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March 18th Luncheon

On March 18th, Matthew Hartman, MSgt, USAF (ret), joined us for our chapter luncheon. Mr. Hartman is the Mission Director for Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia. He orchestrates the hundreds of items and people that must come together to make the Honor Flight trips from Hampton Roads, Williamsburg, and Richmond happen twice a year. Mike "Breeze" Barea and Aaron Zielinski had the honor and privilege to serve as guardians on the most recent trip to Washington DC (Mission 15). Please join us as we share our experience with you as documented later in this edition of The Tribute!



Top left photo: President, CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret) presents the Jefferson Cup to HFHTVA Director Matthew Hartman.



Top right photo: John Uhrin, CDR, USN (ret) presents a \$750 check to Kim Tarshis for the Department of Veterans Services, Virginia Veteran & Family Support (formally VWWP).



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President's Message



Fellow Officers and Spouses:



Summer is finally upon us and with it, most of us have exciting vacation and project plans that we have been looking forward to doing. With that in mind, after our June membership luncheon, your Chapter takes a break from our activities until our next membership meeting in September. The only exception is a light and lively, informal affair of our now Annual MOAA Joint Chapter "Mid-Summer Brunch Mixer". This year the Portsmouth and Peninsula Chapters will once again join us for a "Brunch" on Sunday, July 17th at 11:00AM at the Virginia Beach Hotel and Conference Center. It is an "informal" multi-chapter get-together that provides a great Sunday brunch and an opportunity for chapter members in the region to meet and socialize. This affair has continued to grow over the years so I hope you can find the time to join us. Please find the detailed information in this newsletter.

Since I last wrote to you, your Chapter has been extremely busy with Gold Bar presentations, delivering over 70 sets of Gold Bars to newly commissioned Army, Navy and Marine Corps Officers at four area colleges; Old Dominion, Norfolk State, Virginia Wesleyan and Regent Universities. We also presented NJROTC Awards at Landstown, First Colonial, Green Run, Salem, Princess Anne, Booker T. Washington, Granby, Lake Taylor, Maury, and Norview High Schools. Many thanks to our volunteers that represented all of us at these presentations!! Well done!

I want to congratulate two of our hard working volunteers who put together our Newsletter and maintain our Website with little fanfare. Aaron Zielinski and Clif Furedy were once again honored with the inaugural National MOAA Col Marvin J. Harris Five Star Award for Print Newsletter and Website. Please note their five star award logos and next time you see them, please thank them for their dedicated and selfless contributions to our Chapter.

Lastly, our membership is the sustainment engine of our Chapter. Please remember to renew and spread the word... recruit a new member into the Chapter! I hope to see you all soon and I am thankful for your continued support of our organization and cherish all of our blessings.

Yours in Service, *Bert Ortiz*

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From the Editor

The showers are turning to sun and it's time for another edition of The Tribute. Things slow down just a little bit for us in the Summer as it's a time where everyone is headed out for vacations and lots of visiting friends and family. Over the last couple of months, your chapter has been super busy. Look for a feature article later in the newsletter documenting Mike Barea and my journey as guardians on the last Honor Flight Mission, Mission #15 . What an incredible experience it was! We'll share parts of our journey, pictures, and even some videos on the electronic version of the newsletter. Look for the electronic newsletter in your e-mail.

Please do not forget about the annual Multi-Chapter Brunch on Sunday, July 17th. The brunch has proven to be a very popular event growing every year since its inception. The event is taking place at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

Summer is here, *Aaron Zielinski*



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Community Affairs Update

Hampton Roads Chapter ROTC Scholarship Fund.

Our chapter has done a great job of meeting our \$5,000 annual goal during the first four years of establishing our scholarship. We've had a bit of a slow start this year and are about \$3,100 away from meeting our goal of \$25,000 by the end of 2016! Students (under age 24) who are children of former, active or retired officers or active or retired enlisted military personnel are eligible to apply. Military academy cadets are not eligible for this program. Selected students must have a sponsor that is a PREMIUM or LIFE member of MOAA or if enlisted, a member of Voices for America's Troops. Below reflects the current status of our chapter scholarship fund as reconciled through 5/30/16.

