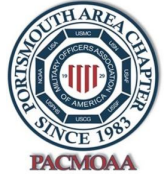




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Monthly newsletter of the Portsmouth Area Chapter, an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America, serving Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield, Franklin, and surrounding counties, Virginia, since 1983. Dinner meetings are the Second Thursday of each month except July and August. Although **MOAA** and **PACMOAA** actively lobby legislatures for all US uniformed services members, we are nonpartisan and do not participate in political activities.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Greetings,

How many of you wanted to start bee keeping after hearing CAPT Kevin Knoop's, USN (Ret) presentation? I really enjoyed the informative and entertaining program. This month, we have a doubly special meeting.

First, we will recognize our scholarship winners and their parents. Secondly, we will have a presentation by the Elizabeth River Project, a non-profit organization committed to improving the Elizabeth River and its tributaries. Come join us for a good dinner, fellowship, and informative programs.

I do hope you will come and meet our scholarship winners and their families. For me, it is exciting to interact with them and to learn of their future plans. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and desire to serve is invigorating and gives me faith in their generation. Please come and congratulate these young students.

Current events continue to be troubling. The war in Ukraine, the shooting in Texas, the economy, etc. are concerning to me and our future. Please join me in praying for wisdom and vision for our leaders and for comfort and peace for grieving families.

Bill Smith

COL USA (Ret)

At right: Bob and Nell Wall; Bob Brewer, Bob & Nell (in car) Wall at the 2022 Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade.



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## CHAPTER NEWS

### JUNE/JULY CALENDAR

- JUNE 4-7 Battle of Midway 1942  
06 [WWII D-Day 1944](#)  
09 PACMOAA Scholarship Dinner Meeting  
14 [US Army 247<sup>th</sup> Birthday \(1775\)](#)  
14 [Flag Day](#)  
19 Father's day  
21 [Summer Solstice](#)  
22 GI Bill Signed 1944  
23 [USCG Auxiliary Birthday \(1939\)](#)  
25 Start of Korean War 1950  
27 [PTSD AWARENESS DAY](#)
- JULY 01 Women Army Corps (WAC) 1943  
04 Independence Day  
12 VCOC Third Quarter Meeting, Virtual 1030-1300  
17 JOINT BREAKFAST/BRUNCH [See page 13](#)  
26 Americans with Disabilities Act 1980  
27 End of Korean War 1953  
30 Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES) Est 1942  
31 Eid al-AdHa

### HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**Martha Anderson  
Irv Lindley**

**Joyce Johnson  
Kevin Terry**

### HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

**Tom Cahill  
Roger Hirsch**

**Sherry Ferki  
Andre Mayfield**

#### The JUNE PACMOAA Dinner

will be held on **Thursday, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>** at Roger Brown's Banquet Room,  
316 High Street, Portsmouth (757) 399-5377

**Sign in and social hour begins at 6 PM, with Dinner Served at 6:30 PM.**

#### *Buffett Menu*

*Harvest Salad*

*Marinated Flank Steak*

*Blackened Mahi with Fresh Pico de Gallo*

*Wild Rice*

*Steamed Broccoli with light Cream Sauce*

*Apple Cobbler*

*Cornbread and Butter*

*Water, Tea, & Coffee*

**Cost is \$25** (includes gratuity & tax). Cash bar available. Please make your reservation no later than **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, with Sherry Ferki at 757-686-4650 or by email at [navmedarmynurse@gmail.com](mailto:navmedarmynurse@gmail.com).

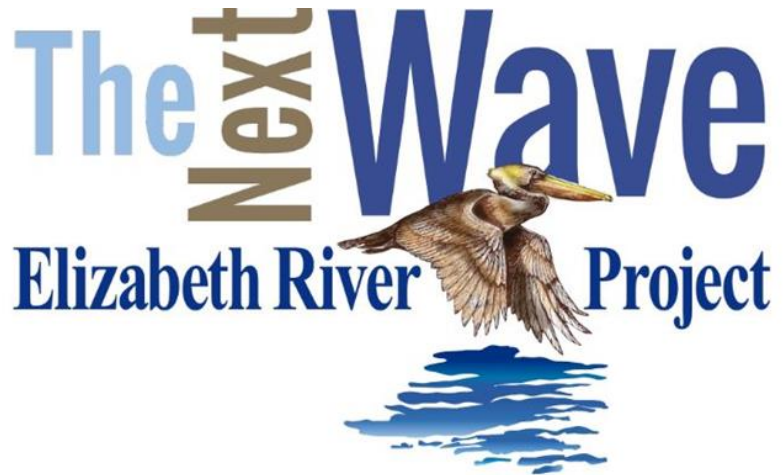
**A RESERVATION MADE, IS A RESERVATION PAID!**

