

The Patriot



Richmond Area Chapter - Military Officers Association of America - November 2018



The President's Corner by CAPT Mary Lou Wassel

Happy 60th Birthday to RAC-MOAA! The initial organizational meeting of the Richmond Area Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA - formerly The Retired Officers Association - TROA), was held at the Commonwealth Club, 500 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, on 3 December 1958, sixty years ago. Without question, it is now time to celebrate! So much has happened in 60 years. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a very special Holiday Gala on Friday, December 7th, at 6:00 PM at the Meadowbrook Country Club.

Notably, there have been several members who have continued for decades to serve in leadership positions ensuring the survival of RAC-MOAA. Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, President and CEO of MOAA (see bio & photo on Page 4), will join us to personally present four of our members with the MOAA "Lifetime Distinguished Service Award". The recipients include MAJ Ryland Bailey, CDR John Baumgarten, COL Don Kaiserman, and LTC Joe Tarantino. Pencye Bailey will be accepting on behalf of Ryland. You do not want to miss this opportunity to celebrate and to thank these stellar individuals who have done so much for our chapter.

RAC-MOAA is also working on an update of our website, and it will be coming very soon. When launched, all members will be asked to go on-line to verify their personal information including address, phone number, email address, etc. Additional benefits include being able to pay for meetings and your dues online using PayPal. This system has been designed to streamline efforts for all.

Our next Membership Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th, at the Meadowbrook Country Club with registration opening at 5:30 PM and dinner served at 6:30 PM. LTC John Monihan, Executive Officer of the 91st Cyber Brigade, Virginia Army Air National Guard will be speaking on the issue of Cyber Security, a topic so timely for all of us today. Please see Page 6 for reservations and sign up today.

The 11th Annual RAC-MOAA Legislative Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5th, from 0800 to 1000 at the Virginia American Legion at 1708 Commonwealth Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230-3700. Please see the Legislative Update on Page 2.

For our first membership meeting in 2019, we plan to try something new. On Sunday, February 3rd, a Membership Brunch is scheduled to begin at 12:30 PM at the Meadowbrook Country Club and be immediately followed by our annual Memorial Service.

Additional volunteer members are needed to help achieve the chapter's mission and goals. Please consider sharing your talents with us by completing the volunteer form on Page 4. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact me directly at marylouwassel@cox.net or at 804-551-1878.

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy holiday season!

MCAP Still Needs Support With Your Donations

Charitable organizations supported by RAC-MOAA include: the Families of the Wounded Fund; the Richmond USO; the Fisher House; the Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center; the Virginia National Guard Foundation; the Veterans Services Foundation; the McGuire VA Spinal Cord Injury Unit; the Virginia War Memorial Foundation; and Tech for Troops.

These organizations count on support from RAC-MOAA each year to help fund their operations. Therefore, we encourage you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the MCAP to help meet our fundraising goal for 2018. A donation form is on Page 6.

MOAA - MOWW Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, 14 Nov 2018
5:30 PM
Meadowbrook Country Club

Menu

Salad Bar
Three-entrée Buffet
Seasonal Starch
Vegetable du Jour
Gourmet Dessert Bar

\$27.00 Per Person
(Dress: Casual)

Program

LTC John Monihan
Virginia Army National Guard
Cyber-security Briefing

(Reservation form on Page 6)

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You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) 11th Annual “Legislative Forum”

When: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Where: The American Legion Department of Virginia
1708 Commonwealth Ave.
Richmond, VA 23220-3700

Start: 0800 Meet & Greet with Continental Breakfast

Program: 0815-1000 Presentations of Key JLC Legislative Initiatives
with Question/Answer Session

Sponsors: The Richmond and Southside Virginia Chapters of MOAA

For questions and to RSVP, please contact MAJ Mariah Branch-White at mwhite712@comcast.net or at (804) 350-0189. The host chapters' elected state Delegates and Senators have also been invited to join MOAA members for an advance briefing and discussion of the Joint Leadership Council initiatives for the 2019 General Assembly.

We invite all members of RAC-MOAA to attend this most informative event so that you can meet and greet our state legislators and learn about the legislative initiatives which will be presented to the General Assembly for its 2019 session. To aid in planning, the favor of a reply is requested by close of business on Tuesday, 29 November 2018.



RAC-MOAA Donates To Richmond USO

Pictured at left, at our 26 September dinner meeting, Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Honorable Kirk Cox, assists chapter members (l. to r.) LTC Owen Waltman, CAPT Hardy Josephson, LTC Ken Ruppard and LTC Craig Pinsker, in presenting a \$500 check to Trisha Spriggs, Director of the Richmond USO facility at Richmond International Airport.

The Richmond USO provides a comfortable multi-faceted welcome facility for active-duty, retired, veterans and their families.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 1 January 2018:	\$ 25,198.00
Receipts:	<u>12,533.00</u>
Cash balance:	\$ 37,731.00
Expenditures:	<u>- 13,747.00</u>
Balance on Hand 30 September 2018:	\$ 23,984.00
Less reserves and payables:	<u>-14,573.00</u>
Unencumbered balance:	\$ 9,411.00

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Send articles or comments to:

Richmond Area Chapter - MOAA
ATTN: Newsletter Editor
P. O. Box 72604, Richmond, VA 23235-8017
(Editor: CDR John Baumgarten)

Upcoming Events



14 November 2018 - Cyber-security Briefing

LTC John M. Monihan, Executive Officer, 91st Cyber Brigade of the Virginia Army National Guard, will be our speaker for the November 14th Dinner Meeting. The Virginia National Guard is a key player in state and national efforts in cyber-security. You don't want to miss this important and informative session.

3 February 2019 - Sunday Brunch

For our first membership meeting in 2019, we plan to try something new and different to possibly make it more convenient for a greater number of members to attend. On Sunday, February 3rd, a brunch meal is scheduled to begin at 12:30 PM at the Meadowbrook Country Club to be immediately followed by our annual Memorial Service.

More details about this event and reservation information will be published in our January 2019 newsletter along with a list of those deceased chapter members whom we plan to honor and remember at our post-brunch ceremony.

Holiday Gala - 7 December 2018



Mark your calendars now for a grand 60th Anniversary Holiday Gala on Friday, 7 December 2018 at the Meadowbrook Country Club at 6:00 PM. 2018 is a very special year for RAC-MOAA as we commemorate our chapter's 60th anniversary.

The Guest of Honor for this event will be LtGen Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), national President and CEO of the Military Officers Association of America, who will offer some remarks and present four of our deserving members with the very special "Lifetime Distinguished Service Award."



Award recipients include: MAJ Ryland Bailey, CDR John Baumgarten, COL Don Kaiserman and LTC Joe Tarantino. Pencye Bailey will accept a posthumous award on behalf of Ryland.

This year we will again have a holiday buffet featuring: Salad Bar; Hand-carved Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Williamsburg (stuffed with crabmeat and Virginia ham), Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Seasoned Broccoli, Cakes and Pies for dessert, Hot Rolls, and Coffee or Tea - all for \$50 per person. Dress for the event again this year will be informal to accommodate the "buffet" setting. Dress will be coat & tie for men - ladies as appropriate. We will have holiday music, and will also have great food, good service, camaraderie with your fellow members and lots of holiday cheer. A "cash" bar will also be available. All guests are welcome to attend.

Holiday Gala Reservation Form

Please make reservations for _____ persons for the Holiday Gala on **Friday, 7 December 2018** at **6:00 PM**, at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Enclosed is my check payable to "RAC-MOAA" for \$_____ (\$50.00 per person). The deadline for reservations and cancellations is Sunday, 2 December 2018.

Rank and Name: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Check here if you need a ride to the meeting _____

Check here if this is the 1st meeting you have attended _____

If you have more than three guests, please list their names on a separate sheet of paper and send along with this form

Chapter News



LtGen Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret) President and CEO of MOAA

LtGen. Atkins is a native of Portland, Ore. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Portland and holds two master's degrees, one in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and another in national security strategy from the National War College.

A command pilot with more than 4,000 hours in fighter aircraft, Atkins has served in a number of key command and staff positions, including commander, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.; commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa, Japan; vice commander, 7th Air Force and U.S. Air Force Korea; director of operations, U.S. Pacific Command; and special assistant to the supreme allied commander Europe during the air war over Serbia. During his career, he flew as a demonstration pilot for both the European A-10 Demonstration Team and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

At the time of his retirement from the Air Force, Atkins served as commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Pacific Command; commander, 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and commander, Alaskan North American Defense Region, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

He and his wife, Laura, were the 2004 recipients of the General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award, which recognizes the wing commander and spouse whose contributions to the nation, the Air Force, and the local community best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple.

Before becoming the ninth president of MOAA, Atkins served as president of Chronicle Media, a print and digital media company based in Augusta, Ga., that serves the southeastern U.S.

Please Share Your Talents Volunteer for one of the following areas:

Legislative Affairs _____

Newsletter, Website, Communications _____

Community Affairs (including MCAP) _____

Youth Programs (JROTC & Awards) _____

Other (specify) _____

Your Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

The chapter needs support from more members to help with the operation of areas critical to the programs administered by the chapter. If you can volunteer, return this form in the envelope provided.

Welcome New Member

Mrs Yvonne Weston
Auxiliary Member

In Memoriam

Mrs Patricia Ashlaw
Auxiliary Member
September 2018

*sincere condolences to the family and friends
of this esteemed patriot of our chapter*

Chapter Membership Report

	Regular	Auxiliary	Honorary	Total
January 2018:	449	82	8	539
Gains:	8	3	1	12
Losses:	18	7	0	25
October 2018:	439	78	9	526

Chapter Contacts - 2018 thru 2019

Elected Officers & Directors

President	CAPT Mary Lou Wassel	804-551-1878
1st Vice-President	Vacant	
2nd Vice-president	LTC Craig Pinsker	804-301-1222
Past President	CAPT Hardy Josephson	804-641-9578
Secretary	LTC Terry Moore	804-739-8112
Treasurer	LTC Owen Waltman	804-796-1113
Director-at-Large	COL Don Kaiserman	804-338-3423
Director-at-Large	COL Mark Rich	804-706-6650
Director-at-Large	MAJ Mariah White	804-350-0189
Director-at-Large	MAJ Paul Willard	540-793-0153

Appointed Directors

Member Services	CDR John Baumgarten	804-379-7586
Legislative Affairs	MAJ Mariah White	804-350-0189
Youth Programs	MAJ Paul Willard	540-793-0153
Personal Affairs	COL Jim Rose	804-276-6775
Transition Services	Vacant	
Publicity	COL Jim Rose	804-276-6775
Auxiliary Affairs	Mrs Rosemary Salcedo	804-938-9945
Hospitality	LTC Joe Tarantino	804-276-5393
Trips & Tours	LTC Owen Waltman	804-796-1113
Chaplain	LTC Ken Ruppard	804-639-0179

A Tribute to Veterans

*I stand at the gates of Arlington;
The crosses row on row...
Some have been laid here recently,
Some so long ago.*

*The soldiers - husbands, sons and friends
Who fought for you and me;
Who gave all that they had to give
To keep our Country free.*

*Yes, war is hell - no glory
In the battle, in the strife;
But in knowing each loved freedom so
He bought it with his life.*

*When you think of them this Veterans Day
Will your heart fill up with pride?
Will you raise your hand in one salute
To the men who fought and died?*

*And don't forget the ones who live.
They are not hard to find,
Who wear the scars of battle
On their bodies, on their minds.*

*Boys who went to fight a war;
Men when they returned
Trying to forget the terrible things
They saw and learned.*

*Will you shake their hands and thank them
For their living sacrifice?
Their lives are changed forever...
Would you have paid that price?*

*The World Wars I and II,
Then Korea, Vietnam.
Do you ever stop to think of them,
Or don't you give a damn?*

*Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf,
Now fighting in Iraq;
White candles lit by Freedom's torch
For those who don't come back.*

*For Duty, God and Country
They lay it out each day
And never keep a tally
Of the price they had to pay.*

*They also serve who fight the war
Of Hurricane and Flood.
Shining rays of hope to thousands
Through the thick New Orleans mud.*

*Whenever Duty calls them
They'll be ever on the scene
The Army, Navy, Coast Guard,
Air Force and Marines.*

*When you see a man in uniform,
Remember that he stands
For all the freedoms we enjoy -
The blessings of this land.*

*Respect him as he so deserves -
His fallen brothers too.
Remember that they fought and lived
And died for me and you.*

*By
Jorja Ruggles
Green Bay, Wisconsin
(Reprinted with Permission)*

Armistice - 11 - 11 - 2018

*Commemorating 100 Years Since the End of World War I
and Honoring the Commonwealth's Veterans*

Virginia World War I Memorial
Carillon Tower, Richmond
& Dogwood Dell Amphitheater

Featuring a bell-tolling, the Annual
Commonwealth's Veterans Day Ceremony
and an afternoon of
WW I exhibits from museums and
historic sites • Free and open to the public

Keynote speaker: The Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia

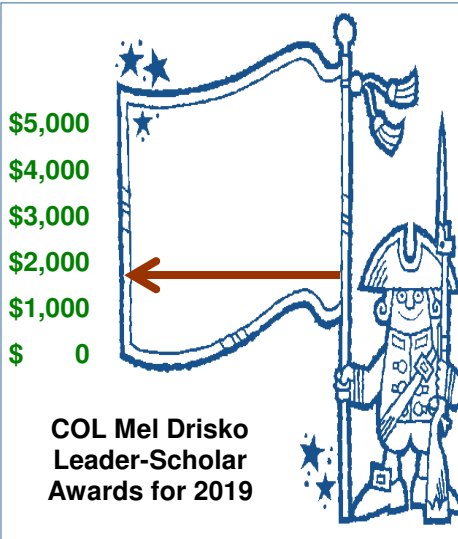


If you cannot attend the ceremony, you are invited to participate in the "Bells of Peace" national observance by ringing a bell at 11:00 AM on 11 November at your residence

Forms & Reservations

To reply, use the envelope enclosed. If the envelope is missing, or you read our newsletter via e-mail or on our website, send correspondence to:

**Richmond Area Chapter
MOAA
P. O. Box 72604
Richmond, VA 23235-8017**



Chapter Database or E-mail Address Corrections

Please make the following changes to the RAC-MOAA Membership Database and/or my e-mail address:

Request you add ZipCode Plus 4, if this is not already on your address label, or of this is a change of address. The Plus 4 gives you much faster mail delivery service. Thank you. Keeping us informed of address changes saves money.

Help Recognize America's Future Officers

Why not take this opportunity to help RAC-MOAA reach its Year 2019 program goal of \$5,000 for the chapter's *COL Mel Drisko Memorial Leader-Scholar Fund*. As shown by the flag on the left, some chapter members have already helped us make progress toward our goal. Join this philanthropic group today by making your personal contribution to the Leader-Scholar Fund.

COL Mel Drisko Leader-Scholar Awards Contribution

I wish to contribute \$ _____ to support the *COL Mel Drisko Memorial Leader-Scholar Awards Fund*. This fund provides monetary awards for senior-year JROTC cadets who have demonstrated the leadership and scholastic ability to pursue collegiate careers as military officers. *All contributions are tax-deductible.*

Printed Name and Rank: _____

Military Community Assistance Program (MCAP) Contribution

I wish to contribute \$ _____ to support the Military Community Assistance Program (MCAP). This fund provides money to support one or more of the following initiatives: support for wounded warriors and their families; memorials for troops killed-in-action; and other means of necessary and worthwhile support for the military and veterans communities of Virginia. *All contributions are tax-deductible.*

Printed Name and Rank: _____

November 2018 Dinner Meeting Reservation

Please make reservations for _____ persons for the dinner meeting on **Wednesday, 14 November 2018** at the Meadowbrook Country Club. My check for \$ _____ (**\$27.00 per person**) payable to "**RAC-MOAA**" is enclosed.

Buffet Menu

Rank and name: _____

Guest(s): _____

**Salad Bar
Three-entrée Buffet
Seasonal Starch
Vegetable du Jour
Rolls & Butter
Gourmet Dessert Bar
Coffee or Tea**

Are you attending a Chapter meeting for the first time? ____ Yes ____ No

Check here if you need a ride to the meeting

**Deadline for reservations or cancellations
Friday, 9 Nov 2018**