As of 5/30/2016	Total Goal \$25,000	\$21,891	To Goal	\$3,109
	Annual Goal \$5,000	\$1,891	To Goal	\$3,109

We remain committed to funding the HRCMOAA Scholarship Fund, which is managed under the MOAA Scholarship at MOAA headquarters.

- Donations are tax deductible.
- Checks should be made out to the *MOAA Scholarship Fund*. In the Memo section at the bottom left on the check, it should be noted that it is for the *HRC Scholarship Fund*.
- Checks can be sent directly to MOAA in the envelope found in each edition of the MOAA magazine, Military Officer or directly to MOAA at:

Military Officers Association of America
 Attn: MOAA Scholarship Fund
 201 N. Washington Street
 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

With the exception of two gifts of \$500 and \$1000, donations during 2015 ranged from \$25 to \$350. The window to help us meet our five year goal will be over in less than six short months.

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Memorial Day Events

The 2016 Virginia Beach Memorial Day Ceremony was held in the Virginia Beach Convention Center due to inclement weather. The organization and conduct of the ceremony was superb thanks to the Mayor’s Veterans Committee and CDR Edward T. McCarthy, USCGR (Ret), the Master of Ceremonies. The Salem High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps was outstanding as they Presented and Retired the Colors. Charles R. Montgomery, Chair of the Mayor’s Veterans Committee led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Tony Zontini led all in singing the National Anthem and later in the program, God Bless America. Mayor Sessoms welcomed all, extended



Pictured above from L-R: CAPT Jim Jones, USN (ret), COL Jim Edge, USA (ret), & COL Jim Smith, USA (ret).

Pictured above from L-R: LCDR Daryl Holland, USN (ret) and COL Jim Smith, USA (ret).

the gratitude of the Nation to all who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their families, all Veterans, and those now serving. He introduced the guest speaker, LtCol Wade E. Wallace, USMC, Executive Officer, U.S. Marine Forces Command. LtCol Wallace conveyed his experience serving during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a corporal to his present rank and assignment was clear in his very pertinent remarks. He was right on target and received a standing ovation. A number of veterans and their associated organizations conducted the traditional “Laying of Wreaths”. Each organization carried the respective wreath to the front of the stage where they were properly displayed. Several other Chapter members were present to include CDR Carroll Bains, USN (Ret) and MAJ Michael Rohlfs, USMC (Ret).



Twenty-five miles down the road, the weather wasn’t any better in the city of Chesapeake. Due to inclement weather, the Memorial Day ceremony in Chesapeake was moved indoors into the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The keynote speaker was Brig Gen Sam C. Barrett, USAF. Special music was provided by the Western Branch High School Band and the National Anthem was sung by Nyla Roberts, a student at Grassfield High School. **Photo on left:** CDR Matthew Krakower, USN (ret) joined Chapter President, CDR Bert Ortiz, USN (ret) in presenting our Chapter Wreath.



Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia (HHHTVA) - Mission 15

Co-authored by Mike "Breeze" Barea and Aaron Zielinski

At Zero Dark Thirty Saturday April 23, 2016 Old Dominion University NROTC Hampton Roads, Old Dominion AROTC Monarch Battalion, Princess Anne and Landstown High Schools respective Navy and Army ROTC and NJROTC students lined up in preparation to render honors to World War II (WWII) and Korean War veterans as they walked to the buses that would transport them to Washington, DC to visit various War Memorials. Despite the rainy morning and a late notice change to our departure point the presence of the University ROTC and High School NJROTC students was remarkable. It was a superb showing of support and we can tell you from an inside the bus perspective they all looked great rendering honors standing along the roadside as the buses departed. It was well received by all the "Greatest Generation" Veterans.