## GUEST SPEAKER



### **KAYLA GRADWELL**

Kayla graduated from Old Dominion University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Biology and an Interdisciplinary Minor in Conservation Leadership. While at ODU, she volunteered with the Virginia Aquarium's stranding response team aiding in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sea turtles.



She also interned with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Services at Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge.

She began working for the Elizabeth River Project as an environmental educator in Fall 2018 teaching k-12 students about the importance of the Elizabeth River and ways we can protect it.

Now as ERP's Volunteer Coordinator, she loves getting the public involved and excited about helping their home river through community service projects.

## MEMBERSHIP

I need your help and suggestions!!! Unfortunately, we still have not had any new members yet this year. I noted a few ideas in the May membership update from a membership update I had attended in October 2021

### **MEMBERSHIP IDEAS FROM MOAA COUNCIL & CHAPTER AFFAIRS LEADERS WORKBOOK 2022**

#### **Looking at Today's Environment**

##### **Challenges=Opportunities**

- Attitudes toward membership differs by generation
- Varying degree of awareness of MOAA within the military community
- Declining paid membership – many join as basic members, only online access and limited. PACMOAA added a basic category (online only) for Active-Duty members but they have a nominal yearly dues fee and cannot vote.
- Aging membership – as with most organizations

#### **Some Best Recruiting Practices**

Every member is a recruiter

Always carry recruiting info – I will bring membership brochures to every meeting and/or can mail copies to you.

Conduct meetings at different venues and times

#### **Engagement: Keeping Members Informed (MOAA info)**

- Facebook- PACMOAA has had a Facebook page for 2 years but only has 17 PACMOAA members/spouses participating.

- Print – Variety of publications like Survivor Benefit Plan available at [www.moaa.org/publications](http://www.moaa.org/publications)
- Website Presentations/Webinars – Recent ones include “Preparing a Spouse for Survivorship” and “Concurrent Receipt”.
- Video
- Instagram
- Newsletter which can be tailored to members interests (advocacy, health care & earned benefits, transition & career, finance, etc.). MOAA newsletter sent out weekly. PACMOAA newsletter goes out monthly except for the summer/10 issues a year.

PACMOAA has been doing well with engagement and retaining members but not with recruiting. As was mentioned in the beginning, please offer any suggestions esp. that work with other organizations you belong to. Thank you all for your assistance.

Submitted by:

Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)

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## PERSONAL AFFAIRS

### MOAA RESOURCES TO HELP WITH PERSONAL AFFAIRS

#### Estate Planning

Maintaining an estate plan should be a priority for everyone. Use this MOAA resource to develop yours.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/estate-planning-detail/>

#### Personal Affairs Guide: A Personal Inventory for Peace of Mind

MOAA has created this workbook to assist you early in your military career in gathering all of your family's crucial information in one place to save digitally or print for your

records. <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/personal-affairs-detail/>

#### Survivor Benefits Plan: Security for Your Survivors

Use this publication, which includes worksheets, to help you in making your Survivor Benefit Plan decisions.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/survivor-benefit-plan--security-for-your-survivors-detail/>

**Help Your Survivors Now: A Guide to Planning Ahead** This guide can help you prepare, make decisions, and ease the financial, medical, and property transition for your family after you're gone. For our PREMIUM and LIFE Members, benefits and financial counseling with MOAA staff experts can assist you through this process. Sign up for LIFE membership today and your spouse will maintain a LIFE membership with access to all benefits upon your death <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/help-your-survivors-detail/>

**Survivor's Planning Guide** Following the death of a loved one, it can be overwhelming to keep track of what arrangements need to be made, who needs to be contacted, and notes on important phone calls. Designed by surviving spouses, this handbook is intended to help you do just that. <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/survivor-s-planning-guide-detail/>

NOTE: Copies can be downloaded as noted above or ordered by calling MOAA 1-800-234-6622.

