



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.

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

MARCH 2023

Well spring is sprung at Falcons Landing – meaning trees are leafing out, flowers are about to burst in color, the golf course is covered with lush green grass, tennis and pickle balls are bouncing, and those fortunate drivers with convertibles are dropping their tops! It's an invigorating and exciting time of year. And our Chapter members are enjoying every day of the recent warm sunshine.

On January 4th we assembled in the Ballroom for our 2022 Annual Membership meeting. This was a great opportunity to review the previous year's activities with the entire membership – and to confirm the Chapter's leadership slate for 2023. We also talked about our Chapter plans for 2023 and adopted a planning budget for the current year.

On March 16th, our Chapter was most fortunate to be visited by MOAA's new President/CEO, Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly USAF (Ret) and MOAA's Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, Col Jim O'Brien USAF (Ret). This visit was to include having lunch with our own Lt. Gen. Mike Nelson USAF (Ret) who is a former President/CEO of MOAA (1995-2002). Unfortunately, Mike Nelson, was not able to participate in the visit. Lt. Gen. Kelly and Col O'Brien met informally with Gary Handley, Falcons Landing President/CEO, and me, and then joined us in our Ballroom for our Quarterly Membership meeting.

At the commencement of our Quarterly Meeting, I introduced Gen Kelly and he spoke to the assembled membership (and closed TV audience) for about a half-hour. Clearly, Gen Kelly has been a "people person" throughout his Air Force career -- so it's not surprising that he was chosen to lead MOAA. He went through MOAA's agenda and priorities in general terms and conveyed a clear sense of purpose and dedication to MOAA's mission. He did answer a number of questions from Chapter members. Gen Kelly and Col O'Brien stayed for the entire meeting – so I had the opportunity to tell him about our Chapter and our broad program of activities here at Falcons Landing. It was a very enjoyable and productive visit.

Next up in the coming weeks are our annual JROTC scholarship awards to be presented to outstanding JROTC graduating senior cadets at Chantilly Academy (Air Force), Loudoun County High School (Navy), and for the first time South Lakes High School (Army). And, of course, our annual Memorial Day Program will take place in the Ballroom on Memorial Day, May 29th.

Finally, congratulations to our two new Chapter Board members – Dave Nordean is now our 2nd Vice President/Director of Programs and Ben Romero will soon succeed Bill Hilsman as Director of the Gathering Program. We are all very much in debt to Bill Hilsman who has been running our Gathering Program with much acclaim since 2016! Thank you, Bill.





*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
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FACT SHEET 2023

[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 Military Life 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 December 2022, there are 127 Premium Members and 85 Auxiliary 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

MAX JOHNSON



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) – 126

CHAPTER AUXILIARY MEMBERS -- 85

Surviving Spouses – 63

Spouses of current chapter members – 12

Others -- 10

TOTAL MOAA COMMUNITY AT FALCONS LANDING -- 211!

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 Max Johnson, (703) 508-3788 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOM OWENS

- **BALANCE A/O 31MAR23: \$14,487.67**
- **INCOME: DUES: \$136; DONATIONS: \$500
TOTAL \$636.00**
- **EXPENSES: \$1,032.22**
 - ✓ **MOAA FLAG AND TABLE CLOTH:
\$265.92**
 - ✓ **VCOC DUES: \$126.80**
 - ✓ **REFRESHMENTS MOAA QTRLY MTG:
\$76.25**
 - ✓ **REFRESHMENTS GATHERING: \$109.25**
 - ✓ **BIBERK LIABILITY INS: \$454.00**

DESIGNATED FUNDS—THRU 31 JAN 23

- **GENERAL-\$6,828**
- **ADOPT PLATOON-\$2250—PAID!!!**
- **SCHOLARSHIPS-\$3,050**
- **VETS ASSIST-\$3,550**

FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER AUXILIARY



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

THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY AFFAIRS IS CURRENTLY VACANT. IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHAPTER TEAM, CONTACT PRESIDENT PHIL WALSH.



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

VCOC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

IMPROVE LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS, NATIONAL AND STATE [L] [SEP]

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. [L] [SEP]

IMPROVE VITALITY AND EXCELLENCE OF CHAPTERS

THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS MEETS QUARTERLY IN 2023: JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER.