We would like to give a special mention to Southside's Non Commissioned Officer-in-Charge (NCOIC) SFC Thigpen, USA. He appeared in his dress uniform and superbly represented the U.S. Army in the highest order. All of the veterans and guardians commented on how much they appreciated the effort looking so sharp, SOOOO early in the morning. Landstown High School's Color Guard and Princess Anne's turn out was phenomenal. The veterans were impressed with the University ROTC students, stating how lucky we are having the country's youth take up the call to defend the cloth of our nation. Everyone left with huge smiles on their faces as we departed for Washington, D.C. Preparing to board the bus, **left to right**, Bob Manges, USCG (Ret), CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret), HRCMOAA Board of Director, and Charles "Obie" O'Brien, CDR, USN (Ret). Bob is 94 years old, sharp as a tac and Obie is 88 and had an aviator's sense of humor.

After supporting the organization through different avenues, we had our first opportunity to support the mission as Guardians. Breeze served as Charles "Obie" Obrien's Guardian and I had the pleasure of serving as Guardian to Jimmy Johnson. It was a remarkable trip that neither any of us will ever forget. As mentioned earlier, the weather started out bleak, but cleared up nicely about noon. After hitting the road bright and early we made a stop near Williamsburg and then Richmond to pick up more veterans. We were greeted with smiling faces and patriotic displays at both locations. **Pictured on the left** is Jimmy Johnson as he enjoys coffee and a light breakfast while watching The Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums. Please see the electronic newsletter for some video of the music.



We would leave from here to visit the National World War II Memorial, Marine Corps War Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, and dinner at The Knights of Columbus Hall in North Arlington, Virginia.



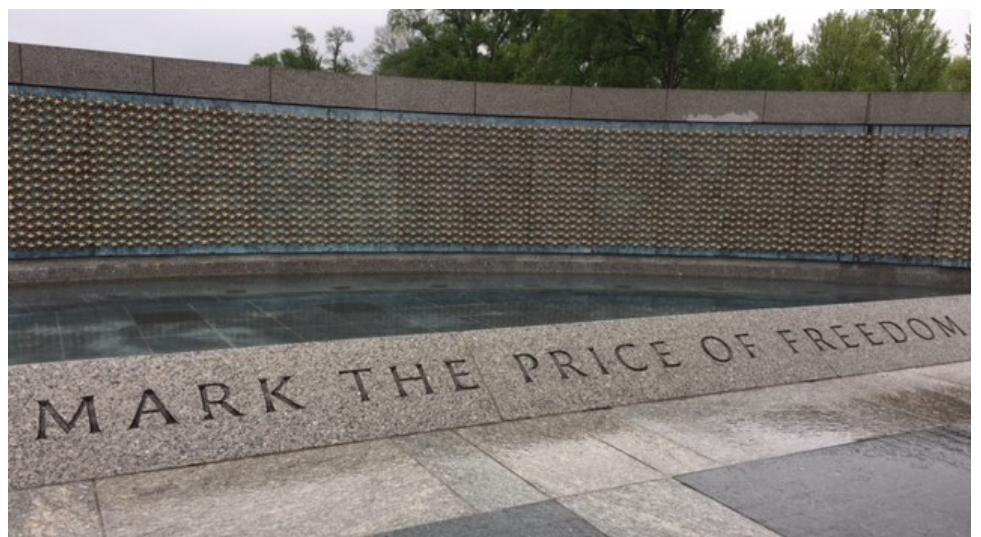
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Please enjoy some of the photographs from this awesome day! All photographs are from left to right unless noted:

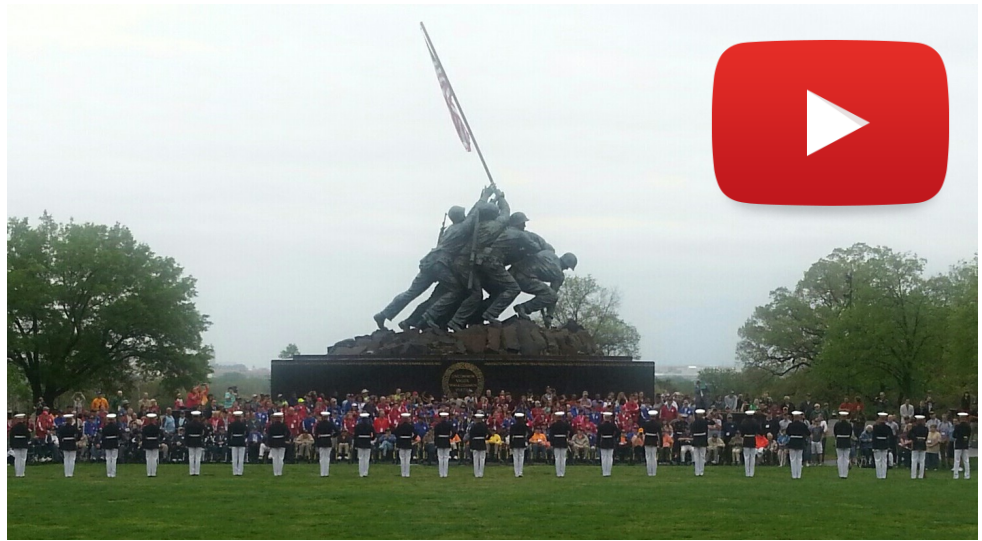


The photos **above** were taken at a bus stop in route to Washington, D.C. Families and various groups celebrated the veterans. Some were planned and some were spur of the moment. It was a beautiful moment! **Left photo:** Floyd Broughton, Jimmy Johnson, and Aaron Zielinski. **Right photo:** “Obie” O’Brien and Mike “Breeze” Barea.

Left: “Obie” and Mike stand in front of Virginia at the World War II Memorial. **Below:** The Freedom Wall. There are 4,048 gold stars; each one represents 100 American military deaths. That means that more than 400,000 soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and military personnel lost their lives or remain missing in action in World War II. **Bottom left:** Aaron, Jimmy, Floyd, and Sandra Stevens stand near the center of the World War II Memorial with the Reflecting Pool and Washington Monument in the background. This picture was taken shortly after the rain had stopped and rain ponchos were discarded.



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Top left: Sandra, Jimmy, Floyd, and Aaron with a member of the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team. After performing, many of the Marines walked across the field to talk with the veterans. **Top Right:** The Marine Corps War Memorial with Marine Corps Silent Drill Team performing. Please see the electronic newsletter for video of the performance.



Left above: Jimmy and Floyd pose at their memorial, The Korean War Veterans Memorial. **Right above:** The entire group had the privilege of witnessing The Changing of the Guard at The Tomb of Unknowns. Click the photo above for 22 minutes of video.

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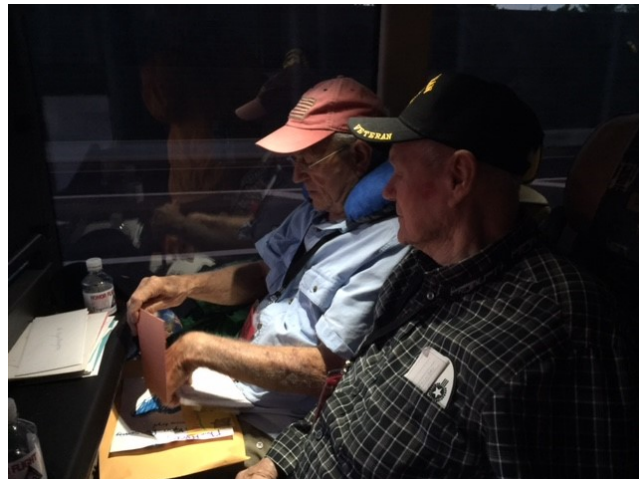
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Top left: Service members perform the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance before dinner at the Knights of Columbus in North Arlington, VA. They welcomed us into their home and hosted the Veterans and Guardians to a great meatloaf dinner. **Top Right:** After a memorable day, Floyd and Jimmy relax and chat on the bus ride home.

We want to take a moment to thank those who have come out to support this worthy event. There is no greater display of patriotism while watching our veterans reactions when receiving honors as they board the buses. The next Honor Flight Mission (#16) is Saturday, October 15, 2016. We look forward to seeing each as many of you as possible to send our Veterans off, welcome them back, or both. If you have questions or interest in the program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Breeze!

Surviving Spouse Corner: Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA)

By Kathy Prout, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee advisor (MOAA.org)

The Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) was established in October 2008 as a first step toward eliminating the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (SBP/DIC) offset. SBP is an annuity purchased upon retirement to ensure the spouse will continue to receive income (up to 55 percent of the retiree's elected amount of coverage) in the event the retiree pre-deceases his or her spouse. SBP also is awarded automatically to:

- surviving spouses of retirement-eligible servicemembers (i.e. with 20-plus years of service) who died on active duty before Sept. 11, 2001; and
- surviving spouses of all servicemembers (regardless of length of service) who died on active duty after Sept. 11, 2001.

If the servicemember's death was caused by a service-connected illness, then the surviving spouse also is eligible for DIC from the VA in the amount of \$1,254 per month. DIC is deducted from SBP dollar-for-dollar, up to the full amount of SBP. Congress agreed this offset was wrong but was unable to come up with the funding to fully eliminate the offset. They instead created SSIA. It was a 10-year allowance, which started at \$50 a month, is currently \$275 a month, and will increase to \$310 by 2017. The problem is current statutory authority to pay SSIA is set to expire Oct. 1, 2017.

It is important for SSIA to be extended and increased in this year's (would it be this year's or the 2017) Defense Authorization Bill if the funds to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset are not found. Otherwise, 63,000 surviving spouses affected by the SBP/DIC offset will see a \$3,720 reduction in compensation in 2017.

Two bills, H.R. 4519 and H.R. 4493, were introduced by Rep. Alan Grayson (D-Fla.) in the House of Representatives to increase and extend SSIA as follows:



New Member Spotlight

COL Bonnie A. Baker, USA (Ret)



COL Bonnie A. Baker, USA (Ret) serves as the Military Affairs Liaison for the City of Norfolk with the primary objective of advancing the City's vision to make Norfolk the premier home for military, veterans and their families.

Her military experience includes a variety of assignments in intelligence, strategic & operational planning, personnel management, and training & education. COL Baker's intelligence experience spans a range of military operations from Europe, to the Middle East, and Central and South America providing intelligence analysis, collection, targeting, and operational support. As an assistant professor at the United States Military Academy, she developed a senior seminar on Intelligence and National Security in addition to teaching courses in International Relations and European Politics. As the Army's Senior Fellow at the George C. Marshall Center, she participated and led seminars on National Security with her counterparts from across Europe and Eurasia. She has also instructed Joint Professional Military Education (JPME Phase II) where she taught the full range of courses on joint doctrine and operational planning. During this time, she led seminars on national and military strategy with defense leaders from partner countries to include the Republic of Georgia and Azerbaijan. She culminated her Army career serving at U.S. Joint Forces Command as the Deputy J5 (Strategy and Policy) and the Director of the Commander's Strategic Initiatives Group.

More recently, she has provided strategic planning expertise to the Joint Irregular Warfare Center, Red Teaming support to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and as a senior analyst for the Army's Title 10 War game and Capabilities Integration Command. Additionally, she teaches online courses on Intelligence and Critical Thinking and provides independent consulting support to several defense related industries and organizations.

Ms. Baker holds a Master's degree in Political Science from Duke University and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Government from St. Lawrence University. Additional courses/certificates include the Executive Course in International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall Center; Defense Strategy Course, U.S. Army War College; Homeland Security Planners Course, Joint Forces Staff College; and Joint Professional Military Education (Phase II), Joint Forces Staff College.

MOAA Awards and Gold Bar Presentations



As a chapter, we're extremely busy this time of year presenting various awards to both high school and university students in our community. Pictured **on the left** is MG John McLaren, USA (ret) presenting the MOAA Medal to Cadet Petty Officer Mark Domoe at Green Run High School.

Norfolk State University conducted its Spring Commissioning Ceremony at Wilder Performing Arts Center on May 6, 2016 for 14 ROTC cadets who were sworn in as Army officers. Presiding was Major (P) Cedric G. Lee, Professor of Military Science. Guest speaker and the officer administering the oath of office was Major General Anthony C. Funkhouser, Commanding General, US Army for Initial Military Training. A 1985 graduate of the US Military Academy, he is a civil engineer and has held a number of responsible positions in the Corps of Engineers, both Civil and

Combat. Colonel Jim Smith, USA, Retired, presented MOAA "Gold Bars" to each of the new officers. Attending the ceremony and congratulating the new Lieutenants were NSU President Eddie Moore, Lieutenant General Michael D.



Military ID Card Notification Program

This voluntary program is designed to help Chapter members and their dependent's to renew their ID cards in a timely fashion. Once you and your dependents are enrolled, you will be notified of your impending ID card expiration date in sufficient time for renewal prior to the expiration date.

To enroll by mail: make copies of the form below for each dependent and fill out the required information. Mail to Military ID Card Notification Program, HRCMOAA, PO Box 4612, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-0612.

To enroll by email: visit our website, www.hrcmoaa.org and click on About Our Chapter and the ID Card Notification Program link and follow the instructions.

Note: Over age 75 members, who are eligible uniform family members and survivors of deceased personnel are now eligible for Permanent Identification Cards. Apply within 90 days of expiration of current ID card.

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H.R. 4519 would increase SSIA over five years: \$400 in 2018; \$475 in 2019; \$600 in 2020; \$700 in 2021; and \$800 in 2022.

H.R. 4493 would increase SSIA to \$400 a month for one year in 2018. This bill is a backup bill to H.R. 4519 in case funding for the five-year bill cannot be found. SSIA then would end in 2019 and again have to be addressed if the offset was not eliminated.

If monies to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset cannot be found, it is imperative SSIA not only be extended but also increased. Pursuing SSIA increases does not remove the goal to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset completely. SSIA's principal purpose is twofold: 1) to provide at least partial, immediate reimbursement to SBP/DIC survivors until full repeal of the offset can be achieved, and 2) provide an additional option to attain repeal of the offset through a phased-in approach, with steady increases to the annual SSIA amounts.

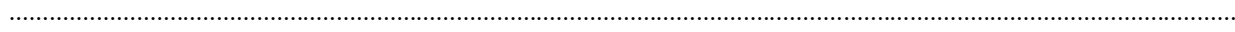
Please support the elimination of the SBP/DIC offset by asking your congressional representatives to cosponsor H.R. 1594 in the House and S. 979 in the Senate. Also, seek support for H.R. 4519. Use the toll-free Capitol Hill line (866) 272-MOAA (6622) to call your congressional representatives today.

For additional information regarding the SBP/DIC offset, visit the Survivor Advocacy Issues section of MOAA's Web base.



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Rochelle, several members of the NSU Board of Visitors and Faculty members. Following the administration of the oath, a highlight of the ceremony was the participation of parents and families who pinned the shoulder boards on the new officers. Four of the newly commissioned officers will soon report for active duty; the remainder expect assignment to Reserve or National Guard units.



The Hampton Roads Naval ROTC Unit held its annual Pass-In-Review and Spring Awards Ceremony at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia Saturday April 9, 2016. Over 250 midshipmen were scheduled to march in formation in front of family, friends and senior military personnel. Unfortunately an unscheduled snow shower complete with hail canceled this portion of the ceremony. Regent University hosts the Spring Awards ceremony on their campus since 2014. The Hampton Roads Naval ROTC consortium is comprised of Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, Hampton University, Regent University and Tidewater Community College. It's the fourth largest NROTC in the country and the largest east of the Mississippi River. More than 40 students were recognized for their academic accomplishments from various Military and Civilian Organizations.

