



FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER



THE FALCON FLYER

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SUPPORT OF MOAA NATIONAL

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 by going to 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 providing speakers to community service organizations.

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2025

To all our Chapter and Auxiliary members, Happy Summer! In Northern Virginia, we often experience the “dog days of summer” – usually in August but hardly ever in June. This year, however, those not so pleasant days came early. But we survived. So bring on the 4th of July and the nation’s 249th Birthday Celebration – the Big 250th Celebration is next year!

We welcome Col Diana Kupchella USAF (Ret), President of the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) and resident of Falcons Landing , as the newest member of our Chapter. Diana attended our June Quarterly Meeting and presented our Chapter with three 2024 awards from MOAA National -- the Chapter 5-Star Level of Excellence (LOE) award and the 5-Star Harris Communications awards for both our Newsletter and our Chapter Website. Our Chapter has a long legacy of receiving annual 5-Star awards from MOAA National – congratulations to our membership for this exemplary record of achievement. We also welcome Mark Carey as a new Chapter and Board member. Mark has extensive website design experience and will be working with Bob Manning, our Chapter’s Webmaster, on making our award Chapter winning website even better.

I’d like to call your attention to a recent letter from Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, the President/CEO



CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2025 (cont)

of MOAA to all MOAA members nationwide. In his letter, printed on pages 6-7 in this Newsletter, Gen Kelly asks for financial support from the membership for the MOAA Foundation and the MOAA Scholarship Fund – two very worthwhile efforts undertaken continuously by MOAA National. It's very easy for MOAA members not directly involved with MOAA National's work to forget their two major source of income other than dues. Please consider making a donation.

I would like to send out special kudos to Dave Nordean and Bob Manning and the other members who participated in our annual Memorial Day program in the Falcons Landing Ballroom on Memorial Day. This annual program has become a “must attend” event for all Falcons Landing residents – they really do thoroughly enjoy the program and we really enjoy putting it on every year.

So as we move into summer and we all seek to enjoy some down time from what always seems to be non-stop activities at Falcons Landing, I must again ask you to give serious consideration to stepping up and serving on our Chapter's Board of Directors. I feel repetitive in bringing this subject up, but our need for new and energetic leadership in our Chapter is real and becoming urgent. A number of Board members (including myself) who



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have been serving in a leadership position for some time are planning to step down this year. Please consider taking on any of our vacating Board positions – President, Treasurer, Speakers Bureau, JROTC program coordinator, and maybe others. Having energetic and competent leadership on the Board is critical to our Chapter's vitality and it's ability to effectively serve our community at Falcons Landing. Additionally it is professionally a most satisfying way to give something back – to our Service and our community.

Have a great summer, everyone!



Phil Walsh, President



5 Star LOE



Diana Kupchella, President, VCOC
Presents LOE and Harris Awards to
Phil Walsh, Chapter President



5 Star Harris Award
Newsletter and Website

LETTER FROM LT GEN BRIAN KELLY PRESIDENT AND CEO, MOAA

Dear Colonel Walsh,

As we come together with friends and family to celebrate our nation's birthday, we also want to take a moment to remember the key role played by our uniformed services community in our country's founding, and over the 249 years of maintaining our ideals and freedoms since 1776!

Having a strong national defense starts with, and is carried out by, strong people – our uniformed service members and families. It's our currently serving members, retirees, veterans, spouses, families, and survivors who have kept our country strong and preserved the liberties every American enjoys.

All of us at MOAA support this community through our advocacy work each day, and through our MOAA charities. The MOAA Foundation and MOAA Scholarship Fund provide a direct avenue for us to give back, help when needed, and show our appreciation for those who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for our country, regardless of rank or branch.

Since The MOAA Foundation introduced our Crisis Relief Program in 2022, we have provided nearly \$1 million to hundreds of families when they needed it most – many in the enlisted ranks, and most often in response to natural disasters.

