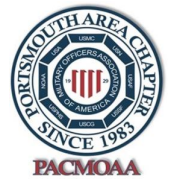




The Salute Online



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 **PACMOOA** actively lobby legislatures for all US uniformed services members, we are nonpartisan and do not participate in political activities.

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The Mission: PACMOOA supports the Military Community through legislative advocacy, mentoring youth, and community involvement.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



PACMOOA Family:

For those attending the March dinner we were treated not only to an amazing corned beef and cabbage St Patrick's Day meal, but also focused veteran information provided by representatives from the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. This month our special speaker will be the **Honorable Michael Duman, Mayor of Suffolk, VA**...please join us and show strong support for his efforts.

Hopefully, you had a joyous and "candy" filled Easter ...I was pleased and survived the recent Portsmouth Children's Museum Foundation "Bunny Hop" ...at my age I time myself with a calendar and not a stopwatch (got a nice medal for participating!) ---- I look forward to seeing you our next meeting...

Anchors Aweigh...Bruce
Bruce LaLonde CPA
CAPT USN (Ret) 757-241-3026



Above: The PACMOOA Leadership Team with our Guest Speakers, **Gary Adams, (VFW), Cynthia Madison (DAV), Clyde Stephenson (American Legion).**

Left: CAPT Bruce LaLonde USN (Ret), Presenting the Leadership Bear to Lt Col Paul Pratt, USMC (Ret).

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See Leadership Pulldown



CHAPTER NEWS

APRIL

Month of the Military Child

- 01 April Fool's Day
- 05 Gold Star Spouses day /Passover begins at Sunset
- 06 Persian Gulf War Ends 1991
- 09 National Former POW Recognition Day
- 10 **VCOC Second Quarter Meeting**, 3-5 PM Virtual
- 11 **PACMOAA 41st Anniversary Dinner Meeting**
- 14 US Air Force Reserve Birthday (1948)
- 15 Tax Day
- 17 **MOAA Advocacy in Action**
- 18 Doolittle Raid on Tokyo (1942)
- 22 **Actual PACMOAA 41st Anniversary**/ Earth Day/ Passover Begins
- 23 US Army Reserve Birthday (1908)
- 26 Arbor Day
- 30 Passover Ends at Sunset

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Scotty Bruce Bettye Hussey
Gladys Steorts Doug Weller

The April Dinner Meeting

will be held on **Thursday, April 11th** at Roger Brown's Banquet Room,
316 High Street, Portsmouth (757) 399-5377

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

Buffett Menu

Harvest Salad

Cornbread and Honey Butter

Slow Roasted Brisket

Salmon

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans

Brownies

Water, Tea, & Coffee

Cost is \$25 (includes gratuity & tax). Cash bar available. Please make your reservation no later than **Sunday, April 7th** with Sherry Ferki at 757-922-7030 or by email at navmedarmynurse@gmail.com

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GUEST SPEAKER



Suffolk Mayor Michael D. “Mike” Duman, CPT USAR (Vet) was elected to the Suffolk City Council on November 2, 2010, and was sworn in on January 3, 2011, as the representative for the Chuckatuck Borough. He was reelected in November 2014 and November 2018. He was elected Mayor in November 2020. Mayor Duman graduated from Old Dominion University and served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve.

In January 1973, Mayor Duman was commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army Reserve until resigning his commission at the rank of Captain in October 1986. His active reserve time was with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade of the 80th Division USAR in Suffolk. He served as a company executive officer, recruiting officer, battalion supply officer and company commander.

Prior to his election, Mayor Duman served on the Economic Development Authority. He currently serves on the Western Tidewater Regional Jail Board, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, Hampton Roads Planning Organization and the Education Committee. In the past, Mayor Duman has served on the Western Tidewater Water Authority, the City School Advisory Committee on Collaborative Fiscal Concerns, Public Safety Committee and was the City Council liaison to the Economic Development Authority

Mayor Duman began his business career while attending college. He established his first auto dealership in 1980 and became the youngest Ford-Mercury Dealer in the country. He currently operates Mike Duman Auto Sales in Suffolk and was selected the Virginia State Independent Quality Dealer of the Year in 2000. Mayor Duman was recognized by Virginia House Joint Resolution Number 332 for his business acumen and contributions to the community.