CAPT Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret), MOAA Board of Directors, presented The MOAA LEADERSHIP AWARD to Midshipmen Lance Wetherell. The audience was greeted with opening remarks by the Naval ROTC's Commanding Officer CAPT Daniel Cave, USN and from Consortium University representatives.

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The guest speaker was REAR ADM Steve Koehler, USN, Director of Fleet/ Joint Training at U.S. Fleet Forces Command (N7). He was commissioned through the Naval Reserves Officer Training Corps (NROTC). From **left to right** are: Captain Daniel "Caveman" Cave, USN; Rear Adm. Steve "Web" Koehler, USN; Captain Mike "Breeze" Barea, USN (Ret); Midshipman Lance Wetherell. Photo taken by Ms. Maryellen Smith.



The 2016 Regent University Commissioning Ceremony was conducted on Saturday 07 May 2016. The Regent AROTC Program is a Satellite of the ODU Program. As always, Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson, President of Regent and the entire Regent organization conducted the Graduation and especially the Commissioning in an outstanding manner. LTC Mark D. Rea, Commanding Officer of the ODU Army ROTC administered the Commissioning Oath to the new 2Lts, parents pinned the shoulder boards depicting their rank on the new officers and close friends rendered the traditional "First Salute" to each. In a remarkable show of respect and patriotism, the entire graduating class stood as each of the new LTs was administered the Commissioning Oath. Col Jim Edge, USA (Ret) presented the traditional set of gold bars to each of the Lieutenants being Commissioned. Pictured from **left to right** is LTC Mark D. Rea, Commanding Officer of the ODU Army ROTC, 2Lt Mathew Fitch, USA Ordnance Corps, his friend, a young Marine, 2Lt Jonah Bryant, USA Pre- Chaplain Corps and SFC Marcus Person, AROTC ODU Staff.

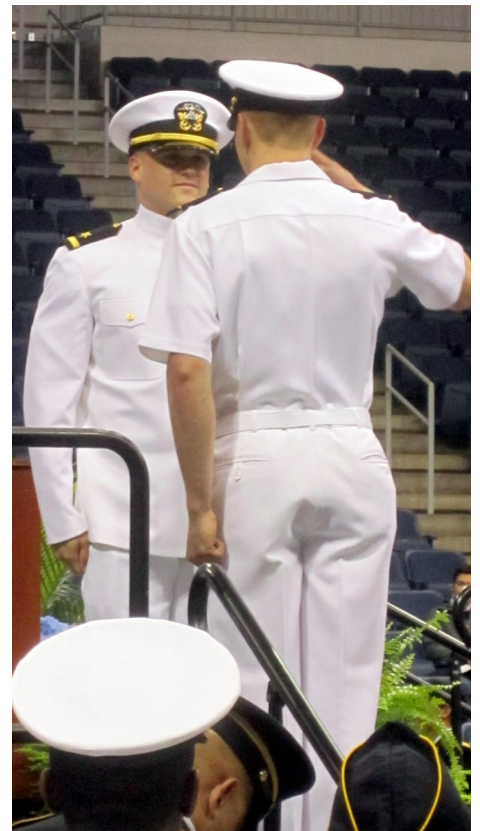


The Virginia Wesleyan College Commissioning Ceremony was conducted on 14 May 2016, a beautiful sunny day on the impressive Wesleyan Campus. 2Lt Clay Jones was Commissioned in the USA Air Defense Artillery Corps. The Wesleyan Marlin Detachment is a satellite of the ODU Program. Opening remarks were given by Major Mathsto Kingsada, Executive Officer of the ODU AROTC Staff – praising Lt Jones, an active National Guard soldier while a student, for his leadership and dedication to the program. Dr. Scott Miller, President of Wesleyan also praised Lt. Jones, the entire AROTC Program and especially Ms. Amy Rush who coordinates and manages the AROTC program at Wesleyan. His message was clear as to the respect and gratitude for the devotion to duty of Lt Jones. Major Kingsada administered the Commissioning Oath, Lt Jones' wife Samantha and his uncle, a Master Sergeant USMC (Ret), pinned his bars, and his son assisted with his new cover. Finally, his mom, Petty Officer 1st Class, USN (Ret) and his dad, Chief Petty Officer, USN (Ret) rendered the traditional First Salute. **Left:** Col Jim Edge, USA (Ret) presenting gold bars to 2Lt Clay Jones, USA.