For over 75 years, the MOAA Scholarship Fund has been a cornerstone of MOAA, adapting to meet the evolving needs of our community and providing over \$165 million in financial assistance to more than 26,000 students. As

LETTER FROM LT GEN BRIAN KELLY PRESIDENT AND CEO, MOAA (CONT)

we have heard from so many families, our scholarships and interest-free loans open doors for military kids and keep them on course for a bright future.

This Independence Day, let's honor our nation's uniformed servicemembers and families – and let's celebrate the spirit of generosity and patriotism that binds us as a community – by donating to The MOAA Foundation and/or MOAA Scholarship Fund.

Every contribution, regardless of size, will have a significant impact.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who have already donated. For those who haven't, here are three simple ways to support our charities:

Make a secure online donation.

Purchase a Limited Edition MOAA 2025 Charitee.

These shirts are available for a limited time, with 100% of proceeds supporting MOAA Charities.

Encourage your friends, family, and others who wish to support the uniformed services to donate.

I wish you a wonderful and safe holiday.

Thank you for supporting our mission to
Never Stop Serving.

With Gratitude,

Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly,
USAF (Ret)
President and CEO





MISSION STATEMENT

*THE FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER
OF MOAA WILL ACTIVELY
SUPPORT*

**THOSE WHO
ARE SERVING**

**THOSE WHO
HAVE SERVED**

**THOSE WHO
HAVE
SURVIVED**

IMPORTANT CHAPTER EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

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 ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1000 HOURS IN THE WELLNESS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM OR VIA ZOOM. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

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

COMMITTEES MEET AT DISCRETION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

2025 MEETING DATES

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| January 16 | Board Meeting, 1000 | July | No Board Meeting |
| February 20 | Board Meeting, 1000 | August 21 | Board Meeting, 1000 |
| March 20 | Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1500 | September 25 | Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1500 |
| April 17 | Board Meeting, 1000 | October 16 | Board Meeting, 1000 |
| May 15 | Board Meeting, 1000 | November 11 | Veterans Day Program, 1030 |
| May 26 | Memorial Day Program, 1030 | November 20 | Annual Meeting and Election, 1500 |
| June 19 | Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1500 | December | No Board Meeting |



FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
20540 FALCONS LANDING CIRCLE, #P1
POTOMAC FALLS, VIRGINIA 20165



FACT SHEET 2025

[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, 2025, there were 123 Premium Members and 68 Auxiliary Chapter Members for a total of 191 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. There are currently 16 topics and speakers available for presentation to the local community.

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

NEVER STOP SERVING

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, 2025. Four new members during 2nd Qtr 2025.

REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBERS (ON/OFF CAMPUS) – 123

CHAPTER AUXILIARY MEMBERS -- 68

Surviving Spouses – 56

Spouses of current chapter members – 12

Others -- 0

TOTAL MOAA COMMUNITY AT FALCONS LANDING -- 191!

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 (VCOC), a statewide network of Virginia chapters.