CHECK OUT THE *CRIER NEWSLETTER* AT VCOCMOAA.ORG

VISIT BY PRESIDENT/CEO AND EXECUTIVE VP OF MOAA



Left to Right

Joe Miller, COL, USA, Ret – Director JROTC/Scholarships
Jim Mullen, COL, USA, Ret – 1st VP/Legislative Affairs
Jackie Mullen, Director Surviving Spouse Affairs
Howard Schue, Col, USAF, Ret – Director/LVFS
Bob Rosenberg, Maj Gen, USAF, Ret, Member
Brian T. Kelly, Lt Gen, USAF, Ret – President/CEO MOAA

Left to Right

Phil Walsh, Col, USMC, Ret – Chapter President
Jim O'Brien, Col, USAF, Ret – Executive VP/COO MOAA
Bob Manning, COL, USA, Ret – Director/Communications
Ed Post, COL, USA, Ret – Director/Speakers Bureau
Max Johnson, COL, USA, Ret – Director/Membership
Peter Scott, COL, USA, Ret – Representative/LCCVEB

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 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 the front desk (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 COL (Ret) Max Johnson at mwjohnson64@verizon.net or 703-508-3788.

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.

SUPPORT THE MOAA LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

JIM MULLEN

You have the opportunity to support MOAA now! MOAA has identified several key initiatives to support the military family by responding to our legislative representatives and senators asking for their support with legislation. Three of these initiatives directly impact veterans. By visiting the MOAA website (MOAA.com) you can register with the MOAA advocacy program and then elect to forward a letter of support from the MOAA website. Three items to review:

Urge Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt

It's the start of a new Congress, and any legislation not signed into law during the previous Congress will need to be reintroduced. So contact your representative and senators and urge them to support the Major Richard Star Act, which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their full DoD retirement pay earned for years of service and their full VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

Ask Your House Member to Support the Expanding America's National Cemetery Act

A long-term legislative solution will preserve burial with military honors for countless elderly and women veterans who could lose that earned benefit – but only if MOAA members and others encourage their lawmakers to act. Outreach to your House member will help improve the chances for the Expanding America's National Cemetery Act (H.R. 1413) to be either enacted as standalone legislation or be included in the FY 2024 NDAA.

Tell Congress You Oppose TRICARE for Life Fees

A recent Congressional Budget Office report includes two proposals among its options to cut the deficit that would increase costs for seniors using the TRICARE for Life (TFL) benefit. Although these are just concepts, not legislation, it's important to let Congress know we strongly oppose any plans to reduce the earned TFL benefit.

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, Tom Owens, 46916. Those outside Falcons Landing may mail to Tom at the address in our letterhead. 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).



LOUDOUN VETERANS AND
FAMILY SUPPORT



JROTC

PROGRAMS

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)
SPEAKERS
DIRECTORY



JROTC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023



On December 1, 2022, the Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA Board agreed to award two \$500 JROTC scholarships in honor of our two WWII veterans recently recognized at the 2022 Veterans Day ceremony. The Colonel Herb Stern, USA (Ret) Scholarship will be presented to an Army Junior ROTC cadet at South Lakes High School and the Captain Dale Reed, USN (Ret) Scholarship will be presented to a Navy Junior ROTC cadet at Loudoun County High School. The scholarships will be presented in May at an awards ceremony at each high school.

With the recent decision by the board to support the AJROTC program at South Lakes High School, the Falcons Landing Chapter will be supporting the AFJROTC at Chantilly High School, the NJROTC at Loudoun County High School, and the AJROTC at South Lakes High School. A total of nine JROTC scholarships will be presented in 2023.



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An Army Junior ROTC Cadet from South lakes High School



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GATHERING: THE COLD WAR PRESENTATION

by Jim Mullen, photo by
Jackie Mullen

- The speakers from the Cold War Museum at Vint Hill Farms were the museum Executive Director, Jason Hall and Mike Washville, a museum docent and veteran who had previously served in the military at Vint Hill. As the program announcement said, many of us had direct experience with events of the Cold War, whether as a military veteran or family member. Beginning in WWII, Vint Hill Farms Station (VHFS), located in Fauquier County, VA, near Warrenton, served as a signals intelligence and electronic warfare center for the United States Army and National Security Agency (NSA). During WWII, Vint Hill Farms served as an important intelligence gathering station intercepting message from various Japanese and German headquarters and forces and, for example, providing significant information that contributed to the successful D-Day invasion. After the war, VHFS became a field station of the Army Security Agency conducting signals intercept and serving as a training center for radio-intercept operators, crypto-analysts and radio-repair technicians. VHFS later served as the Army Electronic Material Readiness Activity and provided signals intelligence and electronic warfare systems maintenance for electronic warfare units worldwide.
- As the military force structure changed, VHFS was finally closed in 1997 (after some 50 years). Today the area has several commercial ventures plus the Cold War Museum, which provides an excellent representation for the many intelligence related episodes of the Cold War in a very realistic setting. For our evening, we were able to share some of these events with our speaker and to add a few extra stories from our own residents.
- Jason Hall opened with a discussion of “Five Eyes” —the close working relationship between the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand— looking back to the early days of WWII and the formation of the OSS.

GATHERING: THE COLD WAR PRESENTATION (cont)

- The close working arrangement allowed some highly classified exchanges of intelligence information and in some cases provided an advantage of some HUMINT contacts that were critical to the resolution of events.
- Jason then provided us with several case studies from the Cold War. The special topics he discussed focused on the Cuban Missile Crisis, Project Able Archer and the Moscow Rules, with the opportunity to provide some inside consideration of these events.
- Of the three events the Cuban Missile Crisis had to be one most familiar to all of us as we were, so to speak, quite nearby. It was an example of a Nuclear Close Call. The Russians had installed missile silos in Cuba and were in the process of shipping missiles for the silos and the US response was to announce a quarantine (polite word for blockade). One factor in our advantage came from HUMINT intelligence sources in Russia provided by the UK that provided deep insight into Russian intentions and the fact that Russia did not have sufficient missiles to launch what appeared to be the major risk. Knowing that fact changed the situation and our response options. Jason went on to discuss the situation in more detail and discussed some activity that occurred in the Cuban blockade area that could have escalated into combat except for the action of a highly placed Russian naval officer, Vasiuli Arkhipov, stationed with the Soviet submarine fleet, who was able to defuse a potential violent escalation. (As Jason said, you need to read about the Arkhipov incident for further details, but since we are still here in one piece we know that all turned out well—or better yet you should plan to visit the Cold War Museum!).
- The second incident relates to Project Able Archer, which was an annual NATO military exercise (let's call it Reforger) that involved thousands of military personnel and equipment. The goal of the exercise was to simulate an escalation in a conflict between NATO countries and the USSR, culminating in a coordinated nuclear attack.

GATHERING: THE COLD WAR PRESENTATION (cont)

- Obviously both sides became involved with realism. We did too good a job and the Soviets were prepared for a possible real response. It was a HUMINT report from a Soviet source that averted the situation, although when the report reached the UK and the US, the US was skeptical. It would be some time before the extent of the Soviet war scare would become apparent to U.S. Intelligence officers. Despite defector Oleg Gordievsky (HUMINT) informing both MI6 and the C.I.A., it was only the former who believed him. After being briefed, Margaret Thatcher ordered her officials to "urgently consider how to approach the Americans on the question of possible Soviet misapprehensions about a surprise NATO attack," according to Unredacted.
- Well, you need to go to the museum or read the research on Able Archer for details but obviously we managed to get out of the situation, since we are still here and the Soviets calmed down. That leads to the third situation: The Moscow Rules.
- I thought I would add an item from a news article in 2021 and suggest that you find an opportunity to visit the Vint Hill Farms Cold War Museum for details on the Moscow Rules (from the author). "Nearly anyone can be labeled a 'foreign agent. One of Russia's newly adopted "foreign agent" laws allows for this label to be applied to ordinary citizens and unregistered organizations that are involved in politics in Russia (broadly defined) and receive assistance from other countries. The other law outlines punishments of up to five years in prison for potential foreign agents who do not register their status themselves or foreign agents who fail to report on their activities. This law has already come into force.
- The rest of the evening involved a spirited Q&A session with discussion between the audience and our guests. Thanks to our Falcons Landing chair for the evening Linda Childs who let us know that she planned to take some family members to the Cold war Museum that very week.
- Oh! And perhaps you might also plan to attend the next Gathering in person instead of through channel 970 because, you know we do have plenty of cookies.