## What You Need to Know About Estate Planning

<https://www.moaa.org/content/events/finance/what-you-need-to-know-about-estate-planning/>

June 21, 2022 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Online Event

*Can't make the webinar? No problem. Register now and we'll send you a link to the recording.*

Proper estate planning is vital to protect your loved ones and your legacy. But it's often neglected or put off until it's too late.

Join MOAA financial and benefits professionals Capt. Paul Frost, USN (Ret), AFC®, and Lila Quintiliani, ChFC®, AFC®, along with special guest Joseph Montanaro, CFP®, Relationship Director at USAA's Military Advocacy Group, on June 21 as we discuss important estate planning topics such as:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Advance Directives
- IRAs and Retirement Plans
- Probate
- Estate Taxes

The webinar is part of MOAA's ongoing Fundamentals of Building Wealth series; MOAA Premium and Life members have access to all recorded MOAA webinars at any time via [MOAA's Webinar Archive](#). Premium and Life members also can [download MOAA's Estate Planning guide](#) for more information on this topic -- it's one of a suite of [exclusive member publications](#).

This webinar ties in well with an experience I had last month. One of my best friends for over 30 years was diagnosed with cancer about 6 months ago and died in late April. I had been talking with her for some time about the importance of having a Power of Attorney (PAO) for health care and one for financial matters. I told her Bruce and I had had our estate planning documents done many years ago and updated them periodically. I also encouraged her to fill out the "living will" document they gave her during one of her hospitalizations. Unfortunately, she died without having any documentation in place, so her children were not able to pay her bills or handle any of her affairs without utilizing legal assistance. That proved to be time consuming, expensive, and very stressful. None of this was what my friend would have wanted for her family.

If you are not able to watch this webinar, MOAA has several publications that can assist you in gathering the information you need to leave your loved ones to help settle your affairs. This is in addition to estate planning. I have discussed this info in several newsletters and bring copies of the Personal Affairs Workbook to meetings in case anyone needs a copy. They are also available online at <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/moaa-publications/>



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## SURVIVING SPOUSE CORNER

### Surviving Spouse Corner: A Month of Remembrance

By: Pat Green May 02, 2022

May is a month with many special events and memories. For some, it means graduations or wedding showers. For gardeners, seedlings are fulfilling their promise; perennials are blooming; and the scent of lilacs and peonies enter the home as windows are finally opened. For children, it's the promise of lazy summer days or the opening of the community pool. For schools, it's the month of awards and scholarships. For the family, it's the appreciation of mothers. My May memories are of Mother's Day and Memorial Day traditions.

When I was young, we had a lovely tradition of women and girls wearing corsages and men wearing boutonnieres to church on Mother's Day. In my family, we made our own. If you wore white flowers that meant your mother was dead. Colored flowers signified your mother was living. Nearly everyone wore flowers on Mother's Day.

After church, we changed into our work clothes and went to the graveyards. We cleared away dead leaves and weeds, overturned the earth in front of the headstones, and planted flowers and watered them so they would be blooming when we came to visit the gravesites on Memorial Day.

**[RELATED: [The Gold Star: Remembering Our Fallen Servicemembers' Families](#)]**

Memorial Day usually meant a parade through town. Afterward, there was often a picnic. We always visited the graves of our loved ones and shared memories of them. Flags were placed at the gravestone of each veteran.

Today, still, there are many commemorative ceremonies. I usually go to the national cemetery where my husband and many of our friends are buried. The American flags are beautiful, lining every street and positioned at each headstone. The music is inspiring, and the speaker's message is notable.

May is a month for remembering those we've lost. There is an atmosphere of sadness, patriotism, and pride. I've known sorrow, we all have, but I can't imagine the grief of a Gold Star Mother in May. Remember her in your prayers on Mother's Day and hold her in your heart on Memorial Day.

[Read past Surviving Spouse Corners.](#)

## MOAA & LEGISLATIVE

### Advocacy in Action 2022: What's Next for 3 Key Issues from

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/advocacy/advocacy-in-action-2022-whats-next-for-3-key-issues/>

By: Allison Reilly May 11, 2022

After hundreds of meetings and thousands of letters sent throughout April, MOAA recently concluded its spring advocacy campaign, [Advocacy in Action 2022](#), on a successful note.