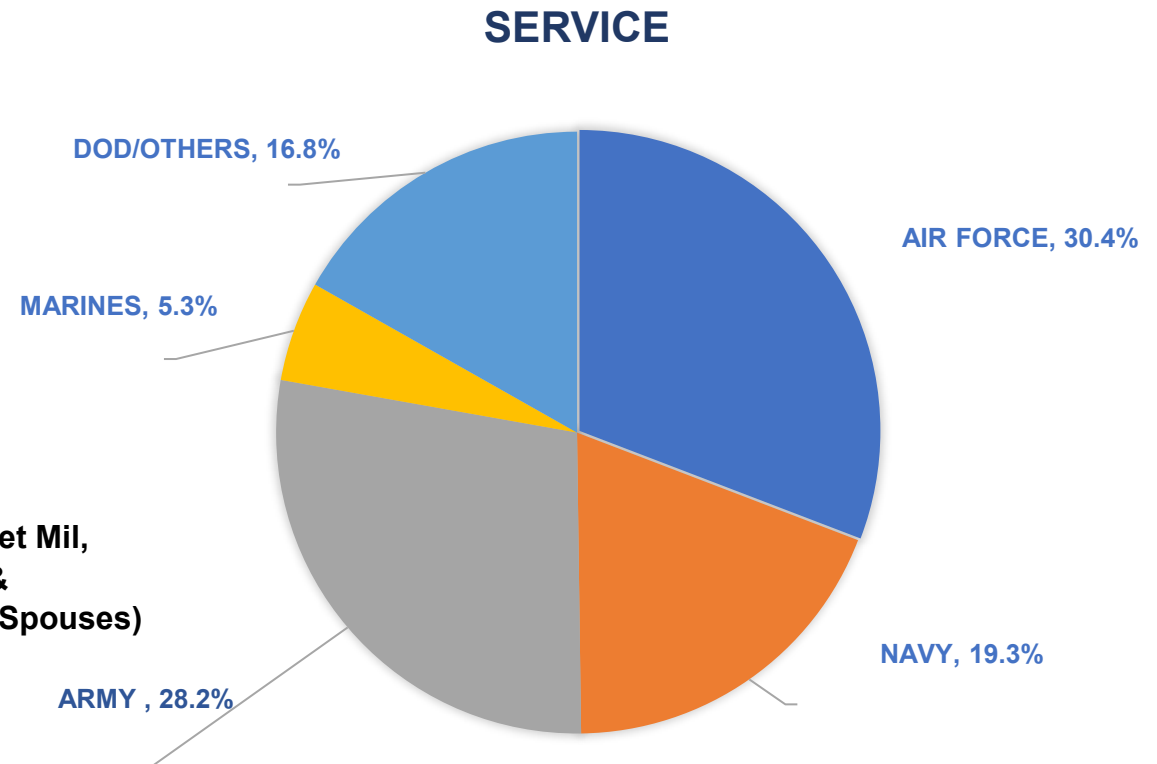
If you have interest in or questions about joining MOAA's select group of professionals at the national and/or chapter levels, please contact CDR (Ret) Buddy Everage, (703) 822-1201, beverage49@gmail.com, or fill out the Contact Form in the Contact Tab of the Falcons Landing Chapter website at falconsmoaa.org. You can also find the membership application for MOAA National/Chapter at www.falconsmoaa.org/membership 11

FALCONS LANDING RESIDENT POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY SERVICE AFFILIATION – INDEPENDENT LIVING ONLY

As of 5/31/2025

| SERVICE | NUMBER |
|--------------|------------|
| AIR FORCE | 114 |
| ARMY | 122 |
| NAVY | 76 |
| MARINE CORPS | 24 |
| DOD/OTHERS | 76 |
| TOTAL | 412 |

=**336** (Ret Mil,
Spouses &
Surviving Spouses)



APPROXIMATELY 46% OF THE TOTAL FL POPULATION ARE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER/AUXILIARY; THAT'S APPROXIMATELY 57% OF THE MILITARY POPULATION.

