



## FALCONS LANDING CHAPTER



## THE FALCON FLYER MARCH 2022



# SUPPORT OF MOAA NATIONAL

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Left to right: Col Walsh, LtGen Nelson, Col Owens

## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS 2022

Prior to the installation ceremony, Bob Manning thanked the Officers and Directors for their help in achieving the successes of the past three years. As Past President, he will assume the position of Director of Communications, responsible for the chapter newsletter and website.

The installation of the new President-elect, Colonel Phil Walsh, (USMC Ret) and Treasurer-elect, Colonel Tom Owens, (USAF Ret) was conducted on January 20, 2022, by Lieutenant General Mike Nelson, (USAF Ret). General Nelson served as the President of MOAA (formerly The Retired Officers Association-TROA) from 1995 to 2002 where his team was instrumental in developing the influence of MOAA as an advocate for military issues and legislation that supports the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services.

After the installation ceremony and the exchange of the President's and Past President's MOAA pins, President Phil Walsh expressed support for MOAA and VCOC, Loudoun County Veterans, and the residents of Falcons Landing. He charged the Board to identify improvements that could be undertaken in the three areas of service specified by the chapter's mission.



# CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## MARCH 2022

I am honored to be now serving you as the new President of our Falcons Landing Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) national organization. I pledge to you I will work tirelessly to be worthy of the trust you have placed in me to lead our Chapter and to continue and hopefully enhance the exceptional legacy of service to our nation, the national MOAA organization, and our greater Falcons Landing community that our Chapter currently enjoys. To me, in practical terms for our MOAA Chapter, our mission translates to creating and executing programs and activities that support:

- MOAA National and the VCOC
- Loudoun County veterans and their families and the larger off-campus Loudoun County community
- Falcons Landing residents and our on-campus community life

To accomplish this, I enjoin you, the members of our Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter, to help me Identify new ways to meaningfully support our mission objectives; and, when approved by the Chapter Board of Directors on your behalf, to take the necessary actions to effectively execute the programs we so identify. I strongly believe, if we do that, we will enhance the visibility and relevancy of our MOAA Chapter here at Falcons Landing and at the same time build upon the rich legacy of service we now enjoy.

