



## FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER



# THE FALCON FLYER

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# SUPPORT OF MOAA NATIONAL

MOAA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit veterans' 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 greatest mission is "to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which 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](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 providing speakers to community service organizations.

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# CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## JUNE 2024

To all our Chapter and Auxiliary members, Happy Summer! It is indeed summer as I observe and feel today's (June 21<sup>st</sup>) very warm outside temperatures. Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Memorial Day – and conducted our annual Memorial Day program in our Ballroom. This year, we had an exceptionally large live turnout in the Ballroom while many residents alternatively tuned in to watch the program on TV. Our Memorial Day program is very special to our residents here at Falcons Landing – especially since we commemorate by name all MOAA Chapter members or their spouses who have passed away this past year. Special thanks to Dave Nordean and our Board member program participants for such a moving and memorable Memorial Day program. It is indeed, as always, a major highlight of our year's activities.

Historically, here at Falcons Landing our MOAA Chapter has excelled every year in accomplishing our primary mission – to protect and advance the interests of our local military veterans and their families. Our Chapter has just received the 2023 5-Star Level of Excellence Award and the 2023 5-Star Communications Award for both our Newsletter and Website from MOAA National. Additionally, we have received a \$2000 grant from MOAA National and \$1500 in grants from our Falcons Landing Chapel Fund both specifically to support our signature program – the Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS) program. Our legacy over the years in this regard is exceptional. Special kudos go out to Richard Searles, our Chapter Treasurer, and Bob Manning, our Chapter Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, for their efforts in preparing and submitting our applications for these national awards and grants.



## CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2024 (CONT)

To maintain this award-winning legacy, organizations like ours need a constant infusion of energy and new ideas on our Chapter Board. I would like to make a special plea this month to all our membership to consider stepping up and assuming a leadership role in our MOAA Chapter. I am halfway through my third year as Chapter President – I would like to step down and “pass the torch” to someone new this year. Additionally, the Chapter Secretary position on our Board has been vacant now for almost a year. While it is incumbent on all our Board members to work diligently to conduct our activities up to our usual high standards regardless of officer/director vacancies (and they do just that), it is also incumbent on members with leadership experience and skills to come forward when needed and “pick up the reins.” I trust that some of you will do that in the next few months. Please call me or meet with me anytime to discuss the business of our Chapter and how you can help. We need your help to continue to make everything work well!



**Phil Walsh, President**





***THE FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER  
OF MOAA WILL ACTIVELY  
SUPPORT***

**THOSE WHO  
ARE SERVING**

**THOSE WHO  
HAVE SERVED**

**THOSE WHO  
HAVE  
SURVIVED**

**MISSION  
STATEMENT**



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



## FACT SHEET 2024

[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, 2024, there were 135 Premium Members and 81 Auxiliary Chapter Members for a total of 216 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.

REGULAR CHAPTER MEMBERS (ON/OFF CAMPUS) – 135

CHAPTER AUXILIARY MEMBERS -- 81

Surviving Spouses – 58

Spouses of current chapter members – 15

Others -- 8

**TOTAL MOAA COMMUNITY AT FALCONS LANDING -- 216!**

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](mailto:beverage49@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)

## NEW MEMBERS

**NO NEW MEMBERS DURING  
APRIL-JUNE 2024**



## IN MEMORIAM



**JAMES "JIM" PARADISE  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1930 – APRIL 21, 2024  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

**MIDGE HOPKINS  
JUNE 5, 1937 – MAY 3, 2024  
SPOUSE OF DAVE HOPKINS, USN**

**WILLIAM (BILL) MICKLE  
APRIL 10, 1035 – MAY 10, 2024  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

**AUDREY BINGE  
JANUARY 11, 1929 – MAY 17, 2024  
SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MAYNARD "BING" BINGE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**ERICA KANE  
NOVEMBER 14, 1936 – MAY 31, 2024  
SURVIVING SPOUSE OF ARNOLD KANE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