Excerpt from MOAA Magazine, April 2023
***The Final Chapter* by Patricia Kime**
INFO TO HAVE ON HAND

- **WILL AND LEGAL DOCUMENTS**
- **POWER OF ATTORNEY**
- **INSURANCE POLICIES**
- **DD 214 OR LETTER OF RETIREMENT**
- **BIRTH CERTIFICATES**
- **DIVORCE DECREES**
- **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OR CARDS**
- **LISTING OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS, STOCK, BONDS, AND INVESTMENTS AND LOCATION**
- **PASSWORDS**
- **LISTING OF REAL ESTATE DEEDS AND AUTOMOBILE TITLES AND LOCATION**
- **COPIES OF INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR PAST 5 YEARS MINIMUM**
- **ADOPTION/NATURALIZATION PAPERS**
- **CURRENT COPY OF DFAS RETIREE ACCOUNT STATEMENT OR LOGIN AND PASSWORD TO MYPAY**
- **LOCATION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS**
- **VA PAPERWORK AND CLAIM NUMBERS**

Excerpt from MOAA Magazine, April 2023

The Final Chapter by Patricia Kime (cont)

SURVIVORS CHECKLIST

- **CHOOSE A FUNERAL HOME AND MAKE BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS.**
- **SUBMIT THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN FORM, IF APPLICABLE.**
- **REVIEW INSURANCE POLICIES.**
- **CLOSE OUT MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS, AND FILE TRICARE AND MEDICARE CLAIMS, IF APPLICABLE.**
- **REVIEW ALL LEGAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING WILLS AND TRUSTS.**
- **COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO THE DECEASED.**
- **OBTAIN ADVICE ON JOINT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND RETIREES' CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS. UPDATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS.**
- **NOTIFY CREDIT BUREAUS OF THE DEATH.**
- **CHANGE OWNERSHIP OF JOINT ASSETS AND ACCOUNTS.**
- **FILE INSURANCE CLAIMS AND REVIEW INSURANCE FOR COVERAGE.**
- **REVIEW AND UPDATE SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE.**
- **RETURN SPOUSE'S ID TO AN ID CARD OFFICE WITH DEATH CERTIFICATE.**
- **GET SURVIVOR'S ID CARD IF NEEDED.**
- **CONTACT SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.**

MOAA has many online resources for surviving spouses. Visit www.MOAA.org/surviving spouse corner and www.MOAA.org/pub#survivor for more information.

Excerpt from MOAA Magazine, April 2023
***The Final Chapter* by Patricia Kime (cont)**
KEY PHONE NUMBERS

- **DFAS DEATH REPORTS: (800) 321-1080**
- **COAST GUARD PAY AND PERSONNEL CENTER: (866) 772-8724**
- **DEERS: (800) 538-9552**
- **SOCIAL SECURITY: (800) 772-1213**
- **SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473**
- **BENEFEDS: (877) 888-3337**
- **EXPRESS SCRIPTS: (877) 363-1303**
- **VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION: (800) 827-1000**

The military services have phone numbers and publish newsletters for families and retirees and their surviving spouses that include information on what to do in the event of a death of a servicemember.

- **ARMY: (800)626-3317. NEWSLETTER: *ECHOES.***
- **MARINE CORPS: (800)847-1597. NEWSLETTER: *SEMPER FIDELIS.***
- **NAVY: FOR ACTIVE DUTY SURVIVORS: (877) 270-2162; FOR RETIREE SURVIVORS: (866) 827-5672. NEWSLETTER: *SHIFT COLORS.***
- **AIR FORCE: (877) 353-6807. NEWSLETTER: *AFTERBURNER.***
- **COAST GUARD: (866) 772-8724. NEWSLETTER: *THE LONG BLUE LINE.***

IMPORTANT CHAPTER EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

THE GATHERING IS OPEN TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS AND FALCONS LANDING RESIDENTS, NORMALLY ONE EVENT PER 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.

PROPOSED 2023 MEETING DATES

January 4	Annual Meeting, 1530	July	No Board Meeting
January 26	Board Meeting, 1000	August 17	Board Meeting, 1000
February 16	Board Meeting, 1000	September 21	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1530
March 16	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1430	October 19	Board Meeting, 1000
April 20	Board Meeting, 1000	November 11	Veterans Day Program, 1030
May 18	Board Meeting, 1000	November 16	Annual Meeting and Election, 1900
May 30	Memorial Day Program, 1030	December	No Board Meeting
June 16	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1430		

2023 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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