



Falcons Landing Chapter



THE FALCON FLYER

DECEMBER 2021





CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As we approached the end of 2021, it was with regret and sorrow that I informed the Chapter that our friend and long-time pillar of our Board of Directors, Lowell Jones, passed on September 6. Please read the "In Memorium" article on page 13.

In October, I attended the MOAA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner and on behalf of the Falcons Landing Chapter, accepted the 5 Star Level of Excellence Award from LtGen Adkins, President of MOAA. November was a busy month. For the first time in two years, we conducted our Veterans Day Program live in the Falcons Landing Ballroom with over 90 members and residents in attendance (page 10). A week later, we held our Annual Chapter Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors. For the past three years, it was an honor for me to serve as your President. I would like to thank the dedication and hard work of the Officers and Directors during this past year. Despite the pandemic, we were able to accomplish much. It is now time to pass the "gavel" to Phil Walsh, who will lead the Chapter to new heights. I will remain on the board as the Webmaster and Director of Communications. Congratulations are also in order for the new board members - Joe Miller, Ed Post, and Tom Owens (page 15). As we enter 2022, I wish all of you a healthy, safe and joyous New Year.

Never Stop Serving

Bob Manning, President



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 takeaction.moaa.org

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MISSION STATEMENT



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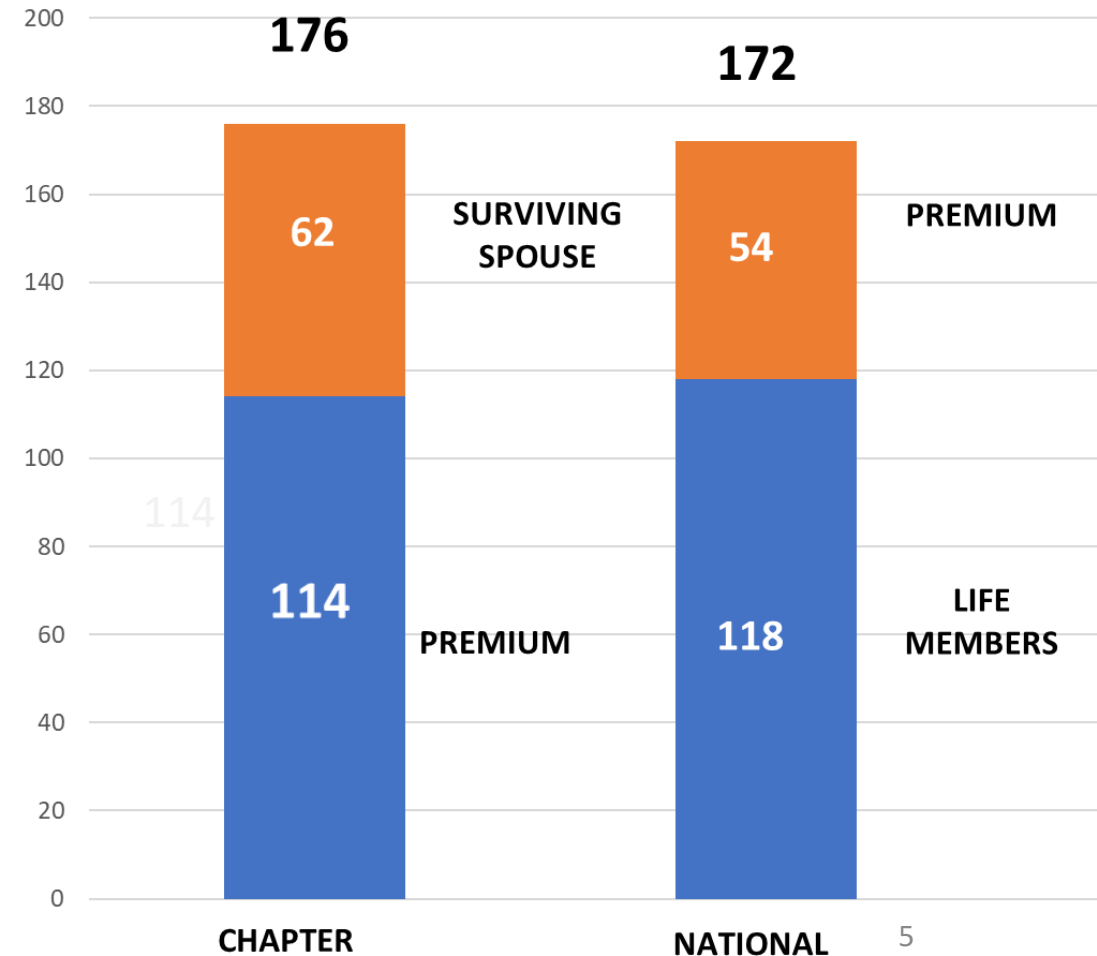
MOAA MEMBERSHIP

MAX JOHNSON

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.

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.



TREASURER'S REPORT

PETER SCOTT

BUDGET VS ACTUALS THRU DECEMBER 2021


Opening Balance (1 January 2021)		15,348.57		
			<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actuals</u>
Income	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	Expenses	
Dues	2,040.00	2,218.00	Adopt-A-Platoon	1,000.00
MOAA Awards	180.00	90.00	Auxiliary	284.00
MOAA Grants	0	3,150.00	Copying	578.00
Donations			Gen. Liability Insur.	385.00
General		3,642.00	LVFS	12,000.00
Adopt-A-Platoon		1,100.00	Officers'/Dir. Insur.	472.00
Scholarships		4,750.00	Refreshments	138.00
Veterans' asst.		3,722.00	State Corp. Commission	106.00
Total Donations	<u>12,149.22</u>	<u>13,214.00</u>	Scholar. & Ribbons	,050.00
Total Income	14,369.22	18,672.00	Stamps	33.00
			VA Council of Chapt.	120.40
			Website	132.00
			Bank Forms	144.70
			Poppies	35.51
			Dues refund	<u>39.00</u>
			Total Expense	20,298.40
			Closing Balance	9,419.39
				17,793.12
				16,227.45
			* 5,000 from Falcons Landing Chapel Committee directly to Community Lutheran Church	

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 publishes a monthly Legislative Update 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 <http://takeaction.moaa.org>.

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.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 

- JLC 2022-01 SUICIDE PREVENTION AMONG SMVF
- JLC 2022-02 EXPAND TAX RELIEF FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS TO ALSO INCLUDE “DIED IN THE LINE-OF-DUTY”
- JLC 2022-04 INCREASE GF SUPPORT FOR STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES; ELIMINATE SPOUSE BURIAL FEES

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 

- PROTECT THE VALUE OF THE MILITARY HEALTH CARE BENEFIT
- PROTECT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AS AN OPTION FOR THOSE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FULL MILITARY HONORS, THROUGH EXPANSION OF OUR NATIONAL CEMETERY
- SUSTAIN PAY RAISES FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND COLA RAISES FOR RETIREES
- IMPROVE SURVIVOR BENEFITS

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VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS (VCOC)

THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS (VCOC) OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA) CONSISTS OF 17 MOAA CHAPTERS. AS OF THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2021, VCOC NUMBERED 2284 MEMBERS.

BOB MANNING AND PHIL WALSH ATTENDED THE 4TH QUARTER VCOC MEETING ON OCTOBER 5 AT FORD'S COLONY CLUB, WILLIAMSBURG, VA. LTGEN ATKINS WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER.

THE LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR WAS PRESENTED TO CONGRESSWOMAN ELAINE LURIA AND STATE SENATOR JEN KEGGINS.