NEW MEMBERS

**MARK CAREY
UNITED STATES ARMY**

**DIANA KUPCHELLA
UNITED STATES AIRFORCE**

**HENRY “MACK” HOBGOOD
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**HARRY “ED” SOYSTER
UNITED STATES ARMY**

IN MEMORIUM



**EDWARD (ED) HEINZ
AUG 30, 1932 – JUNE 23, 2025
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**



**ANN OTJEN
JULY 20, 1944 – MAY 15, 2025
SPOUSE OF JOHN OTJEN
UNITED STATES ARMY**

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

1 JANUARY – 19 JUNE 2025

RICHARD SEARLES

| | <u>YTD ACTUAL</u> | <u>2025 BUDGET TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2024 DONATIONS | 14,034 | |
| 2024 DUES | 1,940 | |
| 2024 NET TRANSACTIONS | 13 | |
| CASH BALANCE, 1 JANUARY 2025 | <u>\$ 15,987</u> | |
| INCOME | | |
| DONATIONS AND DUES | <u>4,155</u> | <u>16,000</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| DIRECT SUPPORT | (13,100) | (15,300) |
| PROGRAMS | (515) | (850) |
| ADMINISTRATION | <u>(1,306)</u> | <u>(1,280)</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>(14,922)</u> | <u>(17,430)</u> |
| DECREASE IN CASH | <u>(10,767)</u> | <u>(1,430)</u> |
| CASH BALANCE, 19 JUNE 2025 | <u><u>\$ 5,220</u></u> | |

THE DETAILED FINANCIAL REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE
CHAPTER TREASURER, RICHARD SEARLES, AT drsearles3@icloud.com

FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER AUXILIARY

BARBARA O'BRIEN

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***

FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER AUXILIARY

CONTINUED

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AUXILIARY

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

AUXILIARY RECRUITMENT LETTERS SENT OUT TWICE YEARLY

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.

VCOC PLANNED ACTIONS WITH VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE 2025

- TO WORK WITH VIRGINIA VETERANS OFFICE TO VERIFY VIRGINIA VETERANS COUNT
- TO WORK WITH LEGISLATURE TO COMBAT UNSCRUPULOUS FIRMS FROM EXPLOITING VETERANS (SPONSORED BY VFW)
- TO WORK WITH LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS UPON REGISTRATION NOT POST COURSE TO REDUCE HARDSHIP FOR GUARD MEMBERS
- TO INITIATE PROGRAM TO INCREASE LAND CAPACITY OF VIRGINIA CEMETERIES
- TO RECOGNIZE WOMEN'S VETERAN DAY IN VIRGINIA



UPCOMING MEETINGS

8 JULY VCOC MEETING VIA ZOOM

**14 OCTOBER – BIENNIAL IN-PERSON MEETING
AT VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL IN RICHMOND**

**THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS (VCOC) OF THE
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)
CONSISTS OF 13 MOAA CHAPTERS.**

**COL DIANNA KUPCHELLA, USAF (RET), A FALCONS
LANDING RESIDENT IS CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF
VCOC**

**CHECK OUT THE *CRIER NEWSLETTER* AT
MOAAVCOC.ORG**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT INFORMATION

Periodically, MOAA will lobby Congress to take legislative action to preserve our retiree benefits. The probability of favorable legislative action is in direct proportion to the number of voters who register support. MOAA sometimes includes postcards and letters in its magazine (Military Officer) for us to sign and mail to our representatives (identified for us). The MOAA Newsletter may also include an online access to act. It is imperative that we do so. To access the MOAA Newsletter click on the following URL:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/tmn/the-moaa-newsletter/>

The MOAA Newsletter “is an award-winning member-only e-newsletter subscription to provide information on topics most important to you. Whether you’re looking for updates on current legislative issues, want to know more about your military benefits, or just interested in the latest MOAA events, you can tailor your newsletter to align with your specific needs and interests.” It is included with your MOAA membership. If you are not registered with MOAA National for this, call (800) 234-6622, and you'll be guided on how to receive the newsletter on a desired schedule. Have your MOAA National membership number available. If you don't have email or have questions on obtaining this information, contact CDR (Ret) Buddy Everage, (703) 822-1201, beverage49@gmail.com.

Our Chapter periodically publishes Legislative Updates for all members and works with MOAA to recommend to members that they support MOAA legislative initiatives by contacting their legislators. MOAA staff and Chapter members meet with members of Congress annually. You may review important MOAA legislative issues and activities on the MOAA website by visiting the Take Action section at www.moaa.org/takeaction.

National MOAA and the Falcons Landing Chapter, MOAA, are politically nonpartisan but seek to remain informed on political matters of concern to veterans at both the state and local levels.

