



# The Falcon Flyer

April-June 2026



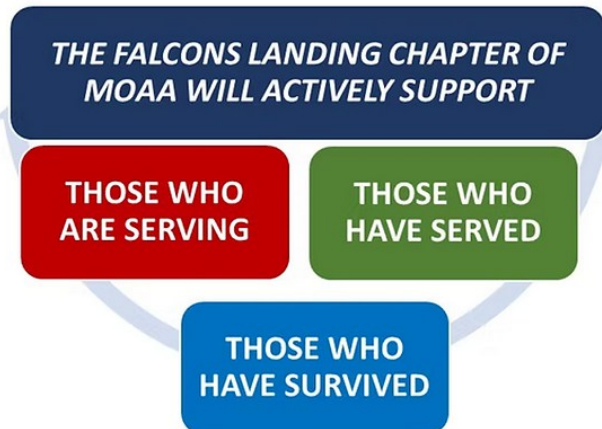
*Supporting those who are serving, those who have served, those who have survived*

## SUPPORT OF NATIONAL MOAA

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of uniformed service officers and their surviving spouses. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. MOAA's mission is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. Support MOAA's advocacy efforts (Legislative Action Center) by going to [www.moaa.org/takeaction](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction) .

The Falcons Landing Chapter is one of more than 400-plus local organizations affiliated with National MOAA and is a nonpartisan, nonprofit veterans' association. Our chapter provides programs to support those who are serving; those who have served; and those who have survived, while placing special focus on community support.

We support the national organization through support of legislative priorities and “Advocacy in Action” and are active in our community supporting three JROTC programs, helping recovering and needy veterans, supporting surviving spouses in our continuing care facilities, and sponsoring a program of distinguished guest speakers for monthly presentations on current and past world and government affairs..





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**THE GATHERING IS OPEN TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS AND FALCONS LANDING RESIDENTS. THE GATHERING IS NORMALLY CONDUCTED ONCE A MONTH IN THE FALCONS LANDING BALLROOM.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETS FOUR TIMES A YEAR AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETS TWICE A YEAR. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

**CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT, 1ST VP; 2ND VP, SECRETARY, TREASURER) MEETS AS REQUIRED.**

**COMMITTEES MEET AT DISCRETION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS.**

## 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>January 16</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 1400</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 1000</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day Program, 1030</b>
<b>July 24</b>	<b>General Membership Mtg, 1500</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 1000</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 1000</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day Program, 1030</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Chapter Annual Meeting, 1500</b>
<b>January 21, 2027</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 1000</b>

**BR=Ballroom WC=Wellness Center**



## CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2026

The last quarterly Falcon Flyer provided me with my first opportunity to reach out to the MOAA Chapter's general membership. At that time, I discussed the need to have *more effective communication* with our members. I am now addressing this issue by restructuring our semi-annual general meeting to ensure that it is more tailored to your needs, make our presentations more informative and helpful, and to identify how you can help. The various changes are designed to inform you about a few of our key programs and how they benefit both Falcons Landing residents and the Loudoun community. Two programs that support Loudoun County residents will have outside speakers- speakers who benefit from the support that our chapter provides. These two programs are the Junior ROTC program and the program that supports Loudoun County veterans in need. In total, the meeting will focus on only four of our 9 programs. (At the November Chapter meeting we will address other chapter programs.) What are some of these changes?

During the past few months, I had the opportunity to attend two Junior ROTC awards programs. I was honored to be able to present leadership awards to several of the outstanding cadets. My biggest take away, however, was the spirit and enthusiasm of these two cadet-corps and a desire to do more to help them. One of our outside speakers will be an instructor from the Junior ROTC program located in Loudoun County.

One of my greatest learning experiences since assuming my present position was learning about the needs of some of the many veterans who reside in Loudoun County and how our Chapter reaches out to them in those times of need. I will not bore you with statistics but rather describe a case in which we aided one of them. A female veteran with two children was undergoing a divorce and simultaneously lost her job as a graphic designer. She experienced financial hardships while searching for a new job. Working with the Loudoun County Veterans Service Coordinator we were able to provide her with funds for a Walmart run for food, clothing and baby food. Our second guest speaker will be the Loudoun County Veterans Service Coordinator who is also a member of our MOAA Chapter.

Wishing all of you a **Happy 4th of July!** May this day be a symbol of peace, prosperity, and happiness in your life, and may the spirit of America fill your heart with unity and hope.



Ken Evans, President

**SAVE THE DATE**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**JULY 24, 2026, 3:00PM**

**FALCONS LANDING BALLROOM**



## 2026 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	KEN EVANS
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/LEGATIVE AFFAIRS	JIM FONTANA
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/PROGRAMS	DAVE NORDEAN
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TREASURER	GEORGE DEFILIPPI
IMMEDIATE PAST PRES	PHIL WALSH
WEBMASTER	MARK CAREY

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LVFS REP	HOWARD SCHUE
LCCVEB REP	PETER SCOTT
GATHERINGS	BEN ROMERO
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	BILL SUTER

### NEWSLETTER

The chapter newsletter (*The Falcon Flyer*) is published quarterly and distributed electronically via email and may also be viewed on the chapter website. Members may receive a paper copy by contacting the Director of Membership

### WEBSITE



## Falcons Landing Chapter Military Officers Association of America

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Falcons Landing Chapter members and veterans interested in joining the Chapter are encouraged to browse through the award-winning website. The website is updated monthly with current information. *To access the website, simply type the following URL into your web browser, [falconsmoaa.org](http://falconsmoaa.org). If you want to access the *Membership Only* section, a password is required which you may obtain from our Director of Membership, CDR (Ret) Buddy Everage, (703) 822-1201, [beverage49@gmail.com](mailto:beverage49@gmail.com)*

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A BANNER YEAR: THREE 5-STAR AWARDS

FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER OF MOAA  
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



We invite you to join us as we continue to live out the MOAA motto: "Never Stop Serving"

NEXT CHAPTER  
MEETING  
JULY 24, 3PM  
BALLROOM



We are proud to announce that Falcons MOAA has received three of the most prestigious honors from MOAA National for 2025. These 5-Star Awards recognize the very best affiliates across the country:

- 5-Star Level of Excellence Award (14th year in a row): The highest honor for councils and chapters that excel across the association’s entire mission of protecting the rights of servicemembers and their families through advocacy and the “Never Stop Serving” spirit.
- 5-Star Harris Communication Award (Newsletter): Recognizing excellence in member and community outreach is designed and edited by Bob Manning.
- 5-Star Harris Communication Award (Website): Recognizing digital engagement and communication. Our award-winning digital home (falconsmoaa.org) was designed and is managed by Mark Carey.



## HELP SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS



### PROGRAMS



FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER OF MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)

SPEAKERS  
DIRECTORY



AdoptaPlatoon®  
Supporting Our Deployed Sons & Daughters

AUXILIARY  
PERSONAL AFFAIRS



LOUDOUN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY VETERANS  
ENGAGEMENT BOARD

### LOUDOUN VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT



JUNIOR  
ROTC



Our activities, especially the veterans’ assistance and scholarship programs, require funds well beyond our annual dues. Last year, we solicited donations, and your response was generous. Again, we are asking for your support, promising to apply your donation as you designate. Please annotate your check on the memo line: “veterans assistance,” “scholarships,” “AdoptaPlatoon,” or “general” (meaning expenses consistent with our mission). *Checks should be made out to the “Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA”* and placed in the mail slot of our Treasurer, Col (ret) George DeFilippi, 3105. Those outside Falcons Landing may mail to George at 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #P2, Potomac Falls, Virginia 20165. Your contributions may be tax deductible on your federal return. We will send all donors a thank-you letter to that effect.

A continuing practice of our Chapter is the award of scholarships and MOAA JROTC Leadership Awards to deserving junior ROTC seniors at Chantilly Academy (Air Force), Loudoun County HS (Navy) and South Lakes HS (Army).



## 2026 FACT SHEET

[The Military Officers Association of America \(MOAA\)](#) is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

[The Falcons Landing Chapter \(FLC\)](#) is one of more than 400-plus local organizations affiliated with National MOAA and is a member of the Virginia Council of Chapters. The Chapter is located at Falcons Landing, a Life Plan Community which is operated by the Air Force Retired Officers Community (AFROC). It is the only MOAA Chapter in Loudoun County. The Chapter is also a member of the [Virginia Council of Chapters, MOAA](#).

The mission of the Chapter is to provide programs to support: *those who are serving; those who have served; and those who have survived*, while placing special focus on community support.

Chapter membership is open to those who hold, or have ever held, a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their surviving spouses. As of June 30, 2026, there were 116 Premium Members and 64 Auxiliary Chapter Members for a total of 180 Chapter Members.

The most significant, ongoing program for the Chapter is the multifaceted local support to veterans and their families. The Chapter established the [Loudoun Veterans and Family Support \(LVFS\)](#) program in partnership with Community Lutheran Church of Sterling, providing financial and general support to Loudoun County Veterans needing assistance.

The Chapter strongly supports the [Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board \(LCCVEB\)](#), whose purpose is promoting a healthy and enriched lifestyle for Loudoun County veterans and their family members through community outreach and advocacy on Loudoun County veterans' issues.

The Chapter sponsors the [Gathering](#), a program of distinguished guest speakers for monthly presentations on current and past world and government affairs.

The Chapter has established a [Speakers' Bureau](#). This initiative is in keeping with the chapter's goal of continuing to inform the American public about their military establishment. This program has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

Four times a year the Chapter supports the [AdoptaPlatoon Soldier Support Effort](#)<sup>®</sup> dedicated to quality of life and raising morale for those serving overseas in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corp, serving deployed United States Service Men and Women by providing ongoing care packages to improve Coast Guard and Special Forces.

The Chapter supports three [Junior ROTC](#) units in our area of responsibility: the Air Force JROTC unit at Chantilly High School in Fairfax, the Navy JROTC unit at Loudoun County High School in Leesburg, and the Army JROTC unit at South Lakes High School in Reston. The Chapter President and Director of JROTC Programs present scholarships to selected cadets at each school. In addition, the Lieutenant General John Pustay Scholarship is awarded to a selected cadet at Chantilly High School.

[Memorial and Veterans Day Programs](#) are presented each year at Falcons Landing.



## MOAA MEMBERSHIP

BUDDY EVERAGE



### REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Per the chapter’s bylaws -- the membership of the chapter shall be composed of men and women who are serving or have served on active duty or in one of the reserve components as a commissioned or warrant officer in one of the seven US Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service) or in one of the National Guard or Reserve Components thereof. Membership as of June 30, 2026.

REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBERS (ON/OFF CAMPUS) – 116

CHAPTER AUXILIARY MEMBERS -- 64

Surviving Spouses – 51

Spouses of current chapter members – 13

Others - 0

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS AND AUXILIARY—180

We invite and encourage you to join the Falcons Landing Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the preeminent organization protecting the rights and benefits of service members past, current, and future. The local chapters perform similar services at the community and county level, and they educate and inform members on important issues facing veterans and their families. We are proud that our Chapter has been awarded MOAA’s highest-level 5-Star Chapter rating – and we ask you to join us in perpetuating that honor. As a member you will receive our newsletter electronically via email. If you don’t have email access, we will send a print copy to your mailing address.

When you join our Chapter, the only one in Loudoun County, you’ll add your voice to those of the members of the [Virginia Council of Chapters \(VCOA\)](#), a statewide network of Virginia chapters.

If you have interest in or questions about joining MOAA’s select group of professionals at the national and/or chapter levels, please contact CDR (Ret) Buddy Everage, (703) 822-1201, [bev-erage49@gmail.com](mailto:bev-erage49@gmail.com), or fill out the Contact Form in the Contact Tab of the Falcons Landing Chapter website at [falconsmoaa.org](http://falconsmoaa.org). You can also find the membership application for MOAA National/Chapter at [www.falconsmoaa.org/membership](http://www.falconsmoaa.org/membership).



## FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER AUXILIARY CAROL BELL

THE CHAPTER AUXILIARY IS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST THE CHAPTER IN EXECUTING ITS PURPOSE. AS STATED IN THE CHAPTER BYLAWS, THE PURPOSE OF THE MOAA CHAPTER IS TO PROMOTE THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF MOAA AND, SPECIFICALLY, TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT:

- THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
- THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
- THOSE WHO HAVE SURVIVED

FURTHER, WHILE THE AUXILIARY IS A SEPARATE, SELF-GOVERNED ORGANIZATION THAT SHARES THE SAME PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHAPTER, IT IS ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE CHAPTER'S PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES.

***The MOAA Chapter Auxiliary is the Go-To  
Volunteer Organization at Falcons Landing***

THREE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE SPECIFIED IN THE BYLAWS:

- SURVIVING SPOUSES OF REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBERS – AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP ON THE PASSING OF A REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBER
- SPOUSES OF REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBERS – UPON REQUEST/APPLICATION FROM A SPOUSE OF A LIVING REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBER
- OTHER INTERESTED RESIDENTS OF FALCONS LANDING – UPON REQUEST/APPLICATION FROM A NON-MOAA AFFILIATED RESIDENT OF FALCONS LANDING WHO IS INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH THE AUXILIARY'S PROGRAM OF VOLUNTEER WORK.

### MORE ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

- AUXILIARY MEMBERS PAY NO CHAPTER DUES
- VOLUNTEER OUTREACH AVAILABLE IN INDEPENDENT LIVING, THE JOHNSON CENTER, WEST FALLS CENTER, AND HILLSIDE HOUSE TO INCLUDE: VISITATION, COFFEE/MEAL VISITS, EXERCISE, BINGO, MAIL DELIVERY, NEWSPAPER DELIVERY, ASSISTANCE IN 2L INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS, HAPPY HOURS, MUSIC, WEEKEND COVERAGE OF RECEPTION DESK IN TJC WHEN REQUESTED.
- TYPICAL ON-SITE VOLUNTEER EFFORT – APPROXIMATELY 150-200 HOURS/MONTH.



## ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2026



MOAA members from across the country arrived on Capitol Hill **April 15** to advocate for key legislative priorities affecting servicemembers, veterans, and their families. If you were not able to attend in person, Falcons Landing Chapter members can still make an impact by engaging/contacting with your lawmakers as listed on the **Elected Officials** section (page 11) of this newsletter.

The four Legislative Issues for 2026 are as follows:

- **End the “Wounded Veteran Tax”** by passing the **Major Richard Star Act**, restoring full retirement pay to combat-injured veterans.
- **Protect Servicemember Pay During Shutdowns** through the **Shutdown Fairness Act**, ensuring uninterrupted pay during funding lapses.
- **Stop Predatory “Claim Sharks”** by supporting the **GUARD VA Benefits Act**, which protects veterans from unregulated claims agents.
- **Improve Access to Military Health Care** with the **Military CARE Act**, creating a standardized system to report and resolve access-to-care issues.

### FEDERAL



WASHINGTON

### STATE



RICHMOND

### LOCAL



LEESBURG

***ELECTED OFFICERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION ARE FOUND ON PAGE 11***



## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

#### Senator Mark Warner

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231 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
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#### Congressman Suhas Subramanyam

Virginia's 10th Congressional District  
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Washington, DC 20515  
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Loudoun County is represented by several State Senators and Virginia House of Delegates.

#### District 31: Senator Russet Perry

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Website: [senate.virginia.gov](http://senate.virginia.gov)

#### District 32: Senator Kannan Srinivasan

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**APRIL-JUNE 2026**



**ETHEL OLIVER**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 1942 – APRIL 1, 2026**  
**SURVIVING SPOUSE OF CHARLIE OLIVER**  
**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**BETTY WILLIAMS**  
**AUGUST 31, 1932 – APRIL 2, 2026**  
**SPOUSE OF LARRY WILLIAMS**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**SHEILA CHENARD**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 1938 – APRIL 3, 2026**  
**SURVIVING SPOUSE OF JOHN CHENARD**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**

**DONALD COOPER**  
**OCTOBER 23, 1935 – APRIL 10, 2026**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**

**BARBARA KLEMENTZ**  
**JUNE 18, 1939 - APRIL 18, 2026**  
**SURVIVING SPOUSE OF BOB KLEMENTZ**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**

