HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER
OFFICERS CALL
November 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 advocacy, leadership, fellowship, and community service.

President's Message



A Season of Gratitude

Celebrating Together, Serving with a Purpose

Dear Halifax Area Chapter Family,

November reminds us to be grateful for those who have served, the families who stood beside them, and the friendships that keep our military community connected. As we recognize Veterans Day, I am especially thankful for our members who continue to give their time and talents long after leaving uniform.

Our **Christmas Gala and Silent Auction on December 17 at the Halifax River Yacht Club** will be an opportunity to celebrate that spirit together. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us. Beyond an enjoyable evening with friends, this gathering helps sustain our scholarships, veteran support, and chapter initiatives. Thank you to our **Christmas Gala and Silent Auction committees** for their work preparing for this important evening. Approximately **18 auction lots are confirmed**, with a goal of 20–25, reflecting considerable outreach and the generosity of our donors. We still need **two or three volunteers** to assist with remaining pickups, setup, monitoring, and checkout. A few hours of your time can make a meaningful difference. Please contact us at **HalifaxAreaMOAA@gmail.com** to lend a hand.

I also want to recognize our volunteer members who are stepping forward to speak as veterans and represent Halifax MOAA throughout **Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach, and Daytona Beach Shores**. By sharing their experiences, they honor fellow veterans and strengthen our connections across the community. **Please consider attending one of the Veterans Day events or luncheons to support them.** Your presence offers encouragement and shows our chapter's commitment to those who continue to serve.

Thank you for sharing your time, your voice, and your support.Nationally, MOAA reports an important procedural advancement: the Star Act discharge petition reached **218 signatures on September 15**, opening a path toward House consideration. This is progress toward addressing the retirement-pay offset affecting combat-injured retirees, but it is **not passage into law**. Continued advocacy remains essential. MOAA is also pressing for the **Take Care of America's Veterans Act**, which includes provisions supporting combat-injured retirees, surviving spouses, and caregivers.

Please support Pierre's efforts by visiting MOAA's Legislative Action Center (moaa.org/takeaction), reviewing current requests, and contacting your lawmakers. Our advocacy gains strength when members add their own voices. As we move toward Thanksgiving and our holiday celebration, thank you for making Halifax a chapter defined by friendship and purpose.

Renew your membership, invite someone to join us, and consider where your talents can help. Together, we can celebrate a meaningful year while building a strong foundation for the next.

Never Stop Serving

Anita A. Williams

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

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

- **Throughout October —** Honoring our surviving spouses and their contributions to our chapter and veteran community.
- **November 3 —** Chapter board meeting. Members are welcome to attend and share ideas.
- **November 11 —** Veteran's Day
- **November 12 —** Reservations are due for our November luncheon.
- **November 19 —** Chapter luncheon.

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GUEST CHAPTERS

2026 Holiday Gala

PRESIDENT ANITA WILLIAMS, CDR, USCG (RET)
HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB

DECEMBER 17, 2026

5 PM – 9 PM

The nonrefundable reservation deadline is
DECEMBER 10, 2026

SILENT AUCTION OPEN
WELCOME
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

DINNER MENU

House salad dinner rolls

ENTRÉE: Herb Crusted Mahi W/ Lemon Butter Sauce
ENTRÉE: Petite Tenderloin w/ Red Wine Sauce
ENTRÉE: Vegan Roasted Winter Squash w/ Feta & Vegetables
Entrées w/ Cinnamon Rice & Vegetable of the Day

DESSERT

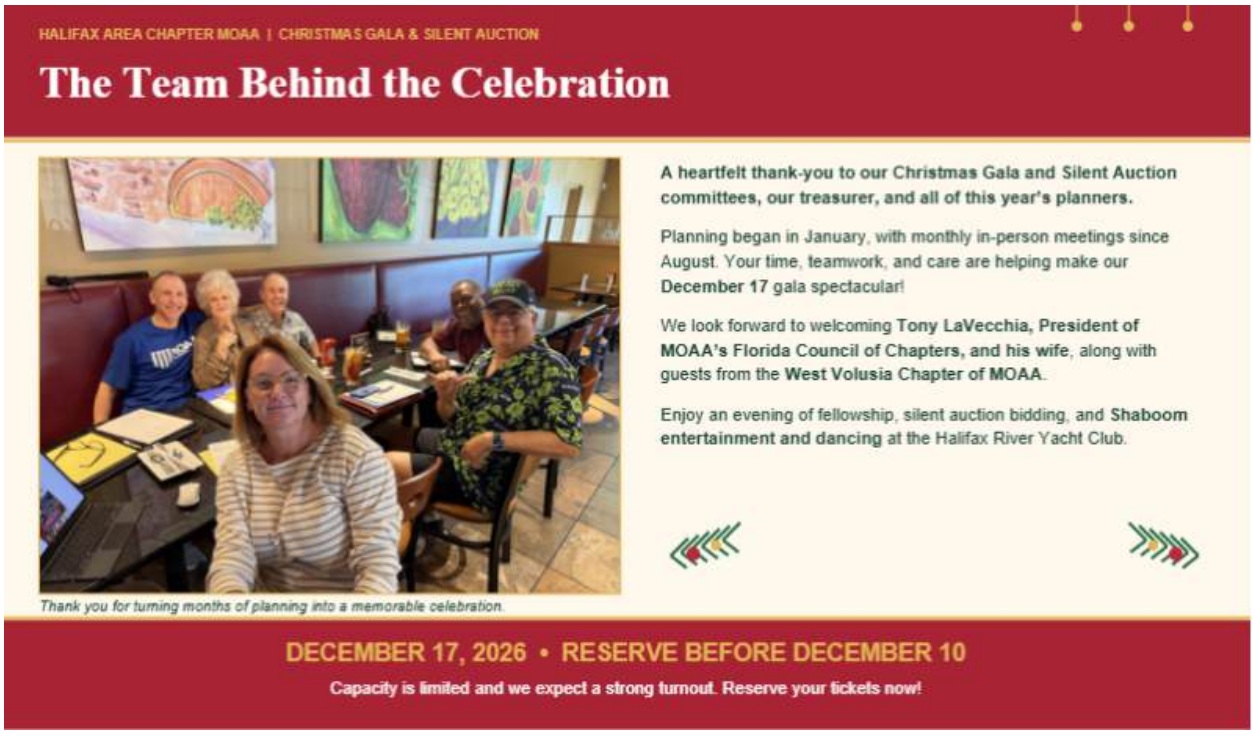
"THE SWEET STOP"
Flourless chocolate cake w/ Choice of Toppings

DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT

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HOLIDAY COCKTAIL / MILITARY DRESS

Cost: $ 65.00



🎄Christmas Gala & Silent Auction 2026 – Halifax Area Chapter MOAA

CHAPTER BUSINESS

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

Secretary's Report — October 6, 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting

The Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA Board of Directors (BOD) met on October 6, 2026, at the Halifax Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, Florida. The meeting was called to order by President Anita Williams at 10:00 a.m.

Board members present (asterisk denotes attendance): Joe Peabody*, Arnold Leeks*, Drew Hoffman, Bancroft McKittrick, Jon Bateman*, Skip Keating*, Kim Ramos*, Patti Higgins*, and Jose Vargas*.

Quorum requirements were met.

Reports of Officers / Committees

Secretary's Report

- The minutes of the October BOD meeting were distributed by email during September 2026. Acceptance was nominated, seconded, and approved via email.

Treasurer's Report

- Jose submitted the monthly report.
- He stated that the September 30 bank statement ending balance was $3,209.84.
- July–September report: $3,179.42 beginning balance; $1,799.00 receipts; $2,049.74 expenditures; $2,928.68 chapter book ending balance.
- January–September analytics and fund activity—scholarship, veterans, membership, and general fund priorities—were briefed to the Board.
- Jose also briefed the Board that Mary McLendon made a $1,000 donation to the scholarship fund.
- Joe made a motion to accept the report; Jon seconded, and the BOD vote was unanimous.
- Luncheon losses of approximately three to nine unpaid meals per month – The Board will review payment, cancellation, reminder, and reservation procedures.

Membership

- Jon reviewed the Membership Report.
- There are 91 Chapter members: 78 regular and 13 surviving spouses; 100 paid chapter memberships.
- There are 31 members coming due at the end of the year, and Jon stated that he will begin reaching out in November.
- The Chapter has lost 20 members so far, much of which resulted from Jon scrubbing the rolls.
- Kim made a motion to accept the Membership Report; Jose seconded, and the BOD vote was unanimous.

Officer's Call (OC) Report

- The October OC was sent out.
- Joe briefed the Board that he is experimenting with different platforms to make the OC look more like a newsletter. Jon also noted that the link to the OC was not functioning. Joe and Anita will do a better job ensuring the OC link works prior to sending it to the membership.
- Joe requested that BOD members send him any events that should be published in the OC.

Surviving Spouse Update

- Patti said preparations for the October Surviving Spouse luncheon are going well. She has confirmed four or five spouses will attend and requested one table of eight be set aside for the surviving spouses. She also mentioned that she will have a table set aside for Surviving Spouse handouts.

Programs, Outreach & Partnerships

- Skip mentioned he will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at the October 22nd luncheon for the Toys for Tots program. He will take the toys to the Margarita Ball in early November.
- Skip also stated that on November 10, Emory Bennett will be holding its Veterans Day celebration.
- There will be a Veterans Day celebration on November 11 at the Veterans Memorial Plaza at 10:00 a.m.
- Skip stated that he is having difficulty locating a color guard for the November Veterans Day events at the Veterans Memorial Plaza.
- Anita stated that the Sea Cadets Leadership Panel is going to be held on November 21 and she has five members for the panel.

Old Business

Mission Impact Dashboard

- Anita presented the Mission Impact Dashboard documenting 1,209.4 volunteer hours through September 2026, representing an estimated community value of $42,184. 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.

Coffee & Camaraderie (C&C) / Veteran Community Outreach

- Anita spoke with Terrance Bartley, who showed interest in holding a Coffee & Camaraderie in the Spruce Creek community.
- Discuss future format, speakers, VSOs, community partners, and veteran-resource topics.
- Consider how C&C supports community visibility and membership growth.

Bagels & Bingo Update

- Skip stated that 25 veterans attended the October Bagels & Bingo and that he gave away $50 in Walmart gift cards to attendees.
- Skip also mentioned that 20 quilts were donated and will be passed out during the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at the Veterans Memorial Plaza.

VA Coffee & Doughnuts / Veteran Outreach Update

- Arnold stated the program is doing well and continues to have good attendance.

VCVC

- Skip briefed that the Emory Bennett nursing home has $9,508 in their account and they do a good job providing what the residents need.
- Volusia County has started an endowment fund which currently has $31,000 with a goal to increase it to $50,000.