To adapt to ongoing pandemic restrictions and security measures on Capitol Hill, MOAA conducted a hybrid model for this year's event. MOAA council and chapter leaders from across the country held meetings with member of Congress and staffers in their home districts throughout April; teams conducted virtual meetings when an in-person meeting was not possible.

Despite not being able to convene on Capitol Hill, the campaign contacted all 535 members of Congress thanks to more than 235 meetings and over 7,500 letters to Congress during the month of April.

Here is an overview of this year's three topics and what we can expect for each of them this year:

### Major Richard Star Act

The Major Richard Star Act ([H.R. 1282](#) | [S. 344](#)), which would allow combat-injured veterans to receive both DoD retirement pay and VA disability pay without a dollar-for-dollar offset, had grown to 227 co-sponsors in the

House of Representatives and 58 in the Senate as of May 10. Reaching 290 in the House remains the goal.

Your continued advocacy is needed to push this legislation over the tipping point to ensure it is included in this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This path succeeded recently in repealing the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset, better known as the "widows tax."

[TAKE ACTION: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Support Concurrent Receipt](#)]

## Stop Copay Overpay Act

MOAA's spring campaign built awareness and support for the Stop Copay Overpay Act ([H.R. 4824](#)), a bill that would reduce TRICARE mental health copays. We are still seeking an office to introduce a Senate companion bill and are addressing legitimate concerns about direct spending impacts. MOAA will not support a solution that raises any other TRICARE fees to fund a mental health copay fix.

During Advocacy in Action, MOAA members also helped raise awareness of medical provider strain and burnout following two-plus years of uncertainty and demands associated with COVID-19.

[TAKE ACTION: [Help Support Military Family Access to Mental Health Care](#)]

## Military Pay Raise

Ensuring a 4.6% pay raise for all uniformed servicemembers – a figure in line with federal statute and included in the president's budget – has seen strong support from members of Congress for this year. While that figure is tied to the Employment Cost Index (ECI), it has fallen significantly behind [inflation rates](#).

Continued advocacy is needed to ask lawmakers to ensure the pay raise keeps up with inflation, and to close the "pay gap" – the 2.6% gap between the raise and the ECI created over three years (FY 2014-16) of shortfalls.

[TAKE ACTION: [Urge Your Legislators to Ensure the 4.6% Military Pay Raise as a Minimum](#)]

## What's Next?

Although MOAA members have contacted every Capitol Hill office regarding these advocacy topics, we will continue to engage with Congress to build support for including these important issues in this year's NDAA. Work on the NDAA and the FY 2023 Budget will [pick up in late June](#), which means MOAA must continue to work with lawmakers from both sides of the aisle on key issues important to servicemembers, their families, retirees, veterans, caregivers, and survivors.

[RELATED: [TRICARE Changes, Pay Raise Top MOAA Priorities as NDAA Timeline Takes Shape](#)]

Here are a few ways you can engage with members of Congress to keep MOAA's priorities on their radar:

- Utilize MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#) to send pre-written letters to Capitol Hill. You can even customize these letters to share a personal story.
- Use MOAA's Capitol Switchboard to call your lawmakers. Call toll-free via MOAA's direct line to the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (866) 272-6622.
- Engage with congressional offices via social media. This is also a great way to stay informed about what your lawmakers are doing on Capitol Hill.
- Stay up to date with the latest news on our spring advocacy campaign topics, the NDAA, and the FY 2023 budget by subscribing to *The MOAA Newsletter*. You can check your MOAA newsletter subscription preferences [at this link](#).

With your support, MOAA's legislative team will continue to fight for these important issues. We will continue to keep the membership updated and ask that you continue to be strong advocates for the community.

## [PACMOAA Involvement in Advocacy in Action 2022](#)

Submission sent to MOAA by MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)

Included Congressman Bobby Scott (D- VA 3); David Dailey, Chief of Staff; Demontre Boone, Senior Leg Assist.; Paige Schwartz, Leg Director; Natalie Valentine, Leg Assist, D.C. Office; Christian Von Rotz, Leg Fellow, D.C. Office; Cora Harris, Intern, Newport News District Office.

Meeting held 2 pm on 5/5/2022 via Zoom.

