



## FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER



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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

## DECEMBER 2022

Happy New Year to all our Chapter and Chapter Auxiliary members and their families. The 2022 Holiday Season is over – but it seems to have passed ever so quickly. We now must return to our normal activities but also to think about and plan for the new opportunities and challenges that the New Year will surely bring. Our motto “Never Stop Serving” comes quickly to mind!

So what are our challenges in 2023? In the near term we must fill several critical vacancies on our Chapter Board of Directors – specifically the positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Director of Programs, Chapter Secretary, President of our Auxiliary, and Director of our Gatherings Program. I talked about the importance of filling these positions at our recent 2022 Annual Membership Meeting – especially finding someone to pick up the mantle and lead our Chapter Auxiliary. As we all know so well, our Auxiliary is the heart of our volunteer program in the Falcons Landing Health Center – with a long legacy of exceptional support for our residents in Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Care.

In the longer term, we will be working to expand our Loudoun County veterans support services activities, specifically our Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS) program, which over the years has become a model for chapters providing timely assistance to veterans in their local areas. Loudoun County now has 6-8 local Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) who work routinely along with our LVFS program leader to provide direct assistance to veterans on an almost daily basis – all coordinated by our Loudoun County government veterans’ affairs coordinator. Our Chapter has received grants from MOAA National and our Falcons Landing Chapel Outreach Program the last several years, specifically to support our LVFS program.

Also in 2023, our Chapter will participate in a special committee being set up by the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) President to “explore the future of MOAA” – specifically to try to identify ways for MOAA to be more responsive to the needs and aspirations of our younger population demographic. Maintaining/expanding membership from the national to the local level is seen as a particularly critical challenge for MOAA as we look to the future.

In the meantime, everyone enjoy winter, Valentine’s Day, and, in the not too distant future, March Madness and golf!

Never Stop Serving  
Phil Walsh, President





# MISSION STATEMENT

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

**THOSE WHO  
ARE SERVING**

**THOSE WHO  
HAVE SERVED**

**THOSE WHO  
HAVE  
SURVIVED**



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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.

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# 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 -- 84

Surviving Spouses – 62

Spouses of current chapter members – 12

Others -- 10

**TOTAL MOAA COMMUNITY AT FALCONS LANDING -- 210!**

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](http://falconsmoaa.org). You can also find the membership application for MOAA National/Chapter at [www.falconsmoaa.org/membership](http://www.falconsmoaa.org/membership).

# TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF END OF DECEMBER 2022

TOM OWENS

- **BALANCE A/O 31 DEC 21: \$16,230.51**
- **BALANCE A/O 31 DEC 22: \$16,633.53**
- **INCOME: DUES: \$1420, MEMBER DONATIONS: \$15,678 = TOTAL \$17,098 (A/O 31 DEC 22)**
- **EXPENSES IN 2022: TOTAL \$18,146.54**
  - **SCHOLARSHIPS: \$6,000**
  - **ADOPT-A-PLATOON: \$1100**
  - **LVFS: \$8,525 (NOT INCLUDING \$5,000 MOAA GRANT)**
  - **MISC: INS, FEES, REFRESHMENTS, ADMIN: \$2,521.54**

## DESIGATED FUNDS THRU 31 DECEMBER 2022

- **GENERAL - \$6,828**
- **ADOPT-A-PLATOON - \$2250**
- **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<sup>L  
SEP</sup>**

**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.<sup>L  
SEP</sup>**

**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](http://VCOCMOAA.ORG)**

# VCOC PRESIDENT VISITS FALCONS LANDING

The Falcon's Landing Chapter hosted VCOC President CDR Linc Smith, USNR (Ret) and Third Vice President, Legislative Chair COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), on 20 October 2022, at Falcon's Landing, Sterling, Virginia. During the visit, CDR Smith and COL Zimmerman attended the Chapter board meeting, followed by a mid-day luncheon in the Falcons Landing dining room. During the board meeting, COL Zimmerman provided an overview of VCOC Legislative Affairs accomplishments for 2022. Upon conclusion of the luncheon, CDR Smith highlighted the VCOC Homepage, with an interactive question and answer session following.