FCOC Convention Update

- No updates were available.

New Business

Holiday Gala & Silent Auction — December 17, 2026

- Silent Auction Donations and Sponsorship Support. Joe gave an update on his outreach program and his plan to collect items for the Silent Auction. He also asked Board members for assistance by stopping by businesses in their areas and requesting donations. He is sending the Board copies of the letters he created for local businesses.
- Billie and Arnold have continued to work with Brittnay on Gala details.
- Billie and Arnold confirmed the gala menu: mahi, steak, and a vegan dish. The cost could be approximately $65 per person.

Veterans Voices — Observer Newspaper

- The Observer enjoyed Bancroft's article, and the submission was a success. Skip currently has an article in the vetting process, and Lon is working on an article as well. Lon is scheduled for November and Bancroft for December.
- Request for Veterans Voices and Veteran of the Week submissions - Any one interested in telling their story to celebrate Veteran's Day, please contact HalifaxAreaMoaa@gmail.com.

Advocacy Update

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

From the Floor — Board Member Comments / Special Announcements

- Skip mentioned that he is collecting old flags that he will take to American Legion 267 to be properly destroyed. Members can bring old flags for disposal to luncheon meetings, flags will be collected at check-in desk.
- Kim said she is in need of 20 rank sets for the Air Force commissioning.

Upcoming Dates / Events

- October Luncheon — Surviving Spouses: Mrs. Cathy Heighter.

- Veterans Day Memorial — Volusia and MOAA.
- Christmas Gala & Silent Auction — December 17, 2026; other upcoming veteran/community events and chapter participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next BOD meeting is November 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the HRYC.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Peabody

1st Vice President

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2025-2026 Outstanding Support to Veterans for Profit Award Winner

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LOOKING AHEAD

Halifax Area Chapter — 2026–2027 Planning Board (As of November 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 Heighter** **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, Volusia County 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 11/1/2026

	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 4th 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

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The Lame-Duck Push — Where the NDAA and Our Priorities Stand

A SHORT WINDOW, A LONG LIST

With the Nov. 3 elections behind us, Congress returns to Washington on Nov. 9 for a short but consequential **lame-duck session** — and two unfinished must-pass items sit at the top of the list: completing the FY 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and funding the government before the current stopgap expires Dec. 11. For advocates, this is the window that matters most. Bills that do not cross the finish line before the 119th Congress adjourns at year's end have to start over in January — so the next few weeks will decide whether several of our priorities become law or go back to square one.

NDAA — WHERE THE VOTES STAND

A must-pass bill, still unfinished. The NDAA has been signed into law 65 years running, but this year's is behind schedule. The House passed its version (H.R. 8800) in July; the Senate's companion (S. 4784) stalled on a July procedural vote and was held over for the lame duck. Rather than a traditional conference, the four Armed Services Committee leaders are negotiating a compromise text behind the scenes, with a final bill expected before the holidays.

Your 2027 pay raise is in the balance. The two chambers are far apart on the January raise. The House bill mirrors the administration's tiered plan — 7% for junior enlisted (E-1 through E-5), 6% for E-6 through O-3, and 5% for O-4 and above — while the Senate funds a flat 3.6% across-the-board increase. The final figure will be set in these negotiations and is expected to land somewhere in between. (Basic Allowance for Housing is set separately and will not move automatically with the raise.)

MOAA is at the table. MOAA and partner military and veterans groups met with Senate Armed Services staff in September and have written directly to Congress, pressing to keep health care, reserve-component benefits, housing-safety standards, and child-care provisions in the final text. That push continues through the lame duck.

THE 2027 COLA IS SET — 3.6%

Don't confuse the pay raise above with the retiree COLA. On Oct. 14 the 2027 cost-of-living adjustment was confirmed at **3.6%**, effective with the end-of-December payment. It applies to military retired pay, VA disability compensation, Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, and Social Security alike — and is the largest COLA since 2023 outside the post-pandemic spikes. The active-duty pay raise, by contrast, is still being negotiated in the NDAA and is a separate figure.

WHERE OUR PRIORITIES STAND

Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102 / S. 1032). Our top priority remains the fix for roughly 54,000 combat-injured retirees who still give up a dollar of earned retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation. The bill carries more than 400 cosponsors, but leadership has not scheduled a floor vote and unanimous-consent attempts have been blocked by objection. A House discharge petition — 218 signatures — remains the fastest path. With this Congress ending, the lame duck is the window: ask your Representative to sign it.

Government funding — the Dec. 11 cliff. September's stopgap keeps the government open only through Dec. 11, setting up another funding fight in the middle of the lame duck. That is exactly why MOAA keeps pressing the Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168 / H.R. 7137), which would guarantee pay for the armed forces — and, MOAA urges, for USPHS and NOAA Commissioned Corps officers — during any lapse in appropriations.

GLP-1 coverage for TRICARE For Life. This one is moving in the wrong direction. A new Medicare GLP-1 "Bridge Program" (a $50 copay, running through 2027) is open only to those with Medicare Part D drug coverage — which leaves out most TFL beneficiaries, who get their pharmacy benefit through TRICARE. That compounds the Aug. 2025 decision that ended TFL weight-loss GLP-1 coverage in the first place. MOAA leaders have met with military health officials, are opposing any two-tiered TRICARE pharmacy system, and are pressing to restore parity for all beneficiaries regardless of age.