PACMOAA team members (Sherry Ferki, Bill Smith & Hal Hostetler) met with Congressman Bobby Scott and 6 of his staff for about 20 minutes. After a review of the issues and discussion, Congressman Scott noted he should co-sponsor H. R. 1282 (The Major Richard Star Act) and H.R. 4824 (Stop Overpay Act related to TRICARE Mental Health copays) and also asked one of his aides to look at the issue of parity. He felt the increased TRICARE co-pays for mental health services contradicted the parity issue for services Congress had been working on for some time. Bobby Scott and his staff seemed very engaged, and he asked appropriate questions. We will follow up to see if he signs on as a co-sponsor for both bills and supports at least a 4.6% pay raise in FY2023 NDAA. Unfortunately, our attempt to take screen shots was unsuccessful.

Update: Congressman Bobby Scott signed up as a co-sponsor for both HR bills on 6 May 2022!!

## Top Officer Sounds the Alarm Over Proposed Military Medical Cuts

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/advocacy/top-officer-sounds-the-alarm-over-proposed-military-medical-cuts/>

By: Karen Ruedisueli May 17, 2022

The nation's top officer acknowledged concerns raised by MOAA and other advocacy groups regarding proposed medical billet cuts, telling a House committee the reductions could pose a risk to battlefield medicine.

“The key issue here is the ... medical readiness of the force, and do we have enough doctors, nurses and medics and corpsmen in the fielded force to handle combat conditions,” Gen. Mark Milley, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee on May 11. “Are there enough doctors and nurses available to man combat support hospitals and other field hospitals that are necessary in combat? Candidly, I do have concerns about that.”

Milley's comments were in response to a question from Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Ariz.) about military health system (MHS) reforms representing the most significant transformation of the MHS in decades.

**[RELATED: [TRICARE Changes, Pay Raise Top MOAA Priorities as NDAA Timeline Takes Shape](#)]**

Medical billet cuts have been a top [advocacy priority](#) for MOAA since they were [revealed](#) in the FY 2020 administration budget request; [early advocacy work](#) highlighted potential negative consequences to operational and medical readiness as well as beneficiary access to care.

When COVID-19 emerged, MOAA's concerns shifted to [maintaining MHS surge capacity](#) given the calls for military medical support in the whole-of-nation response to the pandemic.

Most recently, advocacy efforts have focused on [instability in the civilian health care system](#) and the inability to predict capacity to absorb beneficiary care that may be shifted from military treatment facilities to the TRICARE network.

### Successful ... So Far

For the past three years, MOAA has successfully pushed for provisions in the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) halting billet cuts and requiring additional DoD analysis, mitigation planning, and reports to Congress.

We were gratified to see a [one-year strategic pause](#) on medical billet cut plans included in the FY 2023 DoD budget request, but MOAA will maintain advocacy efforts on the Hill. We remain concerned about other MHS reforms, including plans for direct care system [restructuring](#) that could downsize or close up to 50 military treatment facilities.

MOAA supports commonsense restructuring, such as efforts to improve medical readiness by consolidating specialty care in major military medical centers – a move ensuring sufficient patient caseload to maintain and sharpen uniformed provider skills. However, these moves must not come at the expense of beneficiary access to quality care.

**[RELATED: [Is Your Medical Facility Closing? DoD Restarts ‘Modified’ Realignment Plans](#)]**

The civilian health care system is in a very different place today than it was in 2017, when MHS reforms were envisioned. These plans must be validated and/or adjusted to account for changes in civilian medical system capacity and workforce projections. Without rigorous DoD analysis and congressional oversight, unintended consequences of these reforms could erode an earned benefit for millions of servicemembers, retirees, families, and survivors.

Keep up with the latest on this issue and other MOAA advocacy priorities by visiting [MOAA’s Advocacy News page](#).

Submitted by MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)

## VCOC

The Third Quarter Meeting of the VCOC will be held virtually on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Submitted by CDR Ken App, USN (Ret), PACMOAA VCOC Representative

## Pharmacy Services

May 18, 2020

### Skip The Pharmacy Wait, Activate Your Script Ahead Of Time!

Beneficiaries now have a new option for activating their prescriptions in advance before heading to the main pharmacy at NMCP. The pharmacy now offers an online option for submitting your scripts and it takes only two steps.

1. Go to the form online by going here <https://portsmouth.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy/prescription-form> or scan the QR code with your phone.
2. Fill out the request form following the instructions and hit submit.