***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**



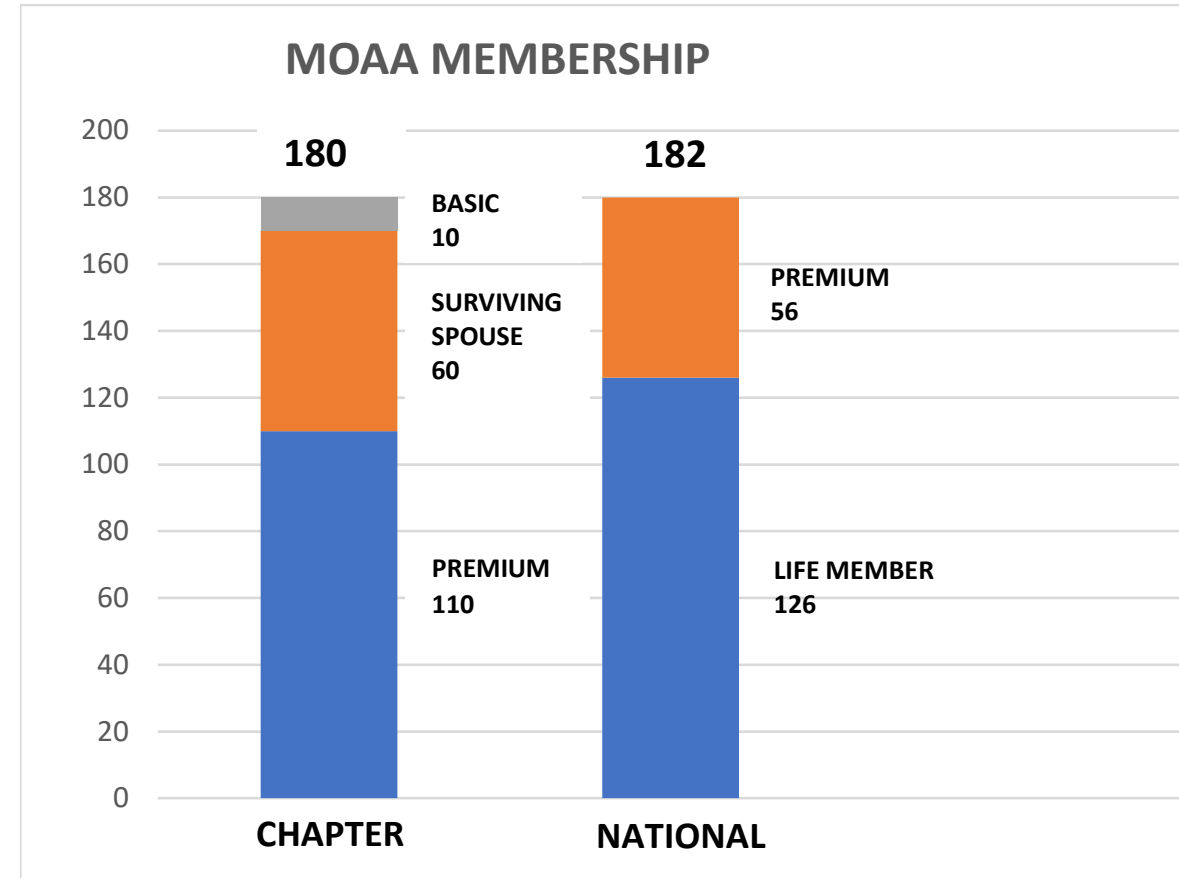
# MOAA MEMBERSHIP

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



**TREASURER'S  
REPORT  
TOM OWENS**

**APPROVED  
BUDGET 2022**

**Income**

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Dues</b>             | <b>\$2200</b>   |
| <b>Donations</b>        |                 |
| <b>General</b>          | <b>\$7,000</b>  |
| <b>Adopt-A-Platoon</b>  | <b>\$1,100</b>  |
| <b>Scholarships</b>     | <b>\$6,000</b>  |
| <b>Veteran's Assist</b> | <b>\$3,500</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$17,600</b> |

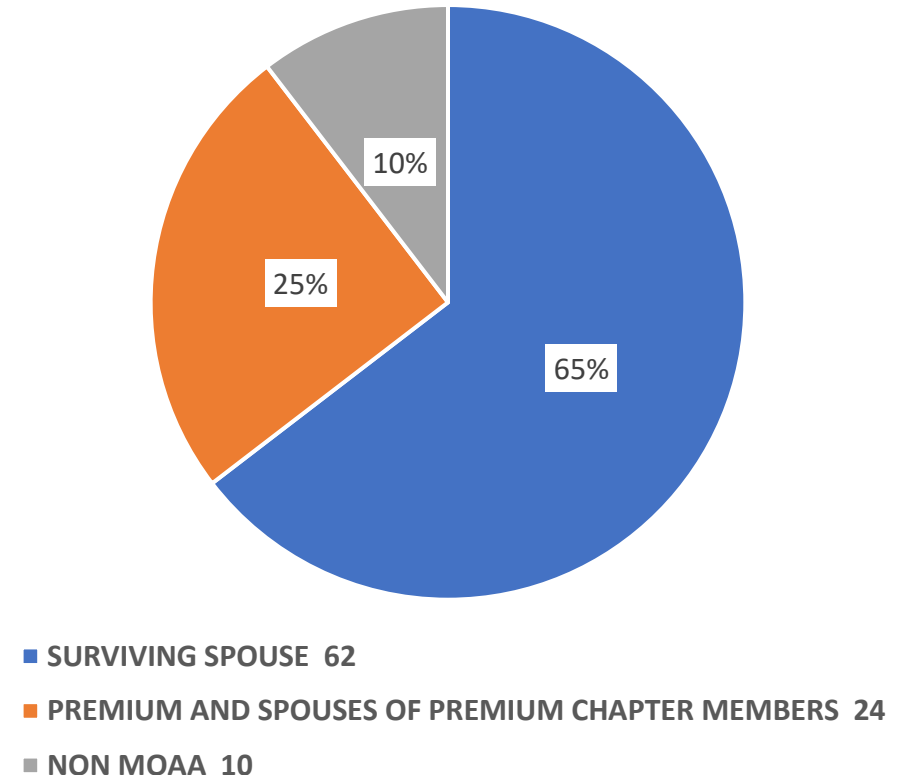
**Expenses**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Copying</b>               | <b>\$150</b>    |
| <b>LVFS</b>                  | <b>\$12,000</b> |
| <b>Officers'/Dir Insur.</b>  | <b>\$500</b>    |
| <b>General Liability Ins</b> | <b>\$380</b>    |
| <b>State Corp Commission</b> | <b>\$50</b>     |
| <b>Scholar&amp;Ribbons</b>   | <b>\$6,000</b>  |
| <b>Postage</b>               | <b>\$100</b>    |
| <b>VA Council of Chap</b>    | <b>\$130</b>    |
| <b>Website</b>               | <b>\$132</b>    |
| <b>Bank Checks</b>           | <b>\$75</b>     |
| <b>Total Expense</b>         | <b>\$19,517</b> |