Health care and housing in the NDAA. Beyond pay, MOAA has put forward a slate of roughly 10 priorities for the final bill — expanding TRICARE access and removing care barriers, strengthening military housing-safety standards, and improving reserve-component benefits and child care. These are the quality-of-life provisions most likely to be won or lost in the compromise text now being written.

Also still in play. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit for military spouses (H.R. 6231 / S. 3265) remains active, and MOAA recently joined Gold Star families on Capitol Hill to back the Take Care of America's Veterans Act and a slate of survivor priorities heading into the year-end stretch.

LATEST ADVOCACY BITES FROM MOAA

The latest quick hits from MOAA's advocacy desk — click any headline to read the full story, or browse them all at MOAA's advocacy news page:

- **TRICARE Closes Coverage Gap After Push From MOAA** — A win: after sustained pressure from MOAA and partner groups, TRICARE moved to close a coverage gap for beneficiaries. (Oct. 21)
- **Why the NDAA Matters to Your Health Care** — How this year's defense bill addresses current TRICARE access problems and shapes coverage going forward. (Oct. 21)
- **For-Profit Claims Agent Targets VA Safeguards in New Lawsuit** — A predatory claims company sues to weaken the VA rules that shield veterans from excessive fees — the protections behind the GUARD VA Benefits Act. (Oct. 21)

- **Beyond the Budget: Future VA Benefits Cost Per Servicemember** — A new Congressional Budget Office report breaks down the long-term cost of VA benefits per servicemember. (Oct. 21)
- **In Their Own Words: Military Spouses on the Hiring Equation** — Spouses describe the barriers to steady employment, reinforcing MOAA's case for the expanded Work Opportunity Tax Credit. (Oct. 23)

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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.**

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

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VETERANS ENTERTAINED

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★ GROW THROUGH MISSION
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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.






FIRST PROPOSED MEETING

November 21, 2026
Cadets & Parents
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Date proposed; details to follow.

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

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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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Thank you to our surviving spouses for the friendship, strength, and continued service you bring to our chapter.

Our appreciation to **Mrs. Cathy Heighter** for her guest presentation; **Col. R. Bancroft McKittrick, USMC (Ret.)**, for sharing *Veterans Voices*; and **CWO2 Pierre Louis, USMC (Ret.)**, for keeping us informed through his advocacy updates.

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OUR PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS:



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Supporting those who have served our nation.



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Honoring and supporting surviving spouses.



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



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Mentoring future leaders and connecting with veterans and families.



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Partnering with local organizations to make a lasting impact.

100%
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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.



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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON (Membership Meeting)

Guest Speakers

Ms. Lori Campbell Baker & Sharon Harlow

Meet our guest speakers on the next page



Date: November 19, 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 November 13, 2026

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Choice1: **Chicken Piccata** – Egg-battered chicken sautéed with capers in a white wine lemon butter sauce. Served with wild rice pilaf and asparagus.	#_____
Choice 2: **Blackened Salmon** – Salmon rubbed with Cajun seasonings and pan-seared. Served with wild rice pilaf and baby carrots.	#_____
Choice 3: **Vegetarian Pesto Tortellini** – Tri-colored cheese tortellini with roasted tomatoes, mushrooms, onions, asparagus, spinach, and artichokes, tossed with pesto olive oil.	#_____
Luncheon: $30 per person	$_____
Scholarship Donation	$_____
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Total	$_____

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NOVEMBER Luncheon

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS



Lori Campbell Baker

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DAYTONA BEACH AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Lori Campbell Baker loves tourism. A lot.
In fact, this is her third time back at the Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.
Lori has been in the role of CVB Executive Director since 2016, a position she can't say enough about – with a Board and a staff that are second to none.
A UCF Orlando graduate who grew up in Melbourne Beach, Lori has lived in the Daytona Beach area since 1991. And she learns new things about this amazing community every week.

She is passionate about the Daytona Beach area and all of Volusia County - and especially the many businesses, employees and community members that make this amazing destination so appealing to residents and visitors alike.