**CHRISTINE WOELFLE**  
**JUNE 16, 1941 – APRIL 30, 2026**  
**SURVING SPOUSE OF FRANK WOELFLE**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY**

**ELIZABETH MCCREADY**  
**JANUARY 14, 1932—JUNE 5, 2026**  
**SURVIVING SPOUSE OF ERNST MCCREADY**  
**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**





## MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Over 220 Falcons Landing residents, staff, and guests joined together in song, prayer, reflection, and fellowship to celebrate Memorial Day in the Ballroom on Monday, May 25, 2026. Highlights of the program included:

- The Army JROTC unit from South Lakes High School presented the colors which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem by Tracey Woods, and the Invocation by Dr Pickett.
- Ken Evans, President of the Chapter, provided a Reflection on Memorial Day and read the Proclamation by the President of the US.
- Clair Wylie read the poem “The Graveyard of the Brave” followed by “Another Soldier’s Gone” read by Howard Schue.
- Denny Morin, Howard Schue, and Bob Manning paid tribute to fallen friends and family members.
- A moving tribute was conducted for MOAA Chapter members and member spouses who passed away since last Memorial Day. As each name was read, a chime was sounded by Bob Lansell and a rose was placed in a vase by Carol Bell and Jackie Mullen.
- The program concluded with “It is Well with My Soul” and “Mansions of the Lord”, Taps, and the Benediction by Dave Nordean.

### IN MEMORIAM MEMORIAL DAY 2026



1932-2025  
*Ed Heinz*



1946-2025  
*Maija Kuspa*



1931-2025  
*Anne Lackman*



1931-2025  
*Barb Bridenbaugh*



1931-2025  
*David Hopkins*



1927-2025  
*Jane Kalish*



1936-2025  
*Joan Keenan*



1935-2025  
*Gretchen Greene*



1930-2025  
*George Russell*



1937-2025  
*Ward O'Brien*



1939-2025  
*Patrick Fitzpatrick*



1930-2025  
*Ann Kennedy*



1932-2025  
*Susan Welsh*



1926-2026  
*Lyle Bowman*



1932-2026  
*Lazell Humigan*



1946-2026  
*Tom Andrews*



1929-2026  
*Earl Humigan*



1932-2026  
*Mary Barthello*



1928-2026  
*Anita Sexauer*



1933-2026  
*John Shaud*



1938-2026  
*Harold K. Wilson*



1937-2026  
*George Cates*



1942-2026  
*Ethel Oliver*



1932-2026  
*Betty Williams*



1938-2026  
*Sheila Chenard*



1935-2026  
*Donald Cooper*



1941-2026  
*Christine Woelfle*



## JROTC SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS DENNY MORIN

The Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter continued its strong commitment to supporting local Junior ROTC programs throughout 2026, dedicating \$6,000 in scholarships and \$900 in Program Support as part of this year's approved budget. During the spring recognition season, Chapter representatives visited three area high schools to present scholarships and the MOAA Leadership Medal, an honor awarded to a cadet selected by each school's JROTC staff. The Wild family also contributed to this year's efforts by presenting a separate \$1,000 scholarship to a South Lakes High School Army cadet.

The first ceremony of the season took place on April 11 at Chantilly Academy, where the Air Force JROTC unit hosted its annual awards event. Ken Evans, Denny Morin, and Maria Owens represented the Chapter. Ken presented a \$2,000 scholarship to Cadet Colonel Kaden Borello and Maria presented the MOAA Leadership Medal to Cadet Captain Alexa Abend.

On April 22, the Chapter visited South Lakes High School for the Army JROTC awards ceremony. Ken Evans, Denny Morin, and Allen and Audrey Wild attended on behalf of the Chapter. Allen and Audrey personally presented their \$1,000 Wild Family scholarship to Cadet Captain Ulric Wolfgang von Schnetlage. Ken awarded four additional \$500 Chapter scholarships to: Cadet Captain Ramzey Abastos, Cadet Captain Destenie Callejas, Cadet Captain Nyla Heard and Cadet C/MSG Siler Kapoulas as well as presenting the MOAA Leadership Medal to Cadet Jacob Meyer.