Mayor Duman currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Suffolk Humane Society and is a member of the Suffolk Ruritan Club, Suffolk Rotary and Elks Lodge #687. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross (Suffolk Chapter) and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Mayor Duman is active in the community donating time and resources to many worthwhile causes.

Mayor Duman is interested in what our members would like him to address, so please send any questions or suggestions to Sherry ASAP. (Telephone and email on page 2)

Submitted by Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE APRIL 2024

About 80% (55) of PACMOAA members have renewed this year. Many members took advantage of the 3-year payment plan when we started it in 2021 and most have already renewed. Many thanks to all of you that renewed already, I know it is easy to forget about. If I haven't sent you a reminder yet, I will do so soon. If you aren't sure if you've paid your dues or not, please contact Hans or Sherry. **A dues renewal/new member form is attached at the end of the newsletter.**

Membership is PACMOAA's top priority and is necessary to ensure continued legislative advocacy and community involvement! This includes retaining and recruiting new members. PACMOAA membership helps us advocate on a state level with the General Assembly while MOAA membership contributes to advocating with Congress! As you all know, PACMOAA membership and MOAA membership are not the same. **Both need dues to continue operating.** At the MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs Virtual Workshop for New Leaders on 27 March, emphasis was placed on the need for more paid members. MOAA is continuing to get new members and that is great in terms of getting information out to a larger group of people, but a fair number are joining as basic members which is free. That gives them online access for general info and legislative updates but not for many of the other services MOAA provides. One of the services that many members are not aware of is that if the

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MOAA member has a *Premium or Life membership, it transfers to their spouse upon their death.* This provides ongoing support and resources for the Surviving Spouse! For the Premium member, membership transfers for the remaining paid timeframe, which may be up to 3 years. For Life members, their Surviving Spouse will have Life membership also.

Many members think MOAA dues primarily pays for the monthly magazine but that is a small part of MOAA's costs. MOAA has 11 lobbyists that are continually working for our benefits in addition to their marketing expenses, admin fees, etc. Almost 20 % of PACMOAA members are basic members. If all chapters and unaffiliate members have the same number of free members, that significantly impacts the revenue stream. Several times a year, MOAA has specials for members that want to move up to Premium or Life membership.

Inviting an eligible colleague, friend, or neighbor to a dinner meeting is a great way to introduce them to PACMOAA. I bring membership brochures to each meeting and can mail you some if that would be helpful. The dinner for a potential new member is half price.

REMINDER: Many members include donations for our **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** with their dues payment and this can be done in-person, via mail, or online . Some give a little extra with their dinners also. The students are very appreciative of any assistance they can obtain to help with their college expenses!

Reminder per Guidelines for Paying PACMOAA Dues Online

Members need to create and/or login to their PayPal account. From the 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 PACMOAA Dues" 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.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS/ SURVIVING SPOUSE

Surviving Spouse Corner: Are Your Personal Documents Ready for an Emergency?

By: Renée Brunelle Matthews March 05, 2024

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2024-news-articles/member-spotlight/surviving-spouse-corner-are-your-personal-documents-ready-for-an-emergency/>

Emergencies can strike unexpectedly, leaving individuals and families grappling with chaos and uncertainty. Whether it's a natural disaster like a hurricane or earthquake, a house fire, or a medical crisis, being prepared can make all the difference in navigating through the turmoil. One often-overlooked aspect of preparedness is having essential documents readily accessible for yourself or a trusted person.

It might sound simple, but having your important documents organized and easily accessible can significantly expedite critical decision-making during emergencies. Imagine being evacuated from your home due to an impending hurricane (yes, that has happened to me), and in the rush to leave, you forget to grab essential documents like identification, insurance policies, or medical records. Having these documents readily available in a designated "important documents kit" ensures you have the necessary information on hand to prove your identity, access medical care, or file insurance claims promptly.