Sharon Harlow

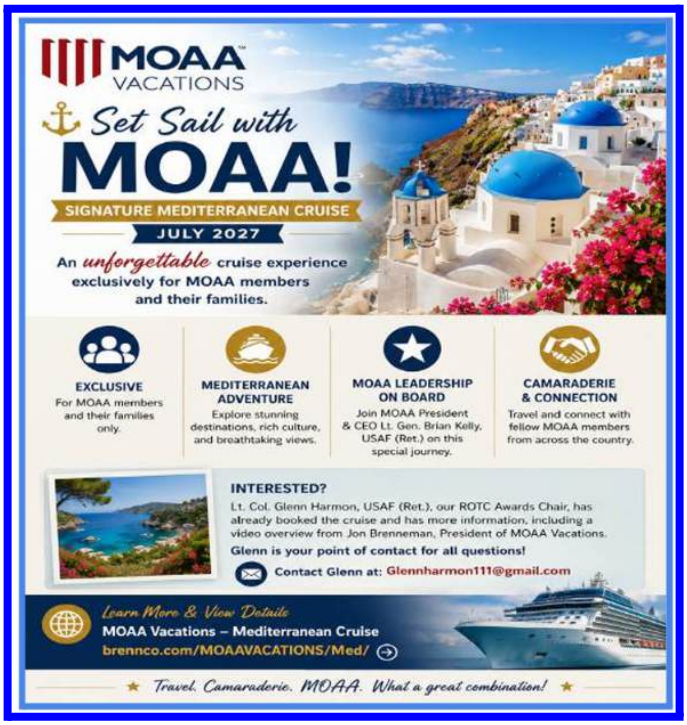
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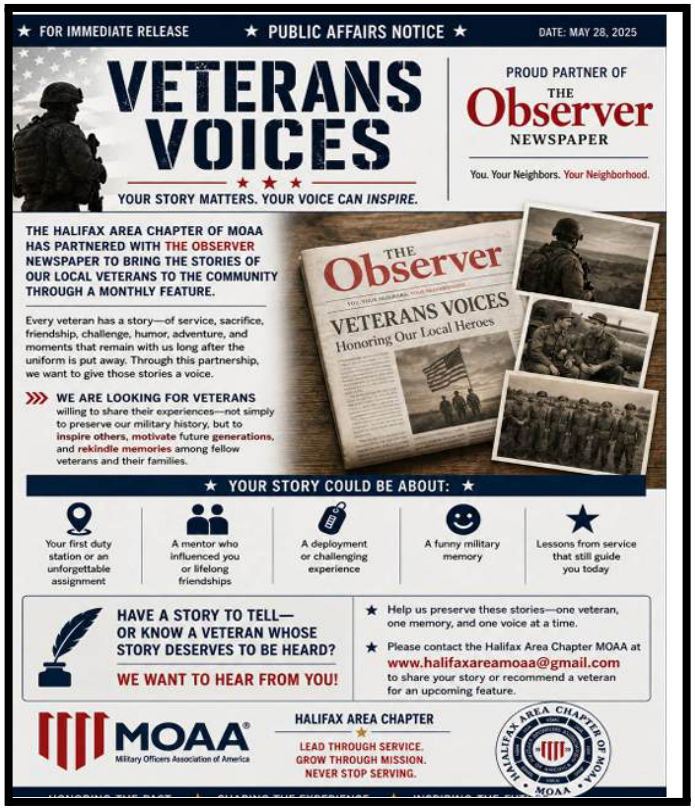
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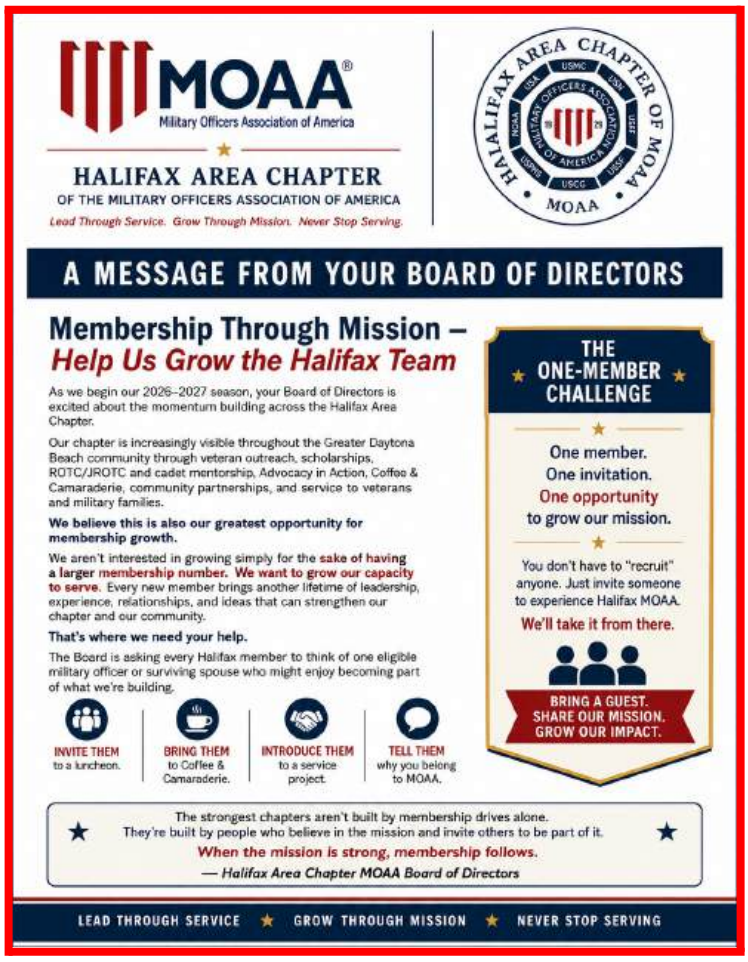
Sharon Harlow joined the CVB in 2022 after more than 20 years in the tourism industry.
She currently serves as the organization's Communications Specialist.
Her many duties include Community Outreach, a role that she's uniquely suited for.
Her programs highlight the importance of tourism in the Daytona Beach area through Community Listening Sessions, a Tourism Ambassador Program and the Speakers Bureau.

Sharon relocated to the Daytona Beach area from New England in 2016 and has worked for local organizations such as the Halifax Humane Society, the Environmental Discovery Center and MusicUSA/Educational Experiences.

Join us for an informative November Luncheon with these inspiring leaders in our local tourism community!


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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.
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DATE: MAY 28, 2025
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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.
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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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HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OF MOAA
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.
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One opportunity
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You don't have to "recruit" anyone. Just invite someone to experience Halifax MOAA.
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BRING A GUEST.
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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.
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Sleep and Older Adults



Older adults need about the same amount of sleep as all adults — 7-9 hours each night. Getting enough sleep helps you stay healthy & alert. However, many older people don't sleep well. You spend about 1/3 of your life sleeping or trying to sleep. Though it may seem simple, sleep is a complex process. Multiple parts of the brain work together to produce signals that prepare the body for sleep.

A good night's sleep depends on sleeping when your body is prepared, sleeping 7-9 hours, and getting enough of each type of sleep: rapid eye movement (REM) and non-REM. They are linked to patterns (waves) of electrical activity in your brain. REM and non-REM sleep occur in cycles, usually 3-5 each night.

Sleep is important for your body — from the brain, heart, and lungs to energy, protection against disease, and mood. It also affects your ability to function during the day. Not getting enough sleep over time can increase your risk of: High blood pressure, Heart disease , and Diabetes. If you wake up tired, feel easily annoyed, have trouble falling asleep, or have trouble staying asleep, these may be signs you're not getting a good night's sleep.

As you age, how you sleep changes. Older adults tend to go to bed earlier & wake up earlier than younger adults, and the amount of time spent in each type of sleep decreases. Sleep tends to be shorter & lighter, and you may wake up more often during the night. Factors such as illness, medications, mental health, and pain can make it hard to get a good night's sleep. Sleep disorders become more common with age, including insomnia (trouble falling or staying asleep), sleep apnea (pauses in breathing during sleep), and movement disorders such as restless legs syndrome. Practicing better sleep habits and being diagnosed & treated if you have a sleep disorder may help improve your sleep.

Good sleep can help protect your mental and physical health, quality of life, and safety. Not getting quality sleep can increase your risk for health problems and affect how well you think, react, work, learn, and get along with others. Try these tips to sleep better:

- Follow a regular schedule by going to sleep and getting up at the same time each day.
- Have a bedtime routine; find ways to relax before bedtime each night.
- Make your room comfortable for sleep & keep the temperature not too hot or cold.
- Try to get regular exercise, but not within three hours of your bedtime.
- Avoid napping in the late afternoon or evening.
- Avoid having caffeine late in the day, which can keep you awake at night.
- Avoid drinking alcohol.
- Try not to watch television or use a computer, cell phone, or tablet in the bedroom.
- Avoid eating large meals & drinking large amounts of liquid within 2-3 hours of bed.
- Talk with your doctor if you have problems with sleeping.

Getting a good night's sleep is important to your well-being.

Membership Application

Date: _____

Halifax Area Chapter of MOAA Membership Application

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

(First, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix if applicable) (MM/DD/YYYY)

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HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER OF MOAA, P.O. BOX 2093, DAYTONA BEACH, FL. 32115-2093

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A Presentation Honoring the Service and Sacrifice of America's Armed Forces

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Anderson-Price Building | Ormond Beach

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

Approximately **100** **ATTENDEES** joined us for this outstanding event.

Members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) participated in a compelling World War II presentation, hosted by the Ormond Beach Historical Society at the Anderson-Price Building in Ormond Beach.

The presentation was very well received, and all of the speakers did an outstanding job sharing their knowledge and experiences.

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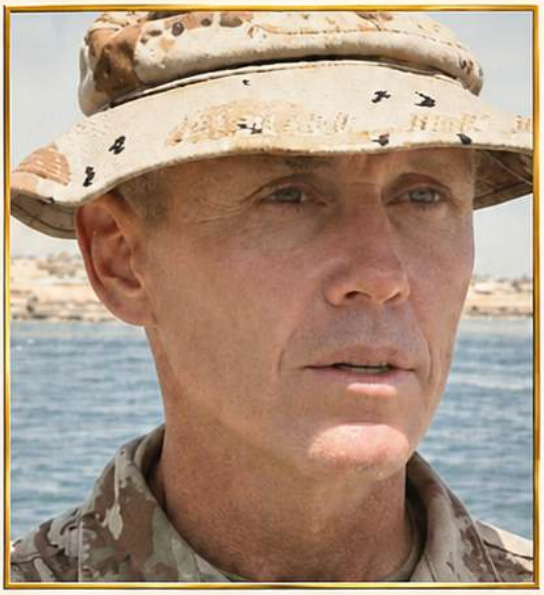
TO OUR PRESENTERS, THE ORMOND BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
AND EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED THIS MEANINGFUL EVENT.

★ VETERANS VOICES ★

Halifax Area Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

In Recognition of

COL. R. BANCROFT McKITTRICK, USMC (Ret.)



The Halifax Area Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America proudly recognizes Col. R. Bancroft McKITTRICK for sharing his personal account of service during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and for helping launch our Veterans Voices initiative.

His article, 'Veterans Voices: Col. R. Bancroft McKITTRICK Shares Personal Recollection of Operation Restore Hope in Somalia,' was published in the *Observer* on October 20, 2026.

As the first veteran featured in this series, Bancroft helped set the standard for what Veterans Voices represents: preserving history, honoring service, educating our community, and reminding fellow veterans that their stories matter.



PORT OF MOGADISHU – SOMALIA

Thank you for your leadership, your service, and your willingness to share your story with our community.

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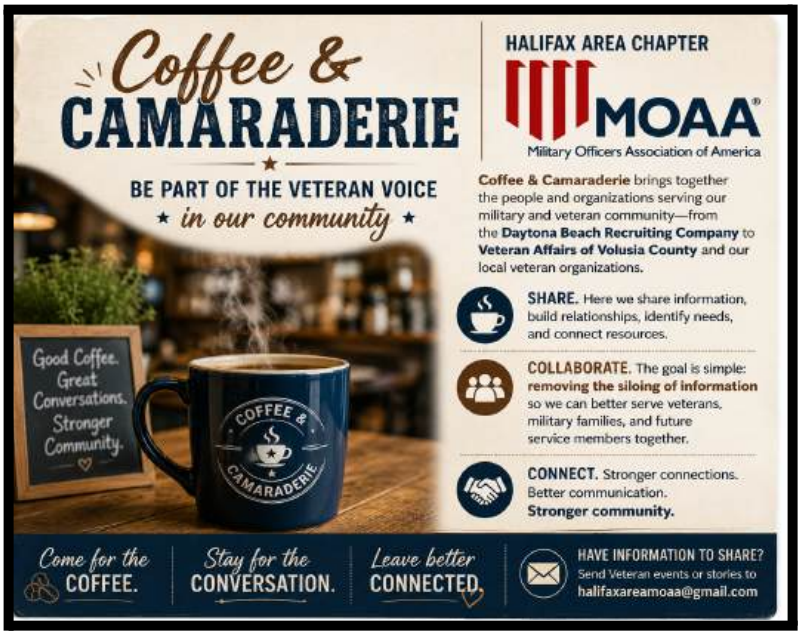
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Salute
HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER
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To our membership; we have created our new Salute Section to better serve you with recent Veterans' interest stories, Veterans' Outreach, and many other events happening 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.
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.




Coffee & CAMARADERIE
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HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER
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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.
Good Coffee. Great Conversations. Stronger Community.
COFFEE & CAMARADERIE
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HAVE INFORMATION TO SHARE?
Send Veteran events or stories to halifaxareamoaa@gmail.com

DAYTONA BEACH AREA
VETERANS DAY
WEEK 2026

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★ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 ★



Veterans Museum November Meeting

NOVEMBER 3 • 4:00 PM

Veterans Museum and Education Center,
302 Vermont Ave, Daytona Beach

Guest speaker: Scott Olson,
Volusia County Veterans Services Director.

★ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ★



Daytona Beach Shores Veterans Day Luncheon

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Shores Community Center,
3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores

Guest speaker: CWO2 Pierre Louis, USMC (Ret.)

Free for veterans; guest tickets $10, purchased in advance.

Chapter members: email **HalifaxAreaMOAA@gmail.com BEFORE Nov. 3** for our headcount. City RSVP deadline: **Nov. 3.**

Community Center: 386-281-3000

★ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 ★



Volusia County Honoring Veterans Ceremony

10:00 AM

Veterans Memorial Plaza,
125 East Orange Ave, Daytona Beach
(under Orange Avenue Bridge).

Support COL Skip Keating, USA (Ret.), who is involved in the observance.



Bear Creek Community Ceremony • Ormond Beach

November 11

Confirm time and attendance arrangements with the community.

Speaker: Col R. Bancroft McKittrick, USMC (Ret.).



Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens Veterans Day Tribute

November 11 • 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Free community event with speakers, live music, food, and reflection. Museum and Gardens admission free.

Details: ormondartmuseum.org



Proud to Honor Veterans Day Classic & Zac Brown Band Concert

November 11

Daytona International Speedway,
1801 W International Speedway Blvd,
Daytona Beach

See organizer for current tickets, military discounts, and schedule.



Veterans Day Charity Golf & Community Celebration

November 11

LPGA International,
1000 Champions Drive, Daytona Beach

Golf: 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Community celebration: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Confirm participation details with organizer.

~ LOOKING AHEAD/HELPFUL LINKS ~
November 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

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Speakers Corner

2026-2027 Speakers

Speakers Schedule

November 2026	*Ms. Laurie Campbell Baker - Volusia County Tourism*
January 2027	*LT Kenneth Lebaron Brewer - NOAA COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS - B-350CER KINGAIR AIRCRAFT COMMANDER / CHIEF FLIGHT SECTION*
February 2027	**TBD**
March 2027	**TBD**

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





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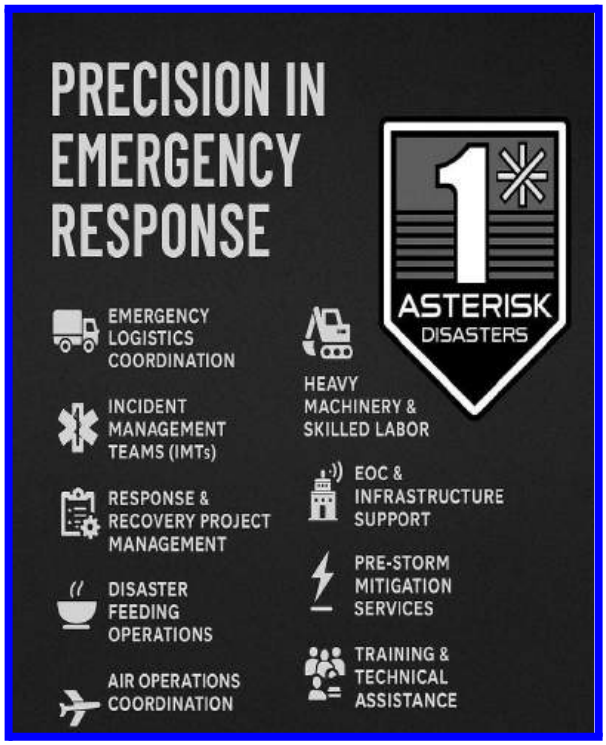
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Halifax Chapter Of Moaa

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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 SprinColor 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-crsc/
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.gulflink.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
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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

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.

