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MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)**



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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, June 2019

Our Chapter had a very active and productive Second Quarter. We sponsored four Gathering meetings which are highlighted in this issue of the Flyer. In April, we conducted our Quarterly Meeting with special guest Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, the US Representative for the 10th Congressional District of Virginia. Approximately 200 chapter members and guests received an update on the activities of MOAA and the Chapter. In addition, we had the opportunity to hear Congresswoman Wexton's personal commitment to veterans' programs and current legislation supporting veterans. We also continued to support our local high school JROTC programs at Chantilly and Loudoun County High Schools. The Memorial Day program presented in May was both moving and uplifting (refer to the article in this issue). Thanks to your generosity, we were able to award eight scholarships, including the Lieutenant General John Pustay Scholarship to deserving cadets. This year we were also able to increase our funding to support the Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS), which provides multifaceted local support to veterans and their families. Finally, I am pleased to announce that on June 20, we launched our new chapter website. It can be reviewed at www.falconsmoaa.org. The document section of the website requires a password, which you will receive in a separate email. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Bob Manning, Chapter President

Mission Statement

MOAA is a 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. The Falcons Landing Chapter is one of more than 400-plus local organizations affiliated with National MOAA. Our Chapter provides programs which 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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Chapter and Legislative Information

Chapter Membership Information

MOAA 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, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their surviving spouses. If you know a prospective member, please contact Lowell Jones (703-444-9530) to receive information on the benefits of chapter membership. This is an opportune time to convert to a MOAA Life Membership, because MOAA is still giving a 10% discount on a membership conversion. A MOAA life Membership indicates your strong support for MOAA's goals. For more information, please call a MOAA representative at (800) 234-6622.

Legislative Affairs Report Information

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 for source data, copy this web address <http://www.moaa.org> and paste to your browser's search bar. After on site, click on "MOAA - Home/Official Site," go to "Publications & Media/Email Newsletter," and provide your email address. This will help you register to receive the current newsletters. You can then click on the desired subject in the newsletters and get more details. 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 Clair Wylie, Legislative Liaison, at (703) 216-7549).

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 in a visit called "Storming the Hill," normally in April. To review MOAA legislative activities, visit MOAA.org (as shown above) and select the "Take Action" tab. 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 Legislative Priorities

Provide force structure and funding to sustain and strengthen the all-volunteer force. Provide hard-gained benefits for active, guard/reserve, and retired community.

Objectives: Maintain end strengths; maintain current TRICARE fee laws and health plan structure; provide those serving with pay increases tied to the employment cost index; maintain commissary patron savings at current levels; provide basic housing allowance at current levels; and provide our veterans quality health care and eliminate the backlog in disability claims.

The Gathering: April 1, 2019
The Washington Nationals in 2019
By Phil Walsh

For the second time in less than a year, our Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter hosted a special gathering on baseball—this time on the state of our Washington Nationals baseball team as the 2019 regular season commences. The lunchtime affair was held on April 1st, and guests were treated to Falcons Landing special baseball fare as ordered by hosts Bill Hilsman, Barbara Goodwin, and Phil Walsh—hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, soft drinks, beer and cookies.

Lunch was followed by a lively panel discussion about our Nationals baseball team as they seek to regain the National League East Division Championship and then (hopefully) advance deep into the baseball playoffs. Panelists were the three hosts, all avid Nationals fans, plus Col. