

# MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER



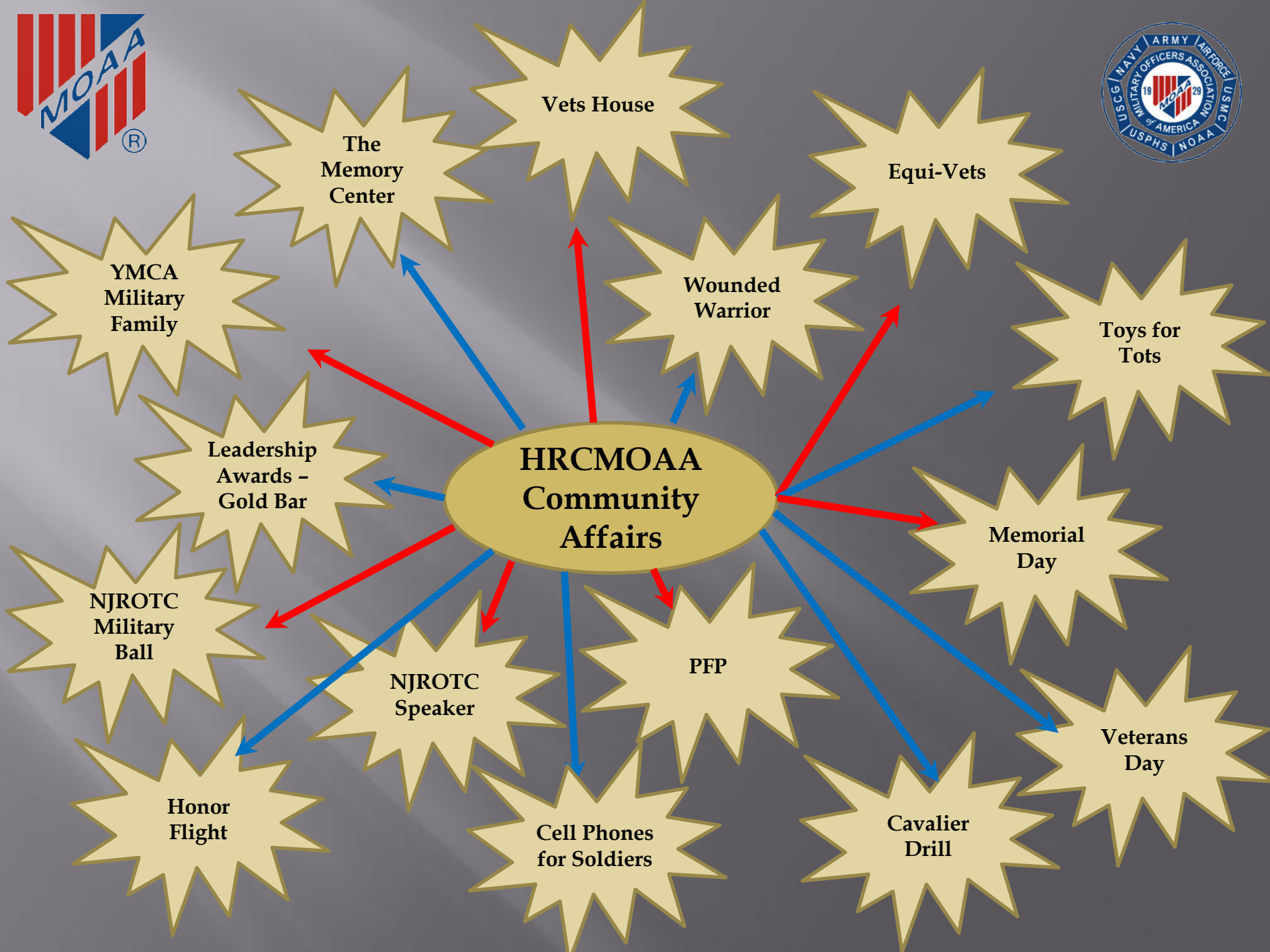
### LUNCHEON

### Community Affairs

29 April 2011



A 2004 through 2010 FIVE STAR MOAA CHAPTER ★★★★★







# Agenda



## Honor the Past

- ✓ Member participation



## Support current activities

- ✓ Member participation
- ✓ Chapter donation



## Foster the future

- ✓ Membership participation



# Honor the Past





# Honor the Past



**Memorial Day**  
Wreath Laying  
at  
City  
Ceremonies

**Veterans Day**  
Wreath Laying  
at  
City  
Ceremonies,  
Parade and  
Luncheon

★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★





# Honor the Past



## Honor Flight

- A national program that provides a free trip for WWII Veterans to Washington D.C. twice a year.
- Purpose is to see WWII, Iwo Jima and other War Memorials.

## Coordinate and Support Departure Ceremony with ROTC programs

- ROTC Units
  - ✓ ODU and NSU (Army and Navy)
- NJROTC Units
  - ✓ Virginia Beach High Schools

## Next Honor Flight – 30 Apr

- 0500 at Park and Drive – Exit 286A

★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Honor the Past



# Honor Flight





# Current Support Activities





# Support Current Activities



## Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP)

- Coordinates support services for veterans with stress-related and traumatic brain injuries resulting from service in a combat area. The program ensures these veterans and their families receive timely assessment, treatment, and support.

## Services

- Regional coalitions of community service boards, brain injury service providers are offering service across Virginia. Examples of services :
  - ✓ Assessments
  - ✓ Family Support
  - ✓ Case Management
  - ✓ Outpatient Services
  - ✓ Rehabilitative Services (e.g. Equi-Vets)
  - ✓ Linkage to housing/education prgms

## Key Issues

- Military service members/families unfamiliar with services
  - ✓ VWWP provides connectivity
- Virginia Gen Assy provides some but not enough funding for services.
  - ✓ Additional support comes from individuals, Veteran Service Orgs and private sector.
  - ✓ All contributions directly serve program participants, not admin costs.