Left to right: Peter Scott, Bob Manning, Max Johnson, Jackie Mullen, Jim Mullen, Linc Smith, Monti [Zimmerman](#), Phil Walsh, Joe Miller, Tom Owens, Howard Schue

# MOAA NATIONAL AWARDS

## FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER

# LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE



Out of just over 400 MOAA affiliates/chapters, 144 chapters received the 5-star Level of Excellence Awards. Despite a difficult year of transition from the COVID-19 pandemic, our Chapter adapted and improvised when necessary to support and foster programs that directly support the MOAA mission and their communities. All LOE nomination packages were independently evaluated by two members of the Council and Chapter Affairs Committee of the MOAA Board of Directors.

**Col Phil Walsh, Chapter President, attended the Annual MOAA Meeting in Kansas City, MO in October and received the Levels of Excellence Award on behalf of the Chapter.**

**NEVER STOP SERVING**

# COMMUNICATIONS



Each year, national MOAA holds the Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award Contest to identify councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members and community. MOAA affiliates/chapters competed in two categories of competition: print and e-newsletters and websites. A panel of judges scored the submissions based on a set of subjective criteria, looking at both design and content. We are pleased to announce that Falcons Landing Chapter was 1 of only 57 Chapters that were selected at the five-star level (highest award) for both the print and website categories.

**This is a new year and we are in the process of submitting our application due February 1, 2023.**

# 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 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](mailto:mwjohson64@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](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 RETIREES IN THE 118TH CONGRESS

Ensuring pay at or above Employment Cost Index, allowances, and programs necessary to recruit and retain a quality force.

Concurrent Receipt of military retirement pay and VA disability pay.

Maintaining the hold on medical billet reductions until required reports clarify how any cuts will fully support both readiness and beneficiary access to care.

Reversing the degradation of the pharmacy benefit, specifically ensure access and achieve limits to copay increases.

Requiring DoD to establish a transparent and well-publicized problem reporting system for TRICARE beneficiaries experiencing access challenges within the direct care system of military hospitals and clinics, including an annual report to 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.

Improving congressional support for uniformed services families: enhancing programs to support spouse employment, ensuring implementation of an effective basic needs allowance, and providing accessible, affordable childcare options.

Overcoming the lack of effective problem-reporting mechanisms and resolution systems in the Military Health System.

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%.

# VIRGINIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPROVED INITIATIVES FOR 2023

**FALCONS LANDING MOAA CHAPTER, AS A MEMBER OF VCOC, SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES:**

- **JLC 2023-01 Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service Members to also include “Died in the Line-of-Duty”**
- **JLC 2023-02 Amend Real Property Tax Exemption Effective Date to date veteran is eligible (not earlier than 1/1/11)**
- **JLC 2023-03 That the Governor and General Assembly remove the 55-year age limitation on exemption of military retirement income from state tax**
- **JLC 2023-04 Appropriate \$400,000 (GF) for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse/Dependent and Guard/Reserve Burial Fees**
- **JLC 2023-05 That the Governor and General Assembly grant free admission to Virginia State parks to members of the Virginia National Guard.**
- **JLC 2023-06 Virginia National Guard Income Tax Exemption That the Governor and General Assembly adjust/increase the amount of income excluded from State Income Tax from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and increase the pay grade eligibility to LTC (O5 pay grade).**

# 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.

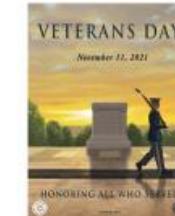
A continuing practice of our Chapter is the award of scholarships to deserving junior ROTC seniors at Chantilly HS (Air Force), Loudoun County HS (Navy) and South Lakes HS (Army).



LOUDOUN VETERANS AND  
FAMILY SUPPORT



JROTC



## PROGRAMS



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.



*Falcons Landing Chapter  
Presents the  
Colonel Herb Stern, USA (Ret)  
Scholarship Award*

*An Army Junior ROTC Cadet from South Lakes High School*



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*A Navy Junior ROTC Cadet from Loudoun County High School*

# MOAA ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT & CEO, CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS (article from MOAA website)

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is proud to announce its new president and CEO, Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), and new board chairman, Gen. Gary L. North, USAF (Ret), along with 12 newly elected members of its board of directors.

Kelly will become MOAA's President and CEO on Jan. 4, 2023, leading the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. Commissioned in 1988, Kelly concluded his military career this year after serving most recently as the Air Force deputy chief of staff of Manpower, Personnel and Services at the Pentagon. "I'm extremely excited and proud," Kelly said. "It's a fantastic organization. What MOAA has been able to do in terms of legislative advocacy is really second to none."