MOAA'S PRIORITIES FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS

*edited summary of article in
MOAA Newsletter, March 20, 2025*

MOAA's priorities for the 119th Congress reflect our commitment to protect compensation and benefits, ensure access to top-tier DoD and VA health care, and address the unique challenges military families and veterans face. These efforts underscore MOAA's unwavering dedication to those who serve and have served. *Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA strongly supports these priorities and recommends that each chapter member become familiar with the five issues by clicking each item on the following page which will download an issue paper covering the topic in full.*

MOAA'S PRIORITIES

FOR THE
119TH
CONGRESS
continued

Improving

Improving [unaccompanied housing](#) to support readiness and quality of life | [Write Your Lawmakers Today](#)

Advancing

Advancing the report *Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans* to [ensure timely delivery of earned benefits](#) | [Write Your Lawmakers Today](#)

Passing

[Passing the Military Spouse Hiring Act](#) to expand employment opportunities | [Write Your Lawmakers Today](#)

Enhancing

[Enhancing stability and accountability](#) in the military health system | [Share Your Story With MOAA](#)

Improving

[Improving caregiving support](#) for families of veterans | [Write Your Lawmakers Today](#)

HELP SUPPORT OUR CHAPTER PROGRAMS

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," "Adopt-A-Platoon," 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, Richard Searles, 46874. Those outside Falcons Landing may mail to Richard 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 to deserving junior ROTC seniors at Chantilly Academy (Air Force), Loudoun County HS (Navy) and South Lakes HS (Army).

PROGRAMS



LOUDOUN VETERANS AND
FAMILY SUPPORT



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

SPEAKERS
DIRECTORY



JROTC



LOUDOUN VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

1 JANUARY – 31 MAY 2025

HOWARD SCHUE

- **SINCE 1/1/25, WE HAVE ASSISTED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES 20 TIMES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,494.07 -- AN AVERAGE OF \$224.70 PER ASSISTANCE (ONE MORE IN PIPELINE NOW)**
- **CURRENT LVFS FUND BALANCE IS \$8,666.56**
- **CHAPTER'S \$5,000 DONATION WAS DEPOSITED ON 26 JANUARY**
- **LVFS RECEIVED \$1,500 FROM FL CHAPEL OUTREACH CMTE ON 27 APR**
- **CHAPTER RECEIVED MOAA NATIONAL GRANT OF \$3,500 ON 5 MAY**
- **LVFS HAS RECEIVED \$1,038.91 THROUGH CLC SOURCES**
- **CHAPTER HAS BUDGETED AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000 FOR 2025**



JROTC PROGRAM

JOE MILLER

- **\$6,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED THIS SPRING FROM THE CHAPTER TREASURY AS APPROVED IN THE BUDGET FOR 2025; PLUS, A SEPARATE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP GIFT FROM ALLEN WILD FOR A SOUTH LAKES AJROTC CADET**
- **2025 JROTC ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONIES TOOK PLACE AS FOLLOWS:**
 - **AIR FORCE AT CHANTILLY ACADEMY – SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH**
 - ✓ **PHIL WALSH AND JOE MILLER ATTENDED**
 - ✓ **TWO \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS PLUS ONE LEADERSHIP MEDAL AWARDED**
 - **ARMY AT SOUTH LAKES HIGH SCHOOL – TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND**
 - ✓ **PHIL WALSH, BOB MANNING, JIM MULLEN, AND JOE MILLER ATTENDED**
 - ✓ **ONE \$1000, TWO \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS, ONE LEADERSHIP MEDAL AWARDED PLUS \$1000 ALLEN WILD SCHOLARSHIP (PRESENTED BY BOB MANNING ON BEHALF OF ALLEN WILD)**
 - **NAVY AT LOUDOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 14TH**
 - ✓ **PHIL WALSH AND BETSY WYLIE ATTENDED**
 - ✓ **TWO \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS PLUS ONE LEADERSHIP MEDAL AWARDED**