# AUXILIARY OF MOAA CHAPTER

- The Auxiliary is a nonprofit charitable organization per IRS 501(c)(3).
- The Auxiliary is an affiliate organization to the Falcons Landing Chapter.
- Membership in the Auxiliary is comprised of the Auxiliary President, Chapter Surviving Spouses (defined by MOAA as widows and widowers of any deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for MOAA membership) and any other persons in the community not eligible for MOAA membership in their own right but who wish to assist in the work of the Auxiliary.
- No membership dues.
- Contact Vicki Estey, President, Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter Auxiliary for additional information.

AUXILIARY COMPOSITION







**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.**

**THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS MEETS QUARTERLY: JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER. FOR 2022, THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE A VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING. THE APRIL AND OCTOBER MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN PERSON AT THE VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL, RICHMOND, WITH THE JULY MEETING LOCATION TBD. EACH IN PERSON MEETING WILL INCLUDE THE VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE OPTION.**

# 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: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 [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.

## 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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# **ACTION IN THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE ON EXEMPTING MILITARY RETIRED PAY FROM STATE INCOME TAX**

**HB 1128 establishes an income tax subtraction for up to \$20,000 of military benefits in taxable year 2022, up to \$30,000 in taxable year 2023, and up to \$40,000 in taxable year 2024 and each year thereafter. The bill defines military benefits to include military retirement income and benefits paid to the surviving spouse of a veteran. The bill contains an emergency clause. Bill has passed through the full house.**

**The companion senate bill, SB 586, provides an individual income tax subtraction for up to \$5,000 of military benefits in Taxable Year 2022, up to \$10,000 in Taxable Year 2023, up to \$15,000 in Taxable Year 2024, and up to \$20,000 in Taxable Year 2025 and each taxable year thereafter. The subtraction would be limited to recipients of such military benefits that are age 60 or older.**

**VCOC is asking MOAA membership to write Virginia legislators working this issue, specifically to lower eligible age in senate bill to 50.**

- The three delegates are: John McGuire, [deljmcguire@house.virginia.gov](mailto:deljmcguire@house.virginia.gov); Robert Orrock, [delborrock@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delborrock@house.virginia.gov); Luke Torian, [delltorian@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delltorian@house.virginia.gov).**
- The three senators are: Bryce Reeves, [district17@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district17@senate.virginia.gov); Mamie Locke, [district02@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district02@senate.virginia.gov); R. Creigh Deeds, [district25@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district25@senate.virginia.gov).**