Also, having your documents prepared in advance can alleviate stress and anxiety during already tense situations. Emergencies are inherently chaotic, and the last thing you want to worry about is rummaging through drawers or files, searching for vital paperwork. By proactively organizing your documents and keeping them in a secure location, you can focus on prioritizing safety and addressing immediate needs rather than scrambling to gather paperwork under duress.

Another compelling reason to have your important documents ready for an emergency is to safeguard against loss or damage. Disasters such as floods, fires, or earthquakes can destroy physical documents stored in homes or

offices. While some documents can be replaced, others, like birth certificates, passports, or irreplaceable family heirlooms, might be lost forever.

Digitally storing copies of essential documents in secure cloud storage like [Everplans](#) or on encrypted USB drives provides an extra layer of protection against physical damage or loss, ensuring critical information remains accessible even if the originals are destroyed.

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Furthermore, having your important documents organized facilitates seamless communication and coordination with emergency responders and relief agencies. Whether you're seeking medical assistance, applying for government aid, or navigating insurance claims, having all necessary documentation readily available expedites the process and ensures you receive the support and resources you need in a timely manner.

What documents should you include in your important documents kit? While the specific documents might vary depending on individual circumstances, some essential items to consider include:

- Personal identification (driver's license, passport, Social Security card)
- Medical records (health insurance cards, medication lists, immunization records)
- Financial documents (bank account information, insurance policies, wills, deeds)
- Emergency contacts (family members, doctors, insurance agents)
- Important legal documents (DD Form 214, birth certificates, marriage certificates, power of attorney)
- Property records (homeowner's insurance, mortgage documents, property deeds)
- Copies of valuable photos or sentimental items

Every day you see stories about natural disasters, car accidents, medical emergencies, and unforeseen events that change someone's life forever. The peace of mind that comes from knowing you're well-prepared is invaluable. Take the time today to gather your important documents and create an important document kit — it could make all the difference tomorrow.

Send Us Your Feedback

We'd love to hear from you. Please let us know if this article was helpful by sending an email to sscomm@moaa.org.

[MORE SURVIVING SPOUSE CORNER ARTICLES](#)

OVERVIEW OF SURVIVING SPOUSE VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEETING

19 March 2024

The guest speaker was RADM Ann Duff, USN (Ret) Assistant Director, Office of Survivor Assistance, Pension and Fiduciary Service. She gave a brief overview of the types of assistance her office can provide in helping Surviving Spouses like assistance with obtaining **VA Survivor Benefits**, if eligible. Some deceased veterans that were determined ineligible for VA benefits in the past, might be eligible now due to the PACT Act. Thus, the Surviving Spouse might be eligible to receive DIC (Disability and Indemnity compensation). The VA will be contacting survivors who were previously denied per their website. **Bereavement counseling** and assistance obtaining the loved one's DD-214 or other vital records from the **National Archives** are also available. More information may be obtained at <https://www.va.gov/survivors/> or call 1-800-827-1000 per benefits. RADM Duff provided her email address ann.duff@va.org if anyone had further questions.

Several legislative issues related to Surviving Spouses were discussed by RADM Duff at this meeting and again by Gail Joyce during the Surviving Spouse Training with the MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs Virtual Workshop for New Leaders on 27 March.

- **Caring for Survivors Act of 2023:** HR1083/S414. HR 1083 has 81 cosponsors and was introduced by Rep Hayes from CT in February 2024. S 414 has 22 cosponsors (none from Virginia) after being introduced by Sen Tester from MT in Feb 2024. This bill would raise DIC to the same levels as another federal survivor programs. <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/advocacy/this-bipartisan-bill-would-strengthen-earned-support-for-survivors-of-veterans/> **Note:** Edie Smith, Surviving Spouse that was PACMOAA speaker in April 2022, is one of the administrators of the DIC Surviving Spouses/DIC Increase Advocacy Facebook group that has 1300 members.
- **Love Lives On Act of 2023:** HR3651/S1266. HR 3651 currently has 43 cosponsors and was introduced by Rep Phillips from MN in May 2023. S 1266 has 28 cosponsors and was introduced by Sen Moran from KS in April 2023. This bill allows surviving spouses that remarry before the age of 55 to continue to receive survivor benefits and DIC. <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/spouse-and-family/senate-bill-would-end-remarriage-penalty-for-surviving-spouses/> Gold Star Wives and widows have been working on this issue for years per RADM Duff.