Kelly succeeds Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), who is retiring after serving in the position for seven years. *The Hill* named MOAA to its list of top lobbyists every year Atkins led MOAA.

"I want to thank the board, the staff, and our membership for their personal and professional commitment over the years, and I am excited to see what the future holds for MOAA," Atkins said. "I know the association will be in capable hands with the leadership of Gen. North, Lt. Gen. Kelly, and our dedicated board of directors."

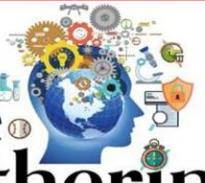
North took his seat as MOAA's Chairman of the Board of Directors on Oct. 29 following MOAA's Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. North, former commander of Pacific Air Forces at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, has served on MOAA's board of directors since 2018. He succeeds Gen. Walter Sharp, USA (Ret). "Our MOAA motto is Never Stop Serving, and I'm proud to continue to serve the over 350,000 members as the incoming chairman," North said.



Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), center, and Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), right, smile during MOAA's annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 28. Kelly will succeed Atkins as MOAA's President and CEO on Jan. 4. (Photo by Mike Morones/MOAA)

# THE GATHERING- CYBER SECURITY

## by BILL HILSMAN



**THURSDAY, November 10  
7:30 P.M. — BALLROOM/CH.970**

## The Gathering Presents...

### A UPDATE ON CYBER SECURITY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY— Presented By Major General John Davis U.S. Army (Ret.)

Retired U.S. Army Major General John Davis is the Vice President, Public Sector for Palo Alto Networks, where he is responsible for expanding cybersecurity initiatives and global policy for the international public sector and assisting governments around the world to successfully prevent cyber breaches.

Prior to joining Palo Alto Networks, John served as the Senior Military Advisor for Cyber to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy. Prior to this assignment, he served in multiple leadership positions in special operations, cyber, and information operations. John earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Master of Military Art and Science from U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Bachelor of Science from U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

**His presentation will include:** The Ukraine/Russia Cyber issues and Disinformation issues and the increase in Ransomware issues.



On November 10, Ret MG John Davis spoke to a Gathering meeting on the subject of cybersecurity and policy. Before retiring from the Military, he served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy. He is now Vice President and Federal Chief Security Officer of Cybersecurity at the firm, Palo Alto Networks.

For many residents attending the meeting we started with technology of telephones, typewriters and calculators and now have moved to a digital communications world with instant communications available and a large number of networks offering information, news, and business network services. All of this has occurred during a relatively short period of time from the 1990s to today. We know from constant reminders that we must now be cognizant of false information and online capabilities for attack to us in our personal life from computer fraud. So, it should be no surprise that such capabilities, both positive and negative, also impact government operations across the world for most countries, including the United States.

John Davis became actively involved in cyber operations during military service and has been active in the development of cyber operations and cybersecurity with the leaders of foreign countries and militaries, including US adversaries. His discussion with the Gathering addressed the practical norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace and some operating rules of the road to increase stability in cyberoperations and to avoid cyber war. He recognizes that cyber operations both for positive and negative purposes are now being addressed by both adversaries and by our own operations.

# THE GATHERING- CYBER SECURITY (cont.)

## by BILL HILSMAN

MG Davis pointed out that cyber operations are currently being used by the US and our adversaries in a “grey zone” which is below the threshold of active conflict and is designed more to undermine the fabric of society than to cause physical destruction. The point would be to avoid mistakes that would lead to more active and destructive combat.

Techniques include espionage, recon, efforts to create social chaos, and testing for effects from our own use of cyber techniques. He cites a set of “rules of the road” as a means to control the use of cyber warfare.

Rule 1 is to provide transparency to show what the cyber users are doing. This would help reduce risk of unintended consequences between adversaries.

Rule 2 is to provide standard procedures for cyber operations. This would help provide positive controls on cyber with operational oversight and legal reviews.

Rule 3 is to share cyber threat info between nations. This would include sharing of information government to government, again to lower the “temperature” and possible miscalculations that could lead to higher levels of conflict.

Rule 4 is to ban third party actors and operators from engaging in offensive cyber operations. This is designed to reduce the risk of mistakes in action by one side in a dispute from actions taken by an operator that did not employ some of the controls existing in the first three rules.