# **MOAA PRESIDENT SOUNDS WARNING ON BENEFIT CUTS IN 'THE HILL' COMMENTARY**

**By: MOAA Staff**

**Just months after the end of the war in Afghanistan, and despite the massive buildup of forces in Europe, signs point to pressure on lawmakers to cash in some of the “peace dividend” at the expense of servicemembers, veterans, and their families and survivors. Instead of appreciation for the uniformed services community, such talk is “creating a much different, unsettling message,” wrote Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), MOAA’s president and CEO, in a Feb. 9 commentary published by The Hill.**

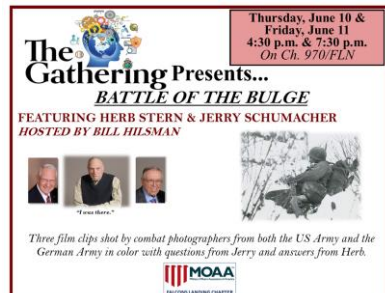
**That message: “Thank you for your service and sacrifice, especially after two decades of war, but we need to cut your pay and benefits to modernize.” Atkins addresses the “false choice between bullets and benefits” offered in some corners to justify increasing materiel budgets while leaving personnel accounts flat ... or worse. While this narrative poses a threat to the benefits earned through service, it’s not a new fight, Atkins points out, highlighting budget-driven moves made in the last decade such as:**

- The “pay gap” from 2014 to 2016, which shortchanged servicemembers and will cause ripple effects in retirement compensation for decades.**
- Increases to TRICARE pharmacy costs and program fees outpacing retiree cost-of-living adjustments.**
- The Blended Retirement System, which will reduce the value of a 20-year military career and cost DoD less money, with unclear results beyond readiness issues, as “mid-career service members consider leaving early — and taking their wealth of experience out the door with them,” Atkins wrote.**

**Only by engaging on these efforts to lessen benefits now will the uniformed services community avoid similar actions in coming years, especially in the face of inflationary pressures and other fiscal threats. “Our economy may fluctuate,” Atkins wrote, “but our resolve on behalf of service members cannot.” MOAA will mobilize this spring for its annual advocacy campaign, with an eye toward protecting military pay along with other critical legislative objectives. Watch for more details at [MOAA.org](http://MOAA.org), and bookmark our new Legislative Action Center to keep up with ongoing action items.**

# PROGRAMS

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



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

## SPEAKERS DIRECTORY

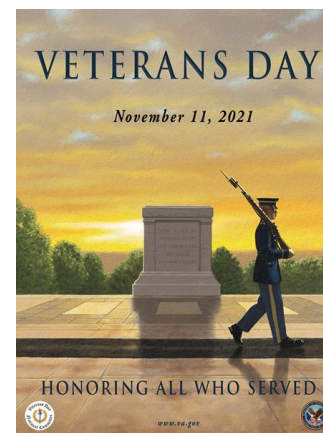


**LOUDOUN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY VETERANS  
ENGAGEMENT BOARD**

## LOUDOUN VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT



## JROTC



## PERSONEL AFFAIRS



# OUR CHANGING CHAPTER

## January-March 2022

### NEW ARRIVALS

- **CAPT Chris Maginniss**
- **Charlie Graham**
- **Gary LaVoy**
- **LTC Tommie Massey**
- **COL Ed Post**
- **Richard Searles**
- **Col Robert Sparks**
- **CAPT David Nordeen**
- **COL Gerald Cross**
- **CAPT Gary Scoffield,**
- **Jack Devine**

### SAD DEPARTURES

- **MG Drake Wilson**
- **Inez Goldstein**
- **LTG Arnold Braswell**
- **Veronica Moore**





# 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 2022

|             |                                 |              |                                   |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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                  |

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