After RADM Duff's presentation and Q & A Session, the membership Chair noted at that the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter (SSVC) has 243 members with 4 pending and is the 2nd largest of the 6 MOAA Virtual Chapters. The MOAA Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter (MUSNAVC) is the largest. Members were reminded about the Book Club that meets monthly. Examples of some books read/discussed include "The Wild Swans" and "Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West".



The Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter meets monthly. Program meetings at 1 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month alternate with a social hour at 5 pm. Surviving Spouses and Surviving Spouse Liaisons are eligible for membership.

Submitted by Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)
PACMOAA Personal Affairs Chair, Surviving Spouse Liaison, & VCOC Surviving Spouse Liaison

MOAA & LEGISLATIVE

ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2024 UPDATE

April 2024

MOAA's annual advocacy event will bring members from across the nation to Washington, D.C., on April 17 to address critical topics on MOAA's legislative agenda.

Bookmark this site ([MOAA.org/AiA](https://www.moaa.org/AiA)) for updates on these issues, details on the event for attendees and virtual participants, our annual MOAA awardees, and much more. And be ready to take part by registering today to use [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#), an easy way for all members and supporters to connect with their lawmakers.

Continue to follow [MOAA's Advocacy News page](#) for ongoing updates regarding all of MOAA's legislative priorities.

Have a question about MOAA legislative efforts? Contact MOAA's Member Support Center at msc@moaa.org or call (800) 234-6622. To learn more about joining MOAA, [click here](#).

Above from MOAA website

Note: Information about AIA also included in Overview of MUSNAVC Meeting March 2024.

VCOC and PACMOAA Involvement

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CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret), Immediate Past President of VCOC and COL Monti Zimmerman, USAR (Ret), VCOC 3rd VP/Legislative Chair will represent Virginia during this advocacy event. They will attempt to visit 9 of the 11 Representatives and 2 Senators on 17 April. Rep Bobby Scott and Rep Jen Kiggans will be visited virtually by the PACMOAA AiA Team led by MAJ Ferki, USA (Ret).

Submitted by Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)

OVERVIEW OF MUSNAVC MEETING – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

20 March 2024

Karen Ruedisueli, MOAA Director of Health Affairs under Government Relations was the speaker. She usually gives a yearly legislative update to the MOAA Uniformed Services Nurse Advocate Virtual Chapter (MUSNAVC).

Karen reviewed the 3 Priority Issues for **Advocacy in Action (AiA)** this year – Pass the Richard Star Act (concurrent receipts issue), Restore BAH to 100%, and Protect TRICARE for Life. The Richard Star Act has widespread support in Congress, but funding is the problem! The only offsets available are from retiree pay or TRICARE for Life. BAH was decreased by Congress in 2015. Housing costs have significantly increased! Protecting TRICARE for Life is an ongoing issue. There aren't any active threats at this time, but the most recent GAO report suggested possible enrollment fee or cost sharing. NOTE: At March MOAA Chapter Roundtable on Advocacy in Action, <https://www.moaa.org/aia> was listed as a great source for members to become more informed about the AiA 2024 issue listed above. It includes many reference sites and articles as well as an Issue Paper for each issue. NOTE: The April 2024 issue of Military Officer includes detailed information about the 3 Advocacy in Action issues and reminds members to **TAKE ACTION** at www.moaa.org/takeaction !!

Karen also discussed the DOD memo in Dec to “Stabilize Military Health Care System” This was mentioned in the February Salute on page 10. She and the other members of the Military Coalition Health Committee were very surprised at the reversal but pleased as were many members of Congress. The Military Coalition is similar to the Virginia Joint Leadership Council (JLC). It brings together about 35 VSOs and represents > 5.5 million members! Many of the VSOs are small so MOAA Leaders chair many of the Committees. Dan Merry, MOAA VP of Government Relations is the Coalition Co-Chair and Karen is the Co-Chair of the Health Committee.