PHIL WALSH, PRESIDENT FALCONS CHAPTER, MOAA PRESENTS AJROTC AWARDS TO CHANTILLY ACADEMY CADETS



**CADET AIRMAN FIRST CLASS
LOGAN COLE RECEIVES THE
COLONEL LOWELL JONES \$1000
AFJROTC SCHOLARSHIP**



**CADET FIRST LIEUTENANT HATIM
GHADIALI RECEIVES THE MOAA
JROTC AWARD**



**CADET COLONEL JETANA
CHUMNOEUR RECEIVES THE LT
GEN PUSTAY \$1000 AFROTC
SCHOLARSHIP**

SPEAKERS BUREAU

ED POST

- **THE PURPOSE OF THE SPEAKERS BUREAU IS TO SHARE THE UNIQUE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE OF OUR FALCONS LANDING RESIDENCE TO GENERAL AUDIENCES IN LOUDOUN COUNTY.**
- **A NEW ADDITION TO THE SPEAKERS BUREAU IS EARL WALKER WHO HAS THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2025:**
 - ✓ **“SERVING AS A WHITE HOUSE FELLOW”**
 - ✓ **“YOUNG MEN AT WAR”**
 - ✓ **“EDUCATING MILITARY CADETS”**
- **1 OCTOBER 2025 -- DUFF RICE PRESENTS “THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF A MARINE CAREER”**
- **28 OCTOBER 2025 -- GERRY GALLOWAY WILL ADDRESS “THE 250 YEARS OF THE ARMY’S SERVICE TO THE NATION”**

THE GATHERING: THE STORY OF SPORTS SHOE DESIGNER AND GRAPHIC ARTIST PETER MOORE

~article by Jim Mullen and photo by Alex Hild

The story of Peter Moore and his role with Nike and Air Jordan through graphic design of athletic shoes, and that role in changing the nature of sports equipment and marketing, made a fascinating story at the latest Gathering. Making all this even more interesting was the fact that he was the brother of our fellow resident Mary-lin Ryan (nee Moore). Her grandson, Peter Ryan, as presenter, also provided insights into the life of Peter Moore. Residents at the Gathering had the opportunity to meet our guests; learn something about the evolution of the sporting goods market through the work of Peter Moore; ask some questions on the life of Peter Moore; and of course, enjoy a Falcons cookie or two. Which is why, although TV viewing the presentation is ok, nothing beats being present in the ballroom audience with the key people.

Our presentation opened with an interview with Mary-lin talking about her Navy-oriented family from the WWII period and the birth of her brother, Peter Moore – the subject of our story. Peter Ryan described his great-uncle's life involving his work with the graphic design of athletic shoes. He was instrumental in their marketing through art graphics and posters as the sports world itself evolved and became more sophisticated and more engaged with the U.S. sports world's greatest figures. The changes encompassed both male and female, in all sports, and led to a revolution in sports

THE GATHERING: THE STORY OF SPORTS SHOE DESIGNER AND GRAPHIC ARTIST PETER MOORE (cont)

footwear from basic black and white to a world design of sports function, resulting in the color and style of today. Think Larry Bird, Wayne Gretsky, Michael Jordan, etc. (How many of you or your family members insisted on “Nikes” or “Air Jordans,” to be like those sports figures, thanks to the creative work of Peter Moore?)

Beyond that, Peter Moore used his creative talents in reflecting society in the late 1980-1990 period in a series of “peace posters” that focused on major events like the “Twin Towers Bombing” and other major political events. In addition, he created and sent to friends annual Christmas cards illuminating his inner feelings on life. So, sports shoe designer falls far short of describing the life of Peter Moore, which is why you might try to capture the reprise of The Gathering on Channel 970. Plan to attend the next Gathering in the ballroom in person to be part of the scene. (Ben Romero has quite a few interesting programs lined up for you.)