MG Davis pointed out that current world society is in a period of uncertainty due in large part to various lack of controls in the world of cyber. Truth is in doubt; we demonize each other; we allow cyber actions to control events in society. As he put it: “We (society) are losing the battle.”

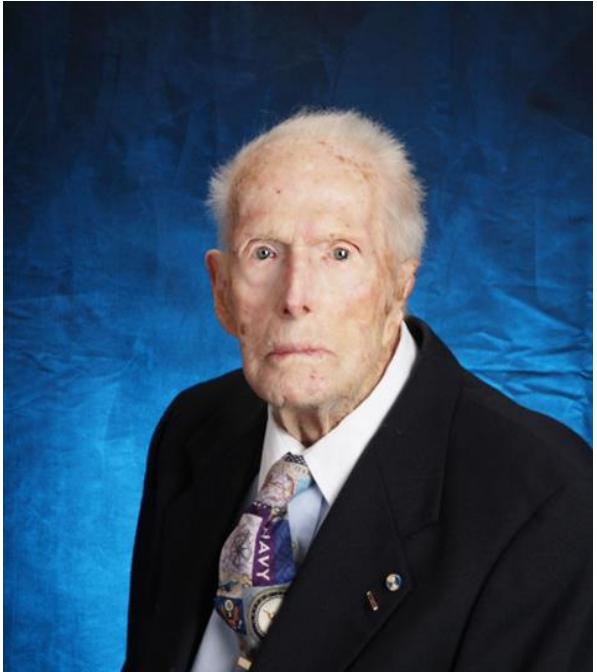
MG Davis did provide some interesting insights into the situation in Ukraine between Russia and Ukraine. He said that Russia used cyber information before the start of active conflict in February to influence world perception of the issue between Ukraine and Russia.

However, after combat started, it seemed more useful to use more kinetic efforts and weapons than to rely on uncertainties from cyber operations.

Cyber is less useful for Russia in the grey zone. Also, Ukraine’s cyber capability has made significant improvements in defensive capabilities after the US and other allied nations shared cyber information and capabilities with Ukraine.

Clearly the world of cyber is dynamic and its capabilities for offense and defense continue to change as new techniques and technologies become available. It is perhaps interesting to note that after every opportunity to review a video of the Gathering presentation by MG Davis from channel 970, it is possible to see new aspects of cyber operation.

It is certainly worth a periodic review to invite our guest back for another update as the world situation evolves.



## 2022 VETERANS DAY PROGAM AT FALCONS LANDING

by JIM MULLEN

More than 100 residents, veterans and spouses joined the Falcons Landing MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) Chapter led by Chapter President **Phil Walsh** for a Veterans Day Program remembering and honoring the service of our veterans. The program opened with the presentation of colors by an honor guard from the Air Force JROTC of Chantilly Academy. The Honor Guard came from one of three JROTC chapters that Falcons Landing MOAA sponsors as we follow our motto of service to veterans and to our community. Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem which was followed by an invocation by our Falcons Landing Chaplain, Jeff Payne. Phil Walsh provided a presentation on the history of Veterans Day, a reading of the Presidential Proclamation for 2022 and information about the statistics on the high level of participation by Falcons Landing members, both veterans and spouses in the many programs conducted by the MOAA Chapter in life at Falcons Landing and in support of veterans and their families in the Loudoun community. Chapter member **Howard Schue** provided a reading of the moving poem: "I Am a Veteran" by Andrea Brett, which was followed by the spirited singing of the songs of the Armed Forces Medley. The highlight of the program on this morning was our tribute to fellow residents and WWII veterans, Army Col. **Herb Stern** and Navy Capt. **Dale Reed**, who both served with valor throughout the Second World War. We celebrated with both who are each 103 years of age. The program concluded with a benediction reading by **Max Johnson** and the singing of "God Bless America." Perhaps the best measure of the meaning of the program to our community was mentioned in the comments of a resident: "Today's program was the most beautiful and meaningful program that we have seen and heard since we have been here. I am still seeing and hearing the program and just quietly remembering so many people and issues we lived over time---both with family and men and women with whom we served."

TOP: DALE REED  
BOTTOM: HERB STERN

# **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 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.**

## **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		

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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 "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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