PRESENTATIONS FROM PAGE 13

The U.S. Army ROTC Monarch Battalion Old Dominion University, Norfolk Virginia conducted the 41st Annual President's Review and Awards Ceremony on 20 April 2016. Honors to the Nation were presented and then the Invocation and Soldier's Creed were presented by two outstanding Cadets. Lieutenant Colonel Mark D. Rea II, Professor of Military Science extended a warm welcome to all and he not only congratulated those receiving awards but praised all of the Cadets for their hard work and dedication to the ROTC Program, the University and the Nation. LTC Rea then introduced John R. Broderick, President of Old Dominion University. President Broderick's remarks were right on target, as always, in congratulating and praising the Cadets. He is extremely supportive of the ROTC Program as he cited the Cadets for their academic and physical accomplishments and for setting the example for the University students body. Following the remarks, the Awards were presented to 40 Cadets. Pictured is COL James G. Edge, USA (Ret) presenting the MOAA Leadership Award to Cadet Joseph Maggio. The ceremony concluded with remarks from the Cadet Master of Ceremony and the singing of the Army song. As a final touch of class, there was a cake cutting ceremony celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Army ROTC Program.

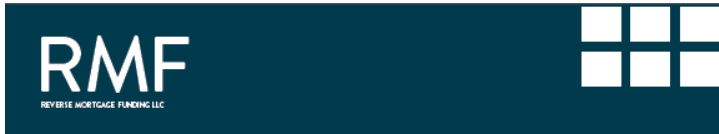


LUNCHEONS FROM PAGE 1



April 15th Luncheon

Rear Admiral Thomas K. Shannon, U.S. Navy’s Military Sealift Command, Commander discussed the mission of MSC and how it supports the mission of our troops. Some of the highlights were his explanation of “where MSC can pinch hit”, what their bread and butter is, the ready reserve force, prepositioning, and special missions. CAPT Loren Heckelman, USN (ret) presents RADM Shannon with the Jefferson Cup.



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September Luncheon (9/16) – Atlantic Shores. Program to be determined.

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Honor Flight Departure (10/15) - Southside departure point (Indian River Road Park & Ride; I-64 Exit 286A at Indian River and Reon Roads). 0430 show time.



October Luncheon (10/21) - VB Resort Hotel. Program to be determined.

November Luncheon - (11/18) - Atlantic Shores. Annual USMC Toys for Tots event.

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Directions can be found online at:

<http://www.virginiabeachresort.com/directions/>

Brunch menu can be found at:

<http://tradewindsrestaurant.com/sunday-brunch.html>

Reservations are required NLT Wednesday, July 13, 2016. Please call or email Bert Ortiz at 757-560-3671 or bertortiz@cox.net.

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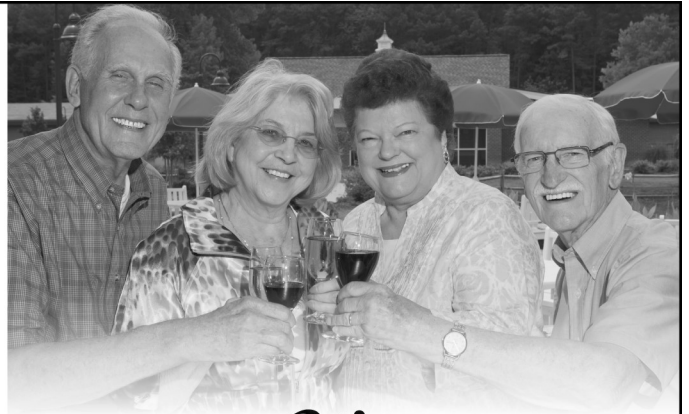
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