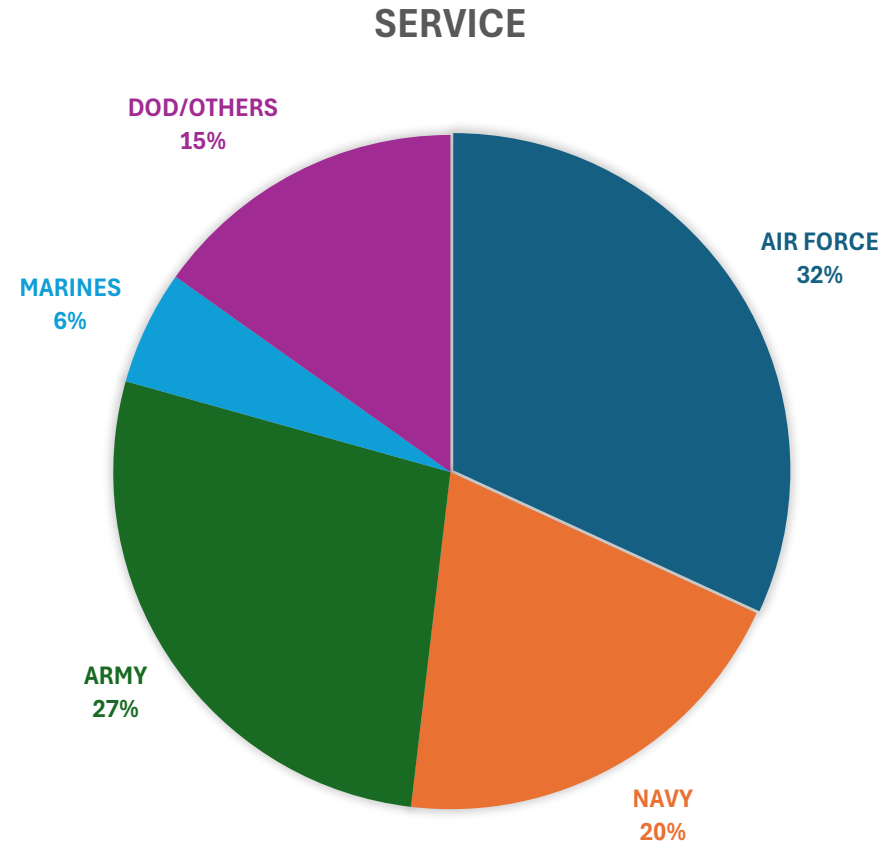
**CHARLES CHARLIE" PEASE  
SEPTEMBER 5, 1936 - JUNE12, 2024  
UNITED STATES NAVY**



# FALCONS LANDING RESIDENT POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY SERVICE AFFILIATION

As of 04/30/24

SERVICE	NUMBER
AIR FORCE	145
ARMY	125
NAVY	90
MARINE CORPS	25
DOD/OTHERS	71



**APPROXIMATELY 46% OF THIS POPULATION ARE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER/AUXILIARY**

# FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER AUXILIARY

BABARA 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, AND WEST FALLS CENTER 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

TYPICAL ON-SITE VOLUNTEER EFFORT – APPROXIMATELY 200 HOURS/MONTH

Contact Barbara O'Brien for more info at [obrienbarbara62@outlook.com](mailto:obrienbarbara62@outlook.com), or 540-270-8545



## VCOC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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

THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS (VCOC) OF THE  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)  
CONSISTS OF 16 MOAA CHAPTERS.

THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS MEETS QUARTERLY  
IN 2024: JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER.

CHECK OUT THE *CRIER NEWSLETTER* AT  
[MOAAVCOC.ORG](http://MOAAVCOC.ORG)

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT INFORMATION AND PRIORITIES

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 go to the MOAA website at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) and select the News and Info tab, followed by selecting Newsletters.

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](mailto: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](http://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 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR VETERANS AND SURVIVORS IN THE 118TH CONGRESS

- MONITORING RECENT MAJOR LEGISLATION ENACTED SUCH AS THE PACT ACT IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH CARE, COMPENSATION, AND FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES AND FAMILIES AND SEEK STATUTORY OR POLICY CHANGES AS REQUIRED.
- COMPELLING CONGRESS AND VA TO ACCELERATE CAREGIVING AND WHOLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND MODERNIZATION OF VHA WORKFORCE AND FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE VETERANS ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CARE.
- CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY AND VA DISABILITY PAY.
- IMPROVING SURVIVORS' BENEFITS.
- REPEALING THE RECOUPMENT OF LAST MONTH'S PAYCHECK AFTER RETIREE'S PASSING, AND CONTINUE TO IMPROVE SGLI/VGLI UPDATES TO MATCH INFLATION.
- IMPROVING DIC BASELINE TO ALIGN WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENTS' BASELINE OF 55%.
- ENSURING PAY AT OR ABOVE EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX, ALLOWANCES, AND PROGRAMS NECESSARY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN A QUALITY FORCE.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:**