(left to right) Ben Romero, Mary-lin Ryan, Peter Ryan

THE GATHERING: PROTECTING AMERICANS AGAINST DANGEROUS BIOTHREATS

~by Jim Mullen

From its website: The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is a bipartisan, nonprofit policy research organization dedicated to advancing practical ideas to address the world's greatest challenges. The institution was dedicated to the simple but urgent goal of finding ways for the United States to survive as a nation and prosper as a people.

Today, CSIS is one of the world's preeminent public policy institutions on foreign policy and national security issues. The Center's over 250 full-time staff and large network of affiliated scholars conduct research and analysis and develop policy initiatives that look to the future and anticipate change. CSIS is regularly called upon by Congress, the executive branch, the media, and others to explain the day's events and offer recommendations to improve U.S. strategy. More can be found at:

<https://www.csis.org/about>.

The May presentation for the Gathering featured guest speaker Dr. J. Stephen Morrisson, a senior vice president at CSIS. In his lively discussion, Dr. Morrisson spoke about how major changes in U.S. leadership may impact on health security.

He reviewed the development of medical capabilities and medications in the 1990s in response to HIV

THE GATHERING: PROTECTING AMERICANS AGAINST DANGEROUS BIOTHRREATS (cont)

and the role at that time of the U.S. in the World Health Organization. He also discussed the development of COVID and possible sources, including the association with China. He described the role of CSIS in its focus on health from the perspective of national security and considering new threats to health from COVID in the period of 2019-2020. CSIS seeks to have responses in the critical early stages of development of disease.

A significant portion of his presentation highlighted the current changes and challenges in health care in the U.S., while we are entering a period of pressure on medical funding and support for medical research in the current administration. Dr. Morrisson went on to discuss the current situation of measles outbreak, which he pointed out is largely centered around communities that have anti-vaccine focus. He mentioned that our national vaccine rate has dropped from 95% to 92% but said that it is still sufficient for control of any outbreak. He also pointed out that Falcons Landing is very likely composed of vaccinated residents and that the vaccination covered the risk for life! He then went on to discuss the new virus of bird flu which is NOT yet spread to humans.

MOAA-FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER

~article by Mark Carey

Exciting News for Falcons Landing Residents! Falcons Landing Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has launched a new and updated website: falconsmoaa.org.

Our mission remains steadfast: We “actively support those who are SERVING, those who have SERVED and those who have SURVIVED.” And that means YOU – every single veteran/spouse resident of Falcons Landing!

MILITARY SPOUSES MATTER

MOAA proudly recognizes the invaluable role of military spouses. If you are married to a member or a surviving spouse of a veteran, your membership in the Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter Auxiliary is completely FREE! For veteran members, annual dues are about the cost of one buffet dinner – an investment in your future and peace of mind.

EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS FOR MOAA MEMBERS

Your service may be complete, but your journey is far from over. As a MOAA member, you gain free, members -only access to invaluable life-planning and “How To” guides designed to help you and your loved ones navigate the future with confidence.

Here’s what’s waiting for you:

- ✓ Are You Prepared? – 11 crucial things you MUST know, including Virginia Advance Medical Directives, DNRs, and final instructions**
- ✓ Financial & Estate Planning – Secure your assets and protect your family’s financial future**
- ✓ Helping Your Survivors – Essential planning steps to ease the burden on your loved ones**
- ✓ Detailed Survivor’s Checklist & Guides – Stay organized with comprehensive planning tools**

MOAA-FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER (cont)

✓ **Former Spouse Benefits** – Understand and manage the benefits you and your family earned through service... and much more. Watch for the “Are You Prepared” special Gathering with Jackie Mullen coming up in July!

Whether you're planning your next move, securing your family's future, or staying connected with a community that understands you, MOAA membership gives you the tools and support you need. Why stress over the unknown when you can plan with confidence? Take advantage of these valuable resources designed to empower your next steps.

STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

MOAA membership ensures you stay informed, connected, and supported throughout your post-service journey. Our prestigious 5-Star Level of Excellence award-winning chapter brings Falcons Landing residents together with enriching events, compelling guest speakers, and highly anticipated “Gathering” presentations in the ballroom.

JOIN US TODAY!

Be part of a community that truly understands and supports you. Falcons Landing MOAA chapter is more than just a non-partisan organization – it's a community of support, connection, and shared purpose. Whether you're an active member, a veteran, or a surviving spouse, your presence strengthens our collective voice and ensures we continue advocating for those who have served.

Together, we honor our service, enrich our lives, and shape the future for generations to come! The next chapter is yours to write – make it legendary.

This discussion pertains primarily to membership in our Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter. While MOAA National membership is encouraged for all active and former military, the focus of MOAA National is to serve the larger interests of the military and their families nationwide. The focus of our Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter is, of course, to support MOAA National but it is also on MOAA-related activities specific to our local Falcons Landing and Loudoun County communities.



CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTENDING MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM AND THE ARMY BALL AT FALCONS LANDING



NEWS YOU CAN USE

- MOAA MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS WITH **EVERPLANS**, A TOOL TO HELP ORGANIZE YOUR ESTATE-WITH A FOCUS ON MILITARY BENEFITS AND A WAY TO GATHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION SUCH AS PASSWORDS, LEGAL DOCUMENTS, ETC IN ONE PLACE. GO TO www.moaa.org/everplans
- NEW FOR 2024: **PREPARING FOR THE LOSS OF A MILITARY SPOUSE** WILL HELP YOU GET YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS INTO ORDER AND HELP GUIDE SURVIVORS THROUGH THE FIRST STEPS THEY NEED TO TAKE AFTER A LOVED ONE'S DEATH. LEARN ABOUT ACCESSING SURVIVOR BENEFITS, HOW TO DRAW UP AN ESTATE PLAN, AND MUCH MORE. [LOGIN NOW](#) TO ACCESS YOUR FREE COPY ([DOWNLOAD](#) OR HAVE A COPY MAILED).
- AUSA MEMBERS CAN USE **LAWASSURE** TO CREATE A HIGH-QUALITY WILL, HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE OR POWER OF ATTORNEY AS WELL AS MANY OTHER ESTATE PLANNING SERVICES. **LAWASSURE** IS COMPLETELY FREE TO AUSA MEMBERS. GO TO <https://www.ausa.org/member-benefits/lawassure>
- PERIODICALLY FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER HAS A PROGRAM CALLED "ARE YOU PREPARED?" TO ASSIST SURVIVING SPOUSES WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING BENEFITS. THE NEXT PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED IN JULY. DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED LATER.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

CONTINUED

VIRGINIA LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO MILITARY AND VETERANS 2025

- LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE STATE SENATE THAT WOULD REMOVE THE STATE'S \$40,000 CAP ON MILITARY PAY EXEMPTION STARTING WITH THE 2026 TAX YEAR. MULTIPLE VERSIONS OF SIMILAR LEGISLATION HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE STATE HOUSE.
- A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HB 1600 (THE STATE BUDGET BILL FOR FY 2025 AND 2026) WOULD CLASSIFY THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF USPHS AND NOAA AS "UNIFORMED SERVICES" IN VIRGINIA CODE.
- MOAA'S FINANCIAL CALCULATORS PROVIDE DYNAMIC GRAPHICS, CUSTOMIZABLE REPORTS, AND EXPLANATIONS OF KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS. CHECK OUT THE CALCULATORS BY CLICKING LINK BELOW:
 - <https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/finance/Calculators/calculators/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*All Falcons Landing
residents, staff, and
Falcons Chapter of
MOAA members are
invited to join together in
song, prayer and
fellowship as we celebrate
Veterans Day at 10am on
Friday, November 11,
2025, in the Falcons
Landing Ballroom*



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***To Continue In Office Until A Successor is Identified And Elected By The Membership**



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