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As we move into the Summer Season 2023, our Second Quarter Council Crier for 2022 continues to tell a story of service around our Commonwealth, with Legislative Advocacy and Community Service at the forefront.

At the MOAA Advocacy in Action 2023, MOAA CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly talked of teamwork - we can “go far, go together.”

To Lt. Gen. Kelly’s aforementioned, this issue of the Council Crier remains focused on telling the VCOC story, with spotlight on how our Council can indeed “go far, go together.”

Our Second Quarter Meeting was held at George C. Marshall’s Dodona Manor in Leesburg Virginia. Eleven chapters were represented, with multiple representatives from some chapters in attendance. MOAA Vice President for Government Relations Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret) once again provided our Council preparation for Advocacy in Action 2023, with question and answer session following.



On Deck

On 28 May 2023, on behalf of MOAA Virginia Council of Chapters, I was honored to place a flower at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Second Annual Flowers of Remembrance Day, Arlington National Cemetery. From the Department of Defense Web-site, “The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier serves as a symbolic grave for all war dead whose remains have

not been found or identified. The Tomb began with one unknown service member from World War I, and today is the grave of three unidentified service members. Its meaning has evolved to represent the memory of all military members throughout American history.”

Amidst his remarks at the Tomb of the Unknown in 1984, President Ronald Reagan said, “We'll never know the answers to these questions about his life. We do know, though, why he died. He saw the horrors of war but bravely faced them, certain his own cause and his country's cause was a noble one; that he was fighting for human dignity, for free men everywhere. Today we pause to embrace him and all who served us so well in a war whose end offered no parades, no flags, and so little thanks.”

The Portsmouth Area Chapter celebrated the Chapter 40th Anniversary with a dinner on April 13th, 2023, Roger Browns Restaurant, Portsmouth, Virginia. I was honored to join PACMOAA President CAPT Bruce LaLonde in presenting the MOAA National Certificate recognizing the PACMOAA 40th Anniversary.



On 6 April 2023, I joined representatives from the MOAA South Carolina and Georgia Councils of Chapters at the Charlotte-Metralina Chapter of the North Carolina Council of Chapters celebration of the Metraliner Chapter 50th Anniversary, Carmel Country Club, Charlotte, North Carolina.

MOAA President and Chief Executive Officer Lt. Gen Brian Kelly gave the keynote address, during which he provided a comprehensive review of the MOAA history and mission, with question and answer session following.

Many thanks to MOAA's Vice President, Council/Chapter and Member Support CAPT Jim Carman, USN (Ret), MOAA Senior Director, Council and Chapter Affairs CAPT Erin Stone, USN (Ret) and MOAA Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs CAPT Frank Michael, USN (Ret) for a luncheon of fellowship and feedback at the Army Navy Club, DC, 3 May 2023, which included a chance to briefly remember a cruise book of a mutual deployment of on USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in 1983.



With a Zoom Virtual meeting invite forthcoming, our Chapter Presidents are encouraged to attend a Zoom virtual meeting discussion and feedback session with CAPT Carman, now scheduled for 9:00am, 29 June 2022.

Third Quarter Meeting 2023



Based on Chapter feedback regarding our Second Quarter Meeting, our Third Quarter meeting will also be held at the historic George C. Marshall Dodona Manor, Leesburg, Virginia, 12 July 2023. Whether attending virtually or in person, we encourage attendance. We are honored to have as our guest speaker Commonwealth of Virginia Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs Jason Pak (pictured left). From the MOAA National Staff, Vice President, Council/Chapter and Member Support CAPT Jim Carman USN (Ret) and MOAA's Director of Government Relations for Currently Serving and Retired Affairs LtCol Mark Belinsky, USA (Ret), are scheduled to attend. Mark will update our team on recent MOAA Legislative Affairs efforts.

A Word of Thanks

As mentioned in the previous Crier, 2023 marks the 48th year of our Virginia Council. Many thanks for the years of dedicated service of *Second Vice President* John Prevar, USN (Ret), *Third Vice President* COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), *Secretary* LtCol John Down, USAF (Ret), *Treasurer* Capt. Maria Kelly, USAF (Former), *Legal Counsel* COL Vince Cammarata, USA (Ret), *Surviving Spouse Representative* MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret), *Chaplain* LtCol Ken Ruppard, USA (Ret) and *Immediate Past President* Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret).