It’s that simple.

Please allow 2 to 4 hours for processing. When your prescriptions are ready you will receive a text. Then you may proceed to the pharmacy for pick up. Check in at the kiosk and select a “return-for-pick-up” ticket.



**At-Home Tests** COVID-19 at-home test kits are now available for pick up at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) and its Branch Health Clinics in Norfolk, Oceana, and Little Creek.

The at-home test kits are available to NMCP beneficiaries with a military ID card. Test kits can be picked up at the NMCP Testing Tents Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and at Immunizations Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They can also be picked up at the Branch Health Clinics (Norfolk, Oceana and Little Creek), Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Test kits are available on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

### NMCP Pharmacy Update

June 1, 2022, via website at <https://portsmouth.tricare.mil/Health-Services/Pharmacy> and Facebook

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

## 2022 Virtual JROTC Award Ceremonies 4/28/2022rev

School	Director	Phone No.	Date/ Time	Cadet Presenter
<b>CHESAPEAKE</b>	<i>All AFJROTC</i>		<b>18 May 2022 at Indian River HS</b>	<b>CAPT Rick Titi</b>
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<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>				
Churchland HS <i>MCJROTC</i>	LtCol Paul Pratt	686-2500	<b>17 May 2022 0910</b>	<b>COL Bill Smith</b>
I.C. Norcom HS <i>NJROTC</i>	CWO2 Joseph Redwood 754-1439	393-5442 school	<b>25 May 2022 1800 in auditorium</b>	TBD <b>COL Bill Smith</b>
Woodrow Wilson HS <i>AJROTC</i>	SSG Orlanda Gordon MSG (R) Stanley Hill	465-2947 C 757-537- 9237	<b>7 May but no outside guests, drop of medal</b>	MSG Fernando Smith III
<b>SUFFOLK</b>				
Lakeland HS <i>AFJROTC</i> <a href="mailto:ericgriffin@spsk12.net">ericgriffin@spsk12.net</a>	Sgt Eric Griffin	925-5790	<b>20 May 2022 1320</b>	Cadet TSgt Cody Martin <b>CAPT Rick Titi</b>
Nansemond River HS <i>AFJROTC</i>	LtCol David Hedger Sgt Young	923-4101	<b>5 May 2022 6:30-8:00pm</b>	Christian Svatek <b>COL Hal Hostetler &amp; CAPT Bob Brewer</b>
Kings Fork HS <a href="mailto:nikkiwalton@spsk12.net">nikkiwalton@spsk12.net</a>	Mr Nikki Walton - temporary	923-5240	Waiting to hear	

Smithfield HS <i>AJROTC</i> <a href="mailto:pbadoian@iwcs.k12.va.us">pbadoian@iwcs.k12.va.us</a>	LTC Badoiam 1SGT Marvin Hunter	357-0056	<b>26 May 2022</b> <b>1315 in SHS gym</b>	<b>MSG Amos, Alyssa</b> <b>MAJ Sherry Ferki</b>
Franklin HS <a href="mailto:drobinson@fcpsva.org">drobinson@fcpsva.org</a> or <a href="mailto:lwright@fcpsva.org">lwright@fcpsva.org</a>	LTC Linwood Wright 1SGT Robinson	562-5187 school 802-0427 Robinson	Waiting to hear	



Submitted by Sherry Ferki  
Scholarship Co-Chair



At right, CAPT Rick Titi, USN (Ret) at Lakeland HS with Sgt Eric Griffin, USAF (Ret) and Cadet TSgt Cody Martin

**PACMOAA 2022 Scholarship Winner**

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee members this year: Co-Chairs Scott Dickinson, Sherry Ferki, and Lynn Terry. The online application and grading forms that Scott set up in 2017 really facilitated the review process. Unfortunately, **only 2** applicants applied this year. Both were excellent students, in leadership positions in JROTC and very well rounded, but one applicant only supplied half of the requested documents!! I recently had this same experience with the scholarship committee for the local nursing association I am active with. Out of 23 applicants, 12 were either not eligible or did not submit all the required documents. The application for both groups clearly explained the criteria to apply and the documentation that needed to be submitted.