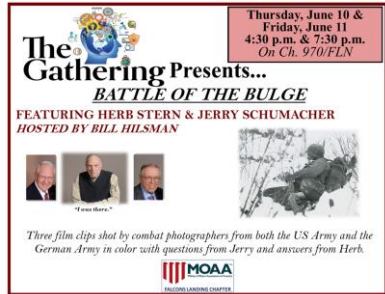
COL VICTORIA REVILLA FROM SOUTHSIDE, VIRGINIA, RECEIVED THE MOAA PRESIDENT'S AWARD.

COL BOB MANNING PARTICIPATED IN THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AND RECOGNIZED THE 32 FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST VCOC MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN 2019.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW VCOC OFFICERS. CDR LINC SMITH IS THE NEW PRESIDENT.

PROGRAMS

CURRENT SUMMARY OF CHAPTER PROGRAMS
MAY BE FOUND IN THE LATEST CHAPTER BOARD MINUTES



**LOUDOUN VETERANS AND
FAMILY SUPPORT**

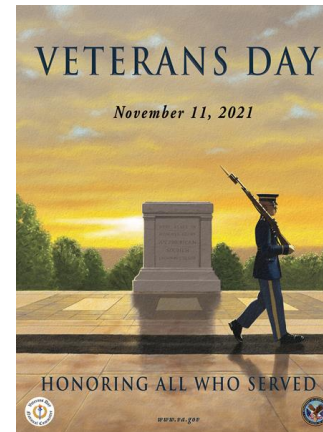


FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)

**SPEAKERS
DIRECTORY**



JROTC



VETERANS DAY 2021

by JIM MULLEN

There are more than 700,000 veterans in Virginia and more than 20,000 veterans in Loudoun County, 392 which live at Falcons Landing! On November 11, Veterans Day, organizations through-out Virginia honored their fellow veterans. At Falcons Landing veterans and family members participated in our annual Veterans Day program hosted by the Falcons Landing Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). It was an opportunity to recognize service to our country from so many of our fellow residents present and past and especially for those we remember who gave their lives in service to their country.

As we arrived in the Ballroom we noticed that each table had a card for each veteran thanking us for our service. The cards came from the fifth grade at St Theresa School. And that started the day....MOAA Chapter President Bob Manning led the full room of veterans and family in the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem followed by an invocation from Chaplain Jeff Payne. Phil Walsh gave us the opportunity to reflect on the history of Veterans Day--originally Armistice Day--that 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that celebrated the armistice that led to the end of WWI. The poem "I Am a Veteran" by Andrea Christensen Brett was read by Howard Schue. We also recognized the proclamation by President Biden for National Veterans and Military Family Month which includes the reality of the role played by wives and families in supporting veterans. This was followed by a spirited rendition of Armed Forces service songs by members of various services, and a tribute to the USO by Allen Wild. Allen explained that Falcons Landing residents and volunteers strongly support the USO unit at Dulles Airport. We continue to serve.

After a closing benediction by Max Johnson, we enjoyed a moving rendition of "America the Beautiful," sung by nine-year old Claire Cosby.





ANNUAL MEETING

THE AWARD-WINNING FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER OF MOAA INVITED ALL OF ITS MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS OF FALCONS LANDING TO THE ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AT 2:30PM. THE MEETING WAS HELD LIVE IN THE BALLROOM AND BROADCASTED ON THE FALCONS LANDING NETWORK, CHANNEL 970. THE ATTENDEES AND VIEWERS WERE ABLE TO:

MEET THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2021

WATCH A SPECIAL VIDEO “MOAA 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW”

LISTEN TO THE STATE OF THE CHAPTER PRESENTED BY THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT ACTIVELY SUPPORT OUR MISSION

RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON NATIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

FIND OUT HOW THE CHAPTER ENGAGES WITH OTHER VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORTING VETERANS IN NEED IN LOUDOUN COUNTY

