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THE CONGRESS:

Since we are currently working under a Continuing Resolution until December 11th, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is probably one of the LAST things on the minds of our senators and representatives at this moment. The focus is on COVID statistics, healthcare in general, the economy, immigration, and . . .oh yes, November 3rd . . . since they all want to be “IN THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS” (with apologies to HAMILTON) following the elections. We should be prepared for a post-election session of critical importance. Are we ready to inundate congressional offices with our phone calls and emails in order to garner support for our issues? Will the NDAA go to Conference committee in a post-election, Lame-Duck session, or get kicked down the road into the new year? Watch this space for “White Smoke”!

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:

HELLO? Anybody home? Several of the service chiefs are in quarantine in quarters as a result of exposure to COVID positive individuals at a recent meeting in THE TANK. Of course, communications set-ups are already in place in their quarters, most of which are in military compounds, but it certainly is a less-than-optimal way for the military leadership to do business. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Jonathan Hoffman, continues to assuage the concerns of those who express anxiety regarding national security precautions.

VIRGINIA:

The MOAA Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) met on October 8th in a ZOOM session, which was preceded by a legislative representatives meeting. The emphasis of both meetings, as you might well expect, was the upcoming elections and statewide ballot items. You have already seen the ballot and have been eligible to vote in person and by absentee ballot since mid-month. In previous legislative reports, we have highlighted the candidates and the issues of particular concern to us. I won't waste your time with a rehash of the particulars. Many of you have already voted and **THANK YOU! For those of you who have not yet done so however, please **VOTE!** While Falcons Landing will not have**

the usual bus transportation to our polling place on election day, we have a wonderful group of FALCONS ROLLERS.

MOAA:

MOAA National Government Relations Director, retired Air Force Colonel Dan Merry, zoomed-in for part of the above-mentioned VCOC meeting and reminded the membership, most emphatically, that while we are all citizens who care DEEPLY about this country, it is incumbent upon us NOT to engage in partisan politics under the MOAA banner. Violations could cost us our tax-exempt status!

By the time our next edition hits the streets, we hope to know the makeup of the next congress, the White House, (and perhaps the judiciary). These are exciting – if nerve-racking times that we are living through. I am SO happy that we are doing this TOGETHER!

Coming next month –FEDVIP(9 NOV-14DEC).

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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