★★ Chapter makes a Donation ★★



# Support Current Activities



## Pocket Field Pillow

- Provides a small, denim covered pillows that fit in BDU trousers side pocket for soldiers in combat zones.
- Volunteers make the pillows.
  - ✓ Funds are used to transport the pillows to the combat units.
- Only piece of the Community Affairs Program that directly supports soldiers in combat.



★★Chapter makes a Donation★★



# Support Current Activities



## YMCA Military Family Recognition Program

- Luncheon recognizes military families who have provided outstanding service to the military community as identified by the Services.
- Chapter funds a table, which pays for service members and family members being recognized and chapter members who attend.

★★Opportunity for Members to Participate★★

★★Chapter makes a Donation★★





# Support Current Activities



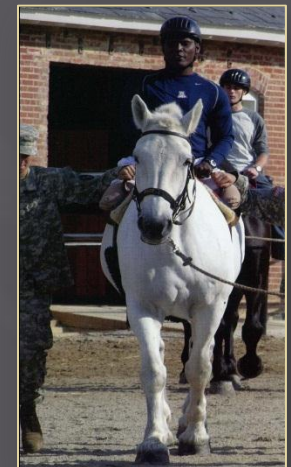
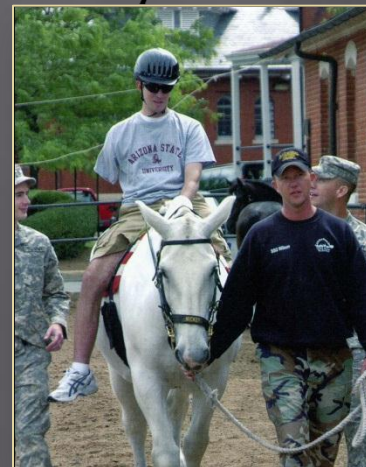
## Equi-Vets

- Program for Wounded Warriors and their families to physically and mentally reconnect through equine activities.
- NO cost to participants



## Program

- Therapeutic horseback riding and horse care for Wounded Warriors
  - Teamed with caregivers and active/retired mil personnel.
- Group interaction for children
  - ✓ Arts and crafts
  - ✓ Grooming/Tacking sessions
  - ✓ Small farm animal interaction
- Spouse therapy
  - ✓ Work shops
  - ✓ Grooming/Tacking sessions
  - ✓ Nature walks



★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Support Current Activities



## PAHS Cavalier Drill

- Princess Anne High School hosts an annual drill team competition among NROTC programs in the region including northeastern North Carolina.
- The chapter provides funding for the trophies and makes presentations at the end of the competition to some of the participants.



★ Chapter makes a Donation ★



★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Support Current Activities



## Vets House

- Disciplined program for homeless veterans
- Wholly dependent on donations
- Currently includes four homes.
- Non-profit based in Virginia Beach



★★ Chapter makes a Donation ★★



# Support Current Activities



## The Memory Center

- Upscale retirement home with unique environment.
- Devoted to those with dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Some of the patients are veterans and enjoy to limited extent the company of other veterans.
- The House encourages visitation by veterans to interact with patients who can appreciate the common bond of the military experience.

★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★





# Support Current Activities



## Toys for Tots

- Sponsored by U. S. Marine Corps Reserve
- Mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.
- Chapter members have always supported this effort which occurs at the November Luncheon.
- Members are encouraged to bring toys in support of the program which is collected by the USMC representatives.



★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★



# Support Current Activities



## Virginia Beach NJROTC Military Ball

- Chapter provided a guest speaker.
- Annual event in that includes over 500 guests representing NJROTC students and families.
- Five Virginia Beach area high schools participate.



★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Support Current Activities



## Cell Phones for Soldiers

- MOAA national program that turns old cell phones into phone cards for troops to call home.
- One cell phone = 60 minutes of calling.
- MOAA goal: 1 million free minutes
  - ✓ 16,667 cell phones.
- Chapter is coordinating collection.



★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Foster the Future





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## MOAA Leadership Awards

- Chapter presents leadership awards
  - ✓ Awarded to NROTC and NJROTC cadets who demonstrate by their conduct, knowledge, and expertise the potential for military leadership and who are selected by their Senior Instructor.
- Presents medals to awardees in our 13 affiliated ROTC programs
  - ✓ Three college NROTC
  - ✓ Ten high school NJROTC
  - ✓ Nine (9) ceremonies



★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Foster the Future

## Gold Bar Presentations

- Chapter presents a set of Gold Bars and a one year free MOAA membership to those Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants being commissioned in our three affiliated ROTC programs.
- Old Dominion, Norfolk State, and Hampton Univ
  - ✓ Last year - 57 presentations in four ceremonies.



★★ Opportunity for Members to Participate ★★



# Community Affairs

	Chapter Donation	Member Participation
<i>Honor the Past</i>		
1. Memorial & Veterans Day		X*
2. Honor Flight		X*
<i>Support Current Activities</i>		
1. Wounded Warrior	X	
2. Pocket Field Pillow (PFP)	X	
3. YMCA Mil Fam Recognition Lunch	X	X*
4. Equi-Vets		X*
5. PAHS Cavalier Drill	X	X
6. VetsHouse, Inc.	X	
7. The Memory Center		X
8. Toys for Tots		X
9. NJROTC Dinner Speaker		X
10. Cell Phone for Soldiers		X
<i>Foster the Future</i>		
1. MOAA Leadership Awards		X*
2. Gold Bar Presentations		X*

\*Could use more participation



# Community Affairs



Community Affairs stimulates membership growth



Considering targeted fund raising events



# Questions?