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


GUEST SPEAKER
CWO2 Pierre Louis
USMC (Ret.)


Unique Events International Inc/
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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
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


HONOR FLIGHT
NOVEMBER 2026 UPDATE
Honoring Our Veterans • Supporting Future Missions
No November flight departures confirmed in the nearby hub schedules reviewed.
HONOR FLIGHT CENTRAL FLORIDA
Serving Volusia County and Central Florida
MISSION #37 REUNION
Saturday, November 14, 2026
Time & reunion location: Contact the organizer; not published in the schedule reviewed.
Confirm attendance arrangements before traveling.
407-203-7010
Honor.Flight.Central.Florida@gmail.com
honorflightcentralflorida.org
This is a reunion for the October 17 mission, not a November flight. The mission airport listing does not confirm the reunion venue.
SPACE COAST HONOR FLIGHT
Melbourne area • Flights depart Melbourne Orlando International Airport (MLB)
November flight date & time: Not confirmed.
321-456-7031
info@spacecoasthonorflight.org
spacecoasthonorflight.org
FIRST COAST HONOR FLIGHT
Northeast Florida / St. Johns area
November flight date, airport & time: Not posted in the schedule reviewed.
1-888-400-1185
info@firstcoasthonorflight.org
firstcoasthonorflight.org
KEEP THE MISSION FLYING
Apply as a veteran • Become a guardian • Volunteer • Donate
Shared by Halifax Area Chapter MOAA • Schedules checked October 31, 2026
Contact each organizer for current details and participation requirements.


COUNCIL & CHAPTER LEADERS:
MOAA
2025 MOAA
LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE
& COL. MARVIN J. HARRIS
COMMUNICATION AWARDS
Winners!
LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
COL. MARVIN J. HARRIS COMMUNICATION AWARD
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 d
, and our nation.
LEVELS of EXCELLENCE
19
25



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

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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
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HALIFAX AREA CHAPTER
Daytona Beach, Florida
Advocacy ★ Leadership ★ Education ★ Service

Military Service Ends.
Community Service Continues.

MISSION IMPACT DASHBOARD

VETERANS SERVING TODAY FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW

Our chapter delivers leadership, service, and support to veterans, their families, and our community.

DOCUMENTED VOLUNTEER SERVICE
Year to Date (as of Nov 1, 2026)

1,330 HR 34 MIN

$46,410.17
ESTIMATED COMMUNITY SERVICE VALUE
(Florida rate: $34.88 per hour)

OCTOBER LUNCHEON
October 22, 2026

38
ATTENDEES

2.5
AVERAGE VOLUNTEER HOURS PER ATTENDEE

COMMUNITY IMPACT
(Year to Date)

80
CHAPTER EVENTS & INITIATIVES

18+
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED

MEMBERSHIP
As of Nov 1, 2026

91
CHAPTER MEMBERS

78	Regular Members
13	Surviving Spouses
100	Paid Chapter Memberships
31	Renewals Due at Year-End
20	Members Lost *(after roster review)*

BOARD SERVICE
October 6, 2026 Meeting

8 hr 40 min
TOTAL BOD SERVICE HOURS
(1 hr 5 min each)

BOD Members Attending

Anita Williams	Skip Keating
Joe Peabody	Kim Ramos
Arnold Leeks	Patti Higgins
Jon Bateman	José Vargas

ADVOCACY



- Support legislative initiatives
- Engage with elected officials
- Promote veteran and family issues
- Strengthen community understanding
- Veteran and military policy awareness

LEADERSHIP



- Mentor cadets and young leaders
- Share experience and guidance
- Build community partnerships
- Create opportunities for future generations
- Chapter governance and succession
- Collaboration with civic leaders

EDUCATION



- Support scholarships
- Encourage military history and civic education
- Promote leadership development
- ROTC/JROTC support
- Guest speakers and luncheons
- Veterans voices and historical awareness

SERVICE



- Support fellow veterans
- Assist surviving spouses
- Partner with community organizations
- Programs: Toys for Tots, Bagels & Bingo, VA Outreach, Coffee & Camaraderie
- Disaster response and volunteer support

MISSION AREAS BY VOLUNTEER HOURS
(Year to Date)

Event Planning & Execution	188.9
Administration	63.0
Member Engagement	27.5
Community Service	24.5
Partnerships & Advocacy	21.0
Education & Mentorship	17.0
Communications	9.5
Veterans Voices & Programs	9.0
Other (Recruiting, Travel, Follow-up)	12.0

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **Nov 3** – Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
- **Nov 9** – Veterans Day Ball (Community event – Chapter participation)
- **Nov 10** – Veterans Day Luncheon – Daytona Beach Shores
- **Nov 11** – Veterans Day Event – Daytona Beach
- **Nov 19** – Chapter Luncheon – Halifax River Yacht Club

TREASURER REPORT SUMMARY
(July – September 2026)

Description	Amount
Beginning Balance (7/1/2026)	$3,179.42
Total Receipts	$1,799.00
Total Expenditures	($2,049.74)
Ending Balance (9/30/2026)	**$2,928.68**
Fund Balances (as of 9/30/2026)	
General Fund	$1,410.00
Scholarship Fund	$255.00
Veterans Fund	$10.00
Total Funds	**$1,675.00**

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SERVING TODAY.
BUILDING TOMORROW.

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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

HOURS → ENGAGED MEMBERS → ACTIVITIES & EVENTS → PARTNERSHIPS → OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

★ **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.