HEAR ABOUT THE LATEST INITIATIVES OF OUR CHAPTER AUXILIARY

PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2022

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON OCTOBER 23, 2021 AND APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2021. THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ALSO SUPPORTED THE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO FILL EXISTING VACANCIES AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO APPROVE MEMBER TO FILL VACANT OFFICER/DIRECTOR POSITIONS WHEN CANDIDATES ARE SO NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	PHIL WALSH
1 st VP/PROGRAMS	TBD*
2 nd VP/LEGISLATIVE	TBD*
SECRETARY	GENNY PUSTAY
TREASURER	TOM OWENS

IMMEDIATE PAST PRES/ COMMUNICATIONS	BOB MANNING**
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DIRECTORS

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	MAX JOHNSON
AUXILIARY	VICKI ESTEY
PERSONAL AFFAIRS	KATHY TROSSBACH
SPEAKERS BUREAU	ED POST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	DON MCCARTHY
JROTC PROGRAM	JOE MILLER
LVFS REP	HOWARD SCHUE
LCCVEB REP	PETER SCOTT
GATHERING	BILL HILSMAN
MEMBER-AT-LARGE	BILL SUTER

* Recruiting Efforts to Continue

** Bob will Continue to Perform Webmaster and Other Communications-Related Duties for the Chapter

In Memorium

COLONEL LOWELL JONES

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we inform you of the recent passing of our Director of Membership, Lowell Jones. Lowell Jones passed away on September 6, 2021 in Washington, DC. He was born on January 11, 1937 in Redfield, SD, to Paul and Charlotte Jones.

Lowell attended South Dakota State College, entered the AFROTC program and, in 1957, received an appointment to the Air Force Academy. As a cadet, he met his future wife, Sandra, on a blind date and they were married in 1961. They had two sons together.

Lowell was stationed at Vance AFB, Pope AFB, Langley AFB, Little Rock AFB, Ramstein AB, Rhein Main AB, Scott AFB and the Pentagon, as well as doing a 13 month tour in Vietnam. In addition, he attended Texas A&M, for his master's degree in computer science, and the National War College.

During his military career, Lowell worked in a variety of positions to include: working with the Tactical Air Command airlift systems division; command and control with the Joint Staff; deputy chief of the Military Airlift Command Center; squadron commander; and as Chief of the Mobility Division in Studies and Analysis, at the Pentagon. He retired from the USAF in 1985 and worked in the Pentagon, for a company with a DoD contract. He retired again in 1997 and he and Sandra remained in Fredericksburg, VA, until their move to Falcons Landing in 2011.

Lowell was very involved in the community. He was in charge of the Falcons Landing Home Delivered Meals program for many years and a very active member of MOAA.

Lowell is predeceased by his wife, Sandra, and survived by sons, Lance and Kevin, and five grandchildren.

In remembrance of Lowell, the Board unanimously voted to name one of the AFJROTC Scholarships in his name. The Colonel Lowell Jones Scholarship will be presented to a qualified Air Force Junior ROTC cadet at Chantilly Academy beginning in 2022 and will continue each year thereafter.



IMPORTANT CHAPTER EVENTS AND SCHEDULE

THE GATHERING IS OPENED TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS AND FALCONS LANDING RESIDENTS. NOMINALLY, ONE EVENT PER MONTH IN THE FALCONS LANDING BALLROOM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETS ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1000 IN THE WELLNESS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM OR VIA ZOOM.

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

COMMITTEES MEET AT DISCRETION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 20	Board Meeting, 1000	July	No Board Meeting
February 17	Board Meeting, 1000	August 18	Board Meeting, 1000
March 17	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1430	September 15	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1430
April 21	Board Meeting, 1000	October 20	Board Meeting, 1000
May 19	Board Meeting, 1000	November 11	Veterans Day Program, 1030
May 30	Memorial Day Program, 1030	November 17	Annual Meeting and Election, 1900
June 16	Quarterly Chapter Meeting, 1430	December	No Board Meeting

2022 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Second Vice President: TBD

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