Closing

To our Council, this issue of our Crier continues to include our Chapter President Interview series, spotlighting the dedication and hard work of our Chapter Presidents and Chapters. The MOAA mission is, “To advocate for our military community and connect it to the nation we serve. To promote and protect a strong national defense and lead our nation to honor its commitments to all who serve.”

Whether in the fields of Arlington National Cemetery, halls of George C. Marshall’s Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Roger Brown’s Restaurant in Portsmouth or across the length and breadth of our great Commonwealth, let us continue to go far, go together. Thank you for your dedicated service to both the Military Officers Association of America and our storied Virginia Council of Chapters.

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CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret)
President
Virginia Council of Chapters



Council and Chapters

VCOC Second Quarter Meeting

Dodona Manor



The Virginia Council of Chapters held the Council Second Quarter 2023 meeting on 12 April 2023 at George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor, Leesburg Virginia. Conducted as a Hybrid Zoom Virtual Meeting, eleven Chapters were in attendance. Representatives from the Falcons Landing, Northern Virginia, Richmond Area and Virginia Peninsula Chapters attended in person, with seven other chapters attending on a virtual basis.

Pictured above, MOAA's Vice President of Government Relations, Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret), was guest speaker. Col. Merry is responsible for leading a team of nine to ensure compensation and benefits, to include health care, adequately support our all-volunteer force through recruiting and retention. He provided an update to VCOC on MOAA Advocacy in Action 2023, which occurred 24-28 April 2023, Washington DC. Dan fielded questions from Council members after his presentation.

Pictured below: MOAA's Vice President of Government Relations, Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret), VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret)



The George C. Marshall International Center hosts educational programs that reflect Marshall's principled approach to leadership. The Marshall Center also operates Dodona Manor as a historic house museum at 312 East Market Street in Leesburg, Virginia. The house is home to the Marshall Center, as it was home to George and Katherine Marshall from 1941 to 1959. Tours and events are conducted at Dodona Manor, which provide a full picture of General Marshall's life.

View the Dodona Manor Homepage at: [Dodona Manor](#)



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Portsmouth Area Chapter (PACMOAA) Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Portsmouth Area Chapter celebrated the Chapter's 40th anniversary with a dinner on April 13th, 2023, Roger Browns Restaurant, Portsmouth, Virginia. Colors were provided by the Churchland High School MCJROTC. The event focused on most recent Chapter achievements, also honoring those who were the founders of PAC-MOAA, with recognition of current and past leadership.



Pictured above: Attendees and guests of the PACMOAA Celebration.

Pictured below: Second Vice President MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret) and Third Vice President CDR Ken App, USN (Ret) narrate a pictorial history of PACMOAA to the dinner celebration attendees.



Pictured above: VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) joins PACMOAA President CAPT Bruce LaLonde in presenting the MOAA National Certificate recognizing the PACMOAA 40th Anniversary.

Pictured below: PACMOAA Fortieth Anniversary Celebration Cake.



Charlotte-Metraliner Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Charlotte-Metralina Chapter (NC04) of the North Carolina Council of Chapters celebrated the Metraliner Chapter 50th Anniversary on 6 April, 2023, Carmel Country Club, Charlotte, North Carolina.



VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) was invited, joining Representatives from the MOAA South Carolina and Georgia Councils of Chapters at the well attended event.

Pictured below: Charlotte Metraliner President LTC Joe Anderson, USA (Ret), VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret)



Legislative Affairs

MOAA Conducts Advocacy in Action Campaign 2023



From the MOAA Homepage: More than 170 MOAA chapter members and board members from across the nation brought MOAA's legislative message to Capitol Hill on April 26 for the organization's annual Advocacy in Action (AiA) event. Members spent the day inside the offices of House and Senate members, informing legislators and their aides about MOAA's top legislative priorities, including restoring the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to 100% and preserving access to the TRICARE pharmacy network. It was the first time the event was held in person since 2019.

The event marked the first in-person effort on Capitol Hill since 2019. MOAA members can still lend a voice to these efforts through MOAA's Legislative Action Center.

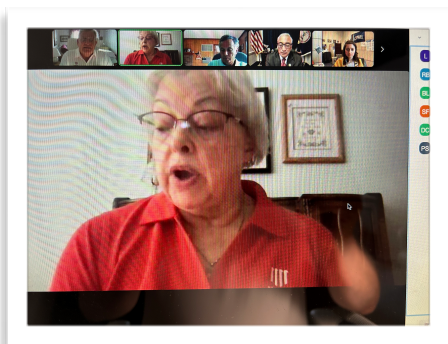
Pictured below, left to right: Hampton Roads Chapter Surviving Spouse Barbara Smith, VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret), Aaron Reep, Defense Fellow, Rep. Rob Wittman (VA 01), MOAA National Board Member Col. Rojan Robotham, USAF, MOAA National Board Member RADM Mike Hewitt, USN (Ret), VCOC Third Vice President COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret)





Pictured Above, left to right: VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret), Paige Schwartz, Legislative Director, Rep. Bobby Scott (VA 03), RADM Mike Hewitt, USN (Ret)

Pictured Below: On 11 May 2023, MAJ Ferki leads the PACMOAA advocacy team (CAPT LaLonde and CDR Smith) in a follow on virtual visit with Rep. Bobby Scott (VA 03), Legislative Director Paige Swartz, and Mr. Dillion Creek.



Pictured below, left to right: MOAA Chairman of the Board Gen. Gary North, USAF (Ret), Rep. Mark Takano (CA 39), MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret), present Col. Arthur Marix Congressional Leadership Award Presentation.



Pictured below, left to right: MOAA Chairman of the Board Gen. Gary North- USAF (Ret), Senator Jon Tester (D MT), MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret), present Col. Arthur Marix Congressional Leadership Award.



VCOC

Col. Marvin J. Harris

Communications Award

Winners 2022



Congratulations to our Council and member chapters winners of the Harris Communication Award for 2022, formally presented at the MOAA Advocacy in Action, 27 April 2023, Hyatt Crystal City, Arlington Virginia.

Pictured above, left to right: MOAA Chairman of the Board Gen. Gary North, USAF (Ret), VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret), MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret). CDR Smith accepted the Harris Communication Awards 2022 on behalf of VCOC and all VCOC Chapter awardees.

Five Star

Virginia Council of Chapters (print newsletter and website)
Central Virginia Chapter (print newsletter and website)
Falcons Landing Chapter (print newsletter)
Heritage Hunt Chapter (print newsletter)
Mount Vernon Chapter (print newsletter and website)
Portsmouth Area Chapter (print newsletter)
Richmond Area Chapter (print newsletter and website)
Southwest Virginia Chapter (print newsletter and website)
Virginia Peninsula Chapter (print newsletter and website)

Four Star

Falcons Landing Chapter (website)
Heritage Chapter (print newsletter and website)
Portsmouth Area Chapter (website)



VCOOC Chapter President Interview Series

With the ongoing Chapter President Interview Series, VCOOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) interviews our Council Presidents, also Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs, CAPT Frank Michael, USN (Ret).

Each interviewee tells a story, to include highlight of their careers in the United States Military, following with spotlight on overall activity for 2022, also the value of VCOOC membership and legislative advocacy. Click below links to listen.

[A CONVERSATION WITH THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER PRESIDENT CAPT JOHN WARNECKE, USN \(RET\)](#)

[A CONVERSATION WITH THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER PRESIDENT CAPT MATT HAAG, USN \(RET\)](#)

[A CONVERSATION WITH THE PORTSMOUTH VIRGINIA AREA CHAPTER PRESIDENT COL BILL SMITH, USA \(RET\)](#)

[A CONVERSATION WITH THE MT. VERNON CHAPTER PRESIDENT Col. DOUG "SMASH" YUROVICH, USMC \(RET\)](#)

[A CONVERSATION WITH COL MARK RICH, USA \(Ret\), MOAA RICHMOND AREA CHAPTER PRESIDENT.](#)

[A CONVERSATION WITH Col. PHIL WALSH, USMC \(Ret\), PRESIDENT, MOAA FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER.](#)

[PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MOAA COUNCIL AND CHAPTER AFFAIRS, CAPT FRANK MICHAEL, USN \(Ret\)](#)

Surviving Spouse Corner

Maj Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)

Overview of MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter (MSSVC02) Meeting 16 May 2023 with updates as of 26 May 2023, view at: <https://moaavcoc.org/meetingsandresources/>. Scroll right to Resources, Surviving Spouse Corner, click on Virtual Chapter Meeting 16 May 2023.

At the Helm

John H. Dalton

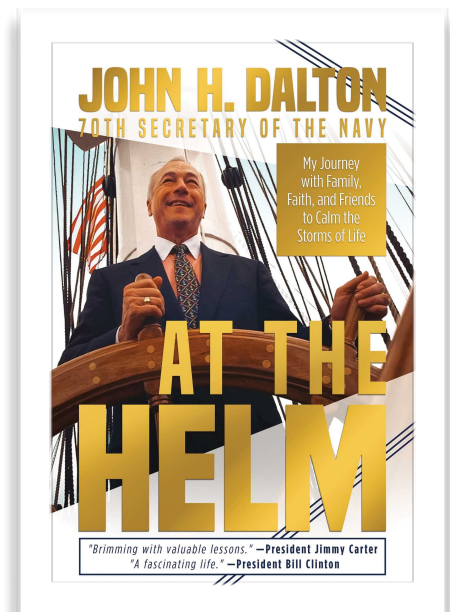
70th Secretary of the Navy

CDR Linc Smith, USNR

On May 2023, Army Navy Club, DC, former Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton spoke of this new book, “At The Helm: My Journey with Family, Faith and Friends to Calm the Storms of Life”

The book traces Secretary Dalton’s journey from his early days in Louisiana to traveling the world, working in private and public sectors, also his four presidential appointments. From 1993-1998, he served as the 70th Secretary of the Navy.

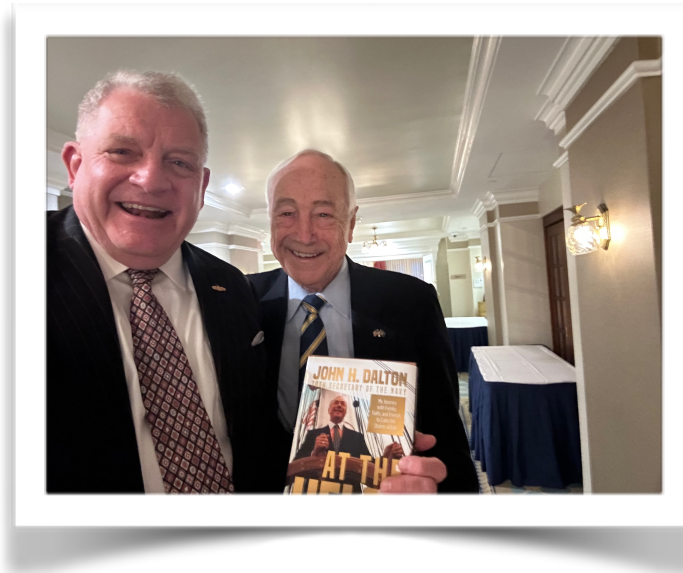
Pictured below: Secretary Dalton highlighting his book at the Club, question and answer session following.



During his remarks, Secretary Dalton spoke of his deep affinity for President Kennedy. As a Naval Academy Midshipman, he led the Corps of Cadets at the State Funeral of President Kennedy. Just after his book talk, I had the opportunity to share

thoughts with the Secretary regarding our mutual admiration for the life and service of President Kennedy, also the opportunity to serve on the President's ship.

In 1996, the Secretary visited the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) in Mayport, Florida, at which time I was on my second tour in Kennedy, assigned as the Ship's Public Affairs Officer. Pictured below: VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret), John Dalton, 70th Secretary of the Navy, Army Navy Club, DC, 16 May 2023.



VCOC Homepage

In reminder, the [VCOC Homepage](#) presents six primary sections: About Us, Chapters, Meetings and Resources, Crier Newsletter, Legislative Affairs and Contact Us.

The purpose of our homepage is fourfold. First, provide an online platform to assist in ensuring the longterm viability of VCOC. Second, further grow the MOAA brand in Virginia. Third, provide a platform for VCOC chapter involvement and recognition. Finally, provide an improved call to action to VCOC membership, encouraging website visitors to multiple actions, such as joining a MOAA chapter.

To the aforementioned, chapter stories are most welcome for posting to the VCOC Homepage in an ongoing basis. Contact VCOC Webmaster CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) at mvng288@aol.com with any stories or announcements that you may have.

VCOC Strategic Plan

In accordance with the MOAA Strategic Plan 2022-2026, MOAA Council and chapter Policies and Procedures Guide and VCOC By Laws, the VCOC Strategic Plan was approved by majority vote at the VCOC Executive Committee Meeting on 31 October 2021.

View the VCOC Strategic Plan here: [VCOC Strategic Plan 2022-2024](#). Scroll down to the VCOC Strategic Plan 2022-2024.

The MOAA Strategic Plan establishes and articulates the MOAA Board of Directors' strategic vision, mission, values, goals, and six specific strategies to accomplish MOAA's mission.

View the MOAA Strategic Plan here: [MOAA Strategic Plan 2022-2026](#)

VCOC Third Quarter Meeting

July 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Hybrid Meeting, Zoom Virtual option available, with in person attendance encouraged: George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor, 312 East Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. View the website here: [Dodona Manor Website](#)



Council And Chapter Awards

MOAA Levels of Excellence Award: Each year, councils and chapters may request to be recognized for one of two Levels of Excellence awards. Councils and chapters that want to be considered for [Levels of Excellence Awards](#). Levels of Excellence Award need to submit a nomination by May 1.

Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards: MOAA's annual contest identifying those councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members.

Col Steve Strobridge Award for Advocacy: Council: Col Michael Kelly, USAF (Ret), Kansas State Legislative Liaison, Kansas.

Council of Chapters Chapter: Dr. Ron Sarg (posthumously), formerly Legislative Chair, Dover (Del.) Chapter.

2022 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award: Surviving Spouse Liaisons work at the Council and Chapter level to ensure fellow survivors remain connected to the military family and participate in local and national programs and advocacy efforts.

MOAA ROTC/JROTC Awards Program: MOAA has PDF fillable certificates for ROTC and JROTC available for leaders to add their chapter name and the name of the award recipient.

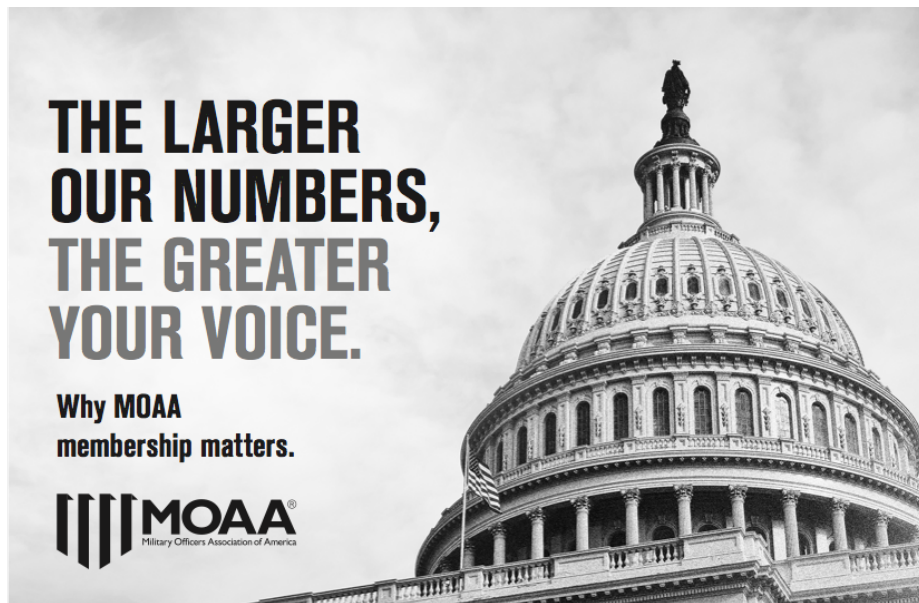
ROTC and JROTC fillable PDF certificates, click here: [MOAA Certificates of Recognition and Pins](#)

Medals and certificates can be purchased at the [MOAA Store](#). Note for high schools and universities requesting that someone from MOAA make a presentation: If there is a local MOAA chapter in your area, you may want to consider contacting them. Many of our 400-plus MOAA affiliates are still supporting ROTC/JROTC programs in their area. These programs are entirely voluntary; no MOAA chapter is under any obligation to present a certificate to ROTC and JROTC units. You can use the [Chapter Locator](#) to find your closest available chapter.

Now 350,000 strong, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families. Those who belong to MOAA not only lend their voices to a greater cause, but they also gain access to extensive benefits tailored to the needs and lifestyles of military officers and their surviving spouses. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

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Age 85-89	\$266
Age 90-94	\$171
Age 95-99	\$104
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MOAA Guidance On Partisan Political Activities

Partisan Political Activities: As organizations exempt from federal taxation under Sec. 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, MOAA and its affiliates must take care to avoid engaging in partisan political activities. Under IRS rules, we are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Candidates for Public Office: A candidate for public office is an individual who offers himself or herself, or is proposed by others, as a contestant for an elective public office, whether such office is national, state, or local, and includes incumbent candidates. The prohibition also extends beyond declared candidates and may apply to efforts to recruit an individual to run for office or advance exploratory activities. The prohibition also applies to advocating for the platform of one political party over another.

Prohibited Activities: Activities which constitute participation or intervention in a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate include, but are not limited to, the publication or distribution of written or printed statements or the making of oral statements on behalf of or in opposition to such a candidate. It is clear that the prohibition on partisan political activity prohibits such outright actions such as posting a “Vote for Biden” or “Vote for Trump” on the organization’s website, or “Support Republican Candidates” or “Vote Democratic.”

In addition to these obvious examples, the prohibition goes well beyond direct expressions of support. In determining whether an organization is engaged in unlawful partisan political activities, the IRS applies a “facts and circumstances” test. The IRS looks not only to the expressed language, but to external factors, such as the communication’s timing, its targeted audience, and how the message relates to public policy positions that distinguish a candidate in a campaign.

Consequences for Violations: The consequences to an organization that violates the prohibition on partisan political activity can be severe including the loss of its tax exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes. For public charities, like The MOAA Foundation and the MOAA Scholarship Fund, the IRS can disallow tax deductions for charitable contributions. In addition, for an organization whose mission involves advocacy on key military community issues, MOAA must seek support from elected representatives from both parties. Engaging in partisan political activities on behalf of one party or candidate would seriously undermine MOAA’s ability to achieve the bipartisan consensus on key issues essential to achieving its legislative objectives.

Personal Opinions: As individuals, members and leaders of MOAA and MOAA's affiliates are not prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities so long as they do so in way that makes it clear they are acting for themselves and do not appear to be speaking on behalf of MOAA or its affiliates. For example, it is permissible for an individual to express his or her personal preference in support of or in opposition to a candidate or political party. And they may do so publicly. However, when expressing their personal opinions or preferences, they may not make reference to their MOAA position, use MOAA communications channels, use MOAA letterhead or newsletters, identify themselves as MOAA leaders, or imply that MOAA or its members share their beliefs.

MOAA Virtual Chapters

They are: Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter, the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, the Public Health Service Virtual Chapter, and the Chaplains Virtual Chapter.

Interested in participating in one of these virtual chapters, or in championing another group? Contact CAPT Pat L. Williams, USN (Ret), MOAA's Program Director for Engagement, at patw@moaa.org, or CAPT Erin Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret), Senior Director for Council and Chapter Affairs, at erins@moaa.org, for more information.

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For more information contact MOAA surviving spouse Edith Smith, phone (703) 569-3380 or email esmith@capitolcrusader.com

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Preamble

To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and the flag;

To defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;

To advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country;

To foster the integrity and prestige of uniformed service;

To foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various Services from which our members are drawn;

To further the education of children of Service personnel;

To aid personnel of the Services from which our members are drawn, and their family members and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner; and

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Our mission statement remain in concert with the Military Officers Association of America purposes and objectives. The overall VCOC goals and objectives are as follows:

- Improve legislative effectiveness, national and state.
- Improve recruiting - members and leaders. What is in it for the member?
- Active public affairs - seeking to how we communicate internally and externally with all members, irrespective of generation.
- Improve vitality and excellence of chapters.

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