She briefly discussed MOAA's ongoing efforts per reversing the pharmacy cuts. DHA wanted to cut pharmacy cuts. MOAA asked GAO to assess the impact of the 25% pharmacy cuts, which started in 2022. Congress wants to see the results of that study before making any changes. Some stores (like Kroger locally) withdrew as the reimbursement didn't cover their costs.

The meeting ended with a reminder about the **MUSNAVC Legislation Early Push** information on [Legis Early Push | musnavc](#) or <https://www.musnavc.org/gallery>. This shows detailed information about health-related issues that are not being highlighted on the MOAA website but that are approved by MOAA. Several examples include National Plan to End Parkinson's Act S. 1064 and Health Care Fairness for Military Families HR 1045.

Submitted by MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)
Retired Army Nurse

VCOC AND JLC

The next VCOC Meeting will be Virtual on Wednesday April 10, 2024.

The Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Initiatives for the 2024 year have been discussed at a robust level with the Virginia General Assembly this legislative session. The 60 day session adjourned for 2024 on March 9. At the time of this newsletter publication, the final outcome of each initiative was not available. This information will be communicated to all members once it is received. Detailed information on the 2024 JLC Initiatives is available at the following link:

[Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations - Virginia Department of Veterans Services.](#)

Please do not forget to join the MOAA Legislative Action Center. Every voice is needed on all the legislative

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issues. The status of the MOAA supported legislation can be found at the following:

<https://moaa.quorum.us/bills>

The national Advocacy & Action event is planned for April 17 and all members are encouraged to attend and can participate online on the MOAA website.

Submitted by Mary L. Snyder, Surviving Spouse, VCOC Legislative Representative
757-630-6366

JLC 2024 Initiatives (Adopted at the September 20 and December 14, 2023 JLC meetings)

- **JLC 2024-01 Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses to also include Died on Active Duty**
- **JLC 2024-02 Stop Unscrupulous Firms Exploiting Veteran Claims**
- **JLC 2024-03 Virginia National Guard Tuition Assistance Waiver**
- **JLC 2024-04 Virginia National Guard Enhanced Emergency Response Medical Protection**

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SPRING/SUMMER 2024

Scholarship applications will be sent out in March to over 30 local high schools as well as 14 JROTC units in the PACMOAA area. The application deadline is about mid-May.

The Scholarship Committee will review all submitted applications and notify the awardee/awardees as soon as possible. PACMOAA usually awards two \$1500 scholarships which are awarded in 2 increments. The first half is sent to their college/university for the first semester and the second half is sent for the second semester, usually the fall and spring semester freshman year. This money is awarded based on continued enrollment in an ROTC type program.

The Annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner will be held on 13 June. The scholarship awardees and their parents are invited as PACMOAA guests as are a local JROTC Color Guard group.

Since 2015, PACMOAA has applied for and been awarded a sponsorship grant, first from USAA and now from MOAA (**Community Outreach Sponsorship**) for \$300.00 to help with community activities like our Scholarship Recognition Dinner Meeting.

PACMOAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND HISTORY & UPDATE

April 2024

The Portsmouth Area Chapter was chartered as an affiliate of The Retired Officers Association on 22 April 1983 and a Scholarship Fund was established on 4 January 1984. Originally it was set up with 2 awards – the COL Frank J. Robertson and the PACTROA (Portsmouth Area Chapter of the Retired Officers Association) Scholarships. The original scholarships were both \$500.00. At some point the scholarships were combined and



both were called the PACTROA Scholarship. Since 2001, when I took over as Chair of the Scholarship Committee, PACTROA/PACMOAA has awarded 1-3 scholarships each year, ranging from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00. Six students had to drop out of school for a variety of reasons over the past 22 years. The scholarship is awarded over the first two semesters in school and is contingent upon continued enrollment in an ROTC type program. The scholarship money may be used for tuition purposes and/or other school related expenses as well as room and board. *Unlike the MOAA scholarships, the students do not have to come from a military family.*

Left: 2020 Awardee Morgan Magrisi at VMI with his Mom in Jan 2023.