The final ceremony of the season was held on May 21 at Loudoun County High School for the Navy JROTC program. Jim Fontana and Denny Morin attended. Jim presented \$1,000 scholarships to Cadet SCPO Kellan Boehret and Cadet SCPO Connor Quinn as well as presenting the MOAA Leadership Medal to Cadet CPO Micah Wollam. In addition to the scholarships and medals, each school received \$300 in Program Support funds to assist with cadet activities and training needs.

Beyond scholarship presentations, the Chapter also continued its tradition of supporting community events through JROTC Color Guard participation. This year, the Navy unit supported the AFROC Annual Meeting in May, the Army unit provided the Color Guard for Memorial Day, and the Air Force unit is scheduled to support Veterans Day. Participation in the 250th Flags Retirement Ceremony will be determined later in the year.

The Chapter remains proud of its long-standing partnership with these exceptional JROTC programs. The cadets' dedication, leadership, and service-minded spirit reflect the values MOAA seeks to encourage, and the Chapter looks forward to continuing this meaningful support in the years ahead.



*Cadet Borello is presented the Chapter JROTC Scholarship by Ken Evans*



*Cadet Abend is presented the MOAA Leadership Medal by Maria Owens*



## THE LINTON HALL SCHOOL FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

~ by Bob Manning; photos by Alex Hild



All Falcons Landing residents and staff were invited to join the award winning Linton Hall School Fife and Drum Corps for an uplifting performance celebrating our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Falcons Landing. The performance was held on Saturday, April 25, at 1pm in the Ballroom.

The Falcons Landing Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) was proud to present *The MOAA Certificate of Achievement* to the Linton Hall School Fife and Drum Corps for twenty-five years of exceptional dedication to preserving America’s patriotic musical heritage, inspiring young musicians, and representing Linton Hall School with honor and pride. Under the steadfast direction and visionary leadership of Georgia Graves, the Corps has upheld the highest standards of discipline and community service. This milestone reflects a legacy of excellence that has enriched countless students and provided joy to thousands of people in the Greater Metropolitan Area of Washington.



Ken Evans, President of the Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA and Bob Manning, former Principal of Linton Hall School and co-founder of the Fife and Drum Corps, presented Georgia Graves, Director of the Corps with the MOAA Certificate of Achievement.



*Linton Hall School is a private Catholic coeducational day school in Bristow, Virginia, serving students from preschool through eighth grade on a historic campus. As a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, it provides education grounded in the Benedictine tradition, emphasizing the development of the whole child—mind, body, and spirit—through rigorous academics, spiritual formation, and character-building activities to prepare students for secondary education and responsible citizenship.*



## SIGNAL CORPS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

~ by Amy Manning and Allen Wild; photos by Bob Manning

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Army Signal Corps residents gathered in the Private Dining Room to celebrate the 166<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Signal Corps. Eye-popping Signal orange decorations created by Gerry Chittick set the mood for the celebration and each resident enjoyed Orange Mimosas, as Orange is the Signal Corps branch color.

After Allen Wild welcomed everyone and toasted the Signal Corps, Bob Manning gave an invocation, and all then headed to the Main Dining Room where a delicious Sunday Brunch was being served.

Conversations were lively and it wasn't long before stories of time in the Signal Corps were being shared with everyone. The newest Signal Corps residents – Carl and Deb Prantl – were welcomed and Deb shared her stained-glass creation of crossed Signal Flags with the group.

A big “Thank You” goes out to the Mannings and the Wilds for planning the event and to the dining staff for all their efforts in making this a successful gathering.



Deb and Carl Prantl  
with Deb's stained-glass creation



Picture provided by Joe Miller



The U.S. Army Signal Corps began in 1860 with Albert J. Myer's wigwag flag signaling system, but it quickly grew into the Army's engine of technological innovation—introducing the military telegraph during the Civil War, fielding the first U.S. military weather service, and pioneering battlefield photography and aeronautics with observation balloons. By World War I it had embraced radio, combat wire systems, and the first military aviation units; by World

War II it was driving radar, early electronic warfare, and global communications networks. The Cold War and Vietnam eras brought satellites, tropospheric scatter systems, secure voice, and computerized message switching, while the digital age pushed the Corps into fiber optics, information systems, cyber operations, unmanned systems, and today's integrated tactical networks.



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