup)	103.0 HRS
SEP 26	Volusia County Veterans Council (2 members – Anita & Skip)	6.0 HRS
Other August–September Activities (Administration, Membership, Mentorship, Community Outreach, Communications, etc.)		63.4 HRS
TOTAL NEW HOURS (AUG–SEP)		211.4 HRS

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

- Open & honest reporting
- Responsible stewardship of resources
- Focused on measurable impact
- Compliant with IRS reporting (2025 submitted; 2024 pending)
- New dashboard for 2026 – more hours will be added as members submit records

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

- Oct 1 – Coffee & Camaraderie (TBD)
- Oct 6 – Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
- Oct 18 – Community Outreach / Partnerships (TBD)
- Oct 22 – Chapter Luncheon – RSVP by Oct 15 (Surviving Spouse Focus)

VETERAN OF THE WEEK

REAL PEOPLE.
REMARKABLE STORIES.
LEADING UP TO
VETERANS DAY.

HONOR ★ INSPIRE ★ CONNECT

Celebrating the men and women of our chapter who have served.



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.