Information pertaining to this scholarship is emailed to local high schools in Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin, Chesapeake, Southampton and Isle of Wight. It is also sent to the 13 local JROTC groups in our area and many of our past awardees have been JROTC cadets. CDR Scott Dickinson, USN (Ret) joined the Scholarship Committee in 2016 and the next year implemented an online application and review process that greatly improved our system. He has been the Committee Co-Chair since 2017.

The number of scholarships to be awarded for the year will be voted on at the April Board Meeting and is based on donations from PACMOAA members.



Left: 2022 Awardee Howard Link with his Mom and Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs.

College expenses are increasing as are all other expenses. Most families have fewer resources than in past years. Please consider donating some money to help these students out in their quest for a career in the military. This can easily be done by adding \$10.00 or \$20.00 or more to your dues check or adding more to your dinner check. The 50/50 also adds \$30.00 to \$40.00 to the

Scholarship Fund from each dinner meeting. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be most helpful!

Submitted by MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair



140th Anniversary of Portsmouth's Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on 27 May. PACMOAA has had 1 or 2 cars participate for many years.

Left: 2023 Memorial Day Parade with CAPT Bruce LaLonde, USN, (Ret) and LCDR Bob Wall USNR (Ret) in Bob's BMW convertible

Through the **MOAA JROTC Award Program**, MOAA medals and certificates are presented to an outstanding cadet who has demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership (exceptional academic achievement in the case of Marine Corps JROTC program). **JROTC Award Ceremonies** are held throughout May and occasionally in early June.



PACMOAA current and past Leadership Team members present the awards. PACMOAA covers 14 JROTC programs and members participated in 8 award ceremonies in 2023. The six AFJROTC units in Chesapeake always hold a joint ceremony.

Left: MAJ Ferki presenting award at AJROTC Ceremony at Smithfield HS to CSM Alexander Rameriz on 25 May 2023.

The Annual Joint Brunch with the Hampton Roads (HRCMOAA) and Virginia Peninsula MOAA (VIPMOAA) chapters has been held at Roger Browns in Portsmouth the past 3 years in mid-



July. Thirty to fifty members have attended the past 3 years and in 2023, presidents from all 3 chapters attended for the first time in my memory! **This year's brunch will be hosted by the Hampton Roads Chapter and will be at the Atlantic Shores Retirement Community on Sunday, July 14 2024**

Left: Group picture of Joint Brunch on 18 July 2021.

Submitted by MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)

PROGRAMS

April 11, 2024 – PACMOAA Dinner Meeting - Suffolk Mayor, Mike Duman
May 9, 2024 – PACMOAA Dinner Meeting Veterans Service Officer Paul Phelps
June 13, 2024 – Annual Scholarship Dinner Meeting Speaker TBD
July 14, 2024 Annual Joint Brunch – Atlantic Shore Retirement Community Save the Date!
Sep 12, 2024-Oct 10, 2024 PACMOAA Dinner Meetings – TBD
Nov 14, 2024 – PACMOAA Annual Business Meeting
Dec 12, 2024 – Annual Christmas Gala

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As the cold and dreary winter months come to an end, April brings with it the promise of spring and all its wonders. This fourth month of the year is a time of renewal, transformation, and beauty. In the northern hemisphere, April signifies the end of the harsh winter and the beginning of warmer and brighter days. It is a time of growth and new beginnings, making a perfect month to celebrate the arrival of Easter and the message of renewal and giving to God in the words of St. Gregory Nazianzen (d 390) for what lies ahead:

“Let each one of us offer to God all that he can on every occasion according to the measure of his capacity, according to the gift bestowed upon him, in order that by displaying virtue in all its forms we may secure all the heavenly abodes, reaping all that we have sown, or rather, storing up in God’s silos all that we have garnered.”



Submitted by
CAPT Bob Brewer,
USN (Ret)
Chaplin



CDR Ken App, USN (Ret)
Salute Editor

THAT’S A WRAP FOR APRIL 2024

Please fill out the form below if any contact information has changed and submit to Sherry Ferki or Ken App.

PACMOAA MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM 2024

FULL NAME: _____ NICKNAME: _____

GRADE/RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

STATUS: Active Retired Former Surviving Spouse

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MOAA Membership No.: _____ (From MOAA card or Military Officer Mailing Label)

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Nickname: _____

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