The 2022 scholarship recipient is Howard Brian Link III from Great Bridge High School. He plans to attend VMI and major in history. Howard has maintained over a 4.0 GPA in an advanced study program and is in the top 20% of his class! This quote from one of his letters of recommendation describes his achievements: “Cadet Link has established himself as a stellar student excelling academically, physically and socially across all subjects. He currently holds a 4.1 GPA while expertly balancing roles as marching band squad leader, varsity tennis captain, JROTC Unarmed drill team member, church youth program volunteer, and Boy Scout leader. This combined with his selection as a state delegate to the Virginia Boys General Assembly during summer of 2021 highlight’s Cadet Link’s desire to excel, prosper and achieve. Cadet Link displays a maturity level and internal drive far ahead of his classmates and peer group”.

“Naval service to the country is an honored tradition in my house” per Howard. He will be the 4<sup>th</sup> generation to serve in the Navy, including both his parents. It will be a pleasure to meet Howard and his parents and PACMOAA again offers our congratulations and best wishes for successful college experiences and military careers.

Submitted by Sherry Ferki, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair.

**PROGRAMS**



**July 17<sup>th</sup> 1000-1300 HOURS Joint Brunch (see below)**  
**September – TBD**  
**October - TBD**

Submitted by:  
**COL Hal Hostetler, USA (Ret)**

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

To close out Memorial Day and start summer, I am reminded of all the troops who gave in many wars "The Ultimate Sacrifice" for which Pete Seeger's song lyrics of 1955 gives heartfelt tribute.

**Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing?  
Where have all the flowers gone, long time ago?  
Where have all the flowers gone?  
Young girls have picked them everyone  
Oh, when will they ever learn?**

**Where have all the young girls gone, long time passing?  
Where have all the young girls gone, long time passing?  
Where have all the young girls gone?  
Gone for husbands everyone  
Oh, when will they ever learn?**

**Where have all the husbands gone, long time passing?  
Where have all the husbands gone, long time ago?  
Where have all the husbands gone?  
Gone for soldiers everyone  
Oh, when will they every learn?**

**Where have all the soldiers gone, long time passing?  
Where have all the soldiers gone, long time ago?  
Where have all the soldiers gone?  
Gone to graveyards, everyone  
Oh, when will they ever learn?**

**Where have all the graveyards gone, long time passing?  
Where have all the graveyards gone, lone time ago?  
Where have all the graveyards gone?  
Gone to flowers, everyone  
Oh, when will they ever learn?  
Oh, when will they ever learn?**

Submitted by  
**CAPT Bob Brewer,**  
USN (Ret)  
Chaplin

**THAT'S A WRAP FOR JUNE/JULY 2022!**

**See the Next Page for The July Brunch Information!**

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL JOINT BRUNCH 2022**

The Portsmouth Area Chapter (PAC), Peninsula Chapter (VIP), and the Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) of MOAA are hosting a brunch buffet at Roger Brown's Restaurant on Sunday 17 July from 1000 to 1300.

The address for Roger Brown's is:

316 High Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23704

**Brunch Buffet includes:**

Omelet Station  
Waffle Station  
Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar Cheese  
Apple Wood Smoke Bacon  
Sausage and Peppers  
Hash Browns  
Fresh Fruit  
Muffins  
Ham and Cheese Sliders  
Pasta Salad  
Harvest Salad  
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

**Cost of brunch is \$23.00 per person which includes tax and gratuity.** Payment may be paid by using PayPal\* (See instructions below) or at the door with cash or check made out to PACMOAA. Cash bar is available. Dress is casual.

**Reservations are required NLT July 13, 2022 to Sherry Ferki at [navmedarmynurse@gmail.com](mailto:navmedarmynurse@gmail.com) or 757-686-4650.**

PACMOAA must pay for the number of people registered, **SO A RESERVATION MADE, IS A RESERVATION PAID!!!**

**\*Or PayPal:**

From the PayPal Account Overview page, click the "Send" button. If prompted for whether the money will be sent to a business or friend, enter "friend". Type **PACMOAATreasurer@gmail.com** in the block where it says "name, @username, email, or mobile" and click "next". Enter the amount to transmit and add "For brunch, PAC" (Each chapter adds correct abbreviation for their chapter: HRC – HRCMOAA, VIP – VIPMOAA, or PAC – PACMOAA) in the note section and click "continue". Review the information, including the bank account or credit card you want the funds to come from. Press "Send payment now" when everything looks correct.