<https://moaa.quorum.us/issue/47366>

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

**RETIREMENT, CAREGIVING, AND END OF LIFE WEBINARS: LISTED BELOW ARE SOME EXCELLENT WEBINARS—Control + click to follow link. Make sure you are signed in to [moaa.org](https://moaa.org)**

- [EFFECTIVE ESTATE PLANNING](#)
- [HOW THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING HELPS OLDER ADULTS](#)
- [PREPARING A SPOUSE OR FAMILY MEMBER FOR SURVIVORSHIP \(2023\)](#)
- [THE TIME IS NOW: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S](#)
- [HOW MILITARY, VETERAN CAREGIVERS CAN APPLY FOR RESPITE RELIEF](#)
- [GET UP TO SPEED ON YOUR ESTATE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS](#)
- [MILITARY CAREGIVERS IN ACTION](#)
- [UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS WITH VA BURIAL BENEFITS](#)
- [MILITARY CAREGIVERS: AN OVERVIEW](#)



# 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 HS (Air Force), Loudoun County HS (Navy) and South Lakes HS (Army).

## PROGRAMS



LOUDOUN VETERANS AND  
FAMILY SUPPORT



SPEAKERS  
DIRECTORY



JROTC



# COMMUNICATIONS

BOB MANNING

- LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE RESULTS ANNOUNCED - 5 STARS
- HARRIS COMMUNICATION AWARDS (NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE) ANNOUNCED - 5 STARS
- ABSENT FROM 24 JUNE - 25 JULY (OKINAWA)
- ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN ASSISTING IN THE PUBLISHING OF THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (FALCON FLYER) AND/OR WORKING ON WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT, CONTACT BOB MANNING AT [RMANNING@AOL.COM](mailto:RMANNING@AOL.COM)

# JROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

## JOE MILLER

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP MEDALS WERE AWARDED TO CADETS AT THE THREE JROTC HIGH SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY THE FALCONS MOAA CHAPTER AS LISTED BELOW:**

- **CHANTILLY ACADEMY (AIR FORCE)–Presented April 13<sup>th</sup> by Marvin Meinders and Joe Miller**
  - Cadet Patrick Johnson (LtGen John Pustay Scholarship, \$1000)
  - Cadet Amadeu Gurin (Col Lowell Jones Scholarship, \$1000)
  - Cadet Tristan Kiser (MOAA Scholarship, \$1000)
  
- **LOUDOUN COUNTY H.S. (NAVY)-Presented by Jim Fontana and Joe Miller**
  - Cadet Nevin Alvarado-Aziz (CAPT Dale Reed Scholarship, \$1000)
  - Cadet Jayden Pearson (MOAA Scholarship, \$1000)
  - Cadet Mia Anderson (MOAA Scholarship, \$1000)
  - Cadet Levi Fuchs (MOAA Scholarship, \$500)
  - Cadet Jordan Garman (MOAA Leadership Medal)
  
- **SOUTH LAKES H.S. (ARMY)-Presented by Phil Walsh and Joe Miller**
  - Cadet Zaine Hay (COL Herb Stern Scholarship, \$1000)
  - Cadet A Jeffery (MOAA Scholarship, \$500)
  - Cadet Ashley Baries (MOAA Scholarship \$500)
  - Cadet Luke Christoffersen (MOAA Scholarship \$500)
  - Cadet Waylin Chong (MOAA Leadership Medal)

# **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.**
- **PRESENTATIONS ARE APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR WITH A 40 MINUTE PRESENTATION AND A 20 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. MOST PRESENTATIONS ARE CONDUCTED AT LOUDOUN COUNTY LIBRARIES.**
- **ON 25 APRIL BEN ROMERO PRESENTED “OPERATION HOME COMING” AT THE LIBRARY.**
- **ON JULY 17 MARVIN MENDERS WILL PRESENT “HOW TO FINE TUNE YOUR CAREER PATH.”**

# THE GATHERING: NEW COMPREHENSIVE SPACE STRATEGY

by Jim Mullen, photo by Jasmine Chatman

The guest speaker for the March Gathering at Falcons Landing was Lt. Gen. DeAnna Burt, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Operations, Cyber, and Nuclear, United States Space Force. This Gathering gave residents an opportunity to learn about our newest command and its structure. The Force, now known as “Guardians,” has the mission to “secure our nation’s interests in, from, and to space.” Their inspiring new motto is “Semper Supra—Always Above.”

Prior to her current assignment, Lt. Gen. Burt was the Commander, Combined Forces Space Component Command, U. S. Space Command and Vice Commander, Space Operations Command, U.S. Space Force. As one of the officers closely involved with the evolution of the Space Command that was formed less than five years ago in August 2019, she provided an informed review of its structure, consisting of 18,000 staff, 9,000 of which are military.

The Space Command occupies a position in the Department of Defense similar to that of the Marines – the Space Command is a component of the Department of the Air Force, as the Marines are a component of the Department of the Navy. Its mission is to provide joint command and control for military forces in outer space and to coordinate with the other combatant commands. Within the Space Command, the Space Force is the military service responsible for organizing, training, and equipping Space Command forces.

Lt. Gen. Burt provided an example of the “first space war”—the Gulf War—where space-based navigation capabilities were added to land forces for successful navigation across the desert! Lessons learned from these support operations were incorporated into the development of the structure of the new Force and creation of the detail and process for operations, an on-going activity in other services, but not having been done anew since the Air Force became a separate service in 1947. For

# THE GATHERING: NEW COMPREHENSIVE SPACE STRATEGY (CONT)

the Space Force these issues include orbital warfare, battle management, electromagnetic warfare, engineering, and acquisition. During these developments, the Space Force was establishing a headquarters at Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs, along with other sites across the U.S.

An unusual aspect of the Space Force is its partnership with commercial companies, taking advantage of the fact that work in space development has been an important part of much commercial company development over the past several decades. Lt. Gen. Burt also pointed out the significant growth of operational space assets over the past year. She noted that in 2023 there were over 44,600 objects in space, including 212 satellite launches, during the year. In addition, Earth's immediate space now contains considerable space debris, leading to the necessity for significant effort to manage the "traffic" of satellites in orbit. In concluding her very enlightening remarks, Lt. Gen. Burt provided a message about the focus of the Space Force going forward:

- "To develop a combat ready force."
- "To amplify the Guardian Spirit."
- "To partner to WIN in partnership with commercial companies and with Space Force service components."

It was a fascinating and informative evening to observe how a new service and command were organized in near real time as we entered the Space Age.



Pictured l to r  
Margie Rosenberg  
Rosie Rosenberg  
Dave Marrow  
Lt. Gen. Burt  
Ben Romero





# The Gathering Presents...



## *Women's Contributions to the U.S. Army*

*Guest Speaker, Phyllis J. Wilson CWO 5,  
U.S. Army Retired  
President, Military Women's Memorial*

The theme is conjunction with the U.S. Army Birthday  
Celebration to be held at Falcons Landing

Phyllis Wilson CW5, served 37 years in the Army as a Military  
Intelligence (MI) officer. She is President of the Women in  
Military Service for America Memorial Foundation – the only  
major national memorial honoring the 3 Million women who  
have defended America from the Revolutionary War  
to today.



**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

**7:30 P.M. BALLROOM/CH.970**



# 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

## 2024 MEETING DATES

January 18	Board Meeting, 1000	July	No Board Meeting
February 22	Board Meeting, 1000	August 15	Board Meeting, 1000
March 21	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1500	September 12	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1500
April 18	Board Meeting, 1000	October 17	Board Meeting, 1000
May 16	Board Meeting, 1000	November 11	Veterans Day Program, 1030
May 27	Memorial Day Program, 1030	November 21	Annual Meeting and Election, 1500
June 20	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1500	December	No Board Meeting
		January 16, 2025	Board Meeting, 1000

# 2024 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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We support the national organization through support of legislative priorities and "Storming the Hill" and are active in our community supporting two JROTC programs, helping recovering and needy veterans, and providing speakers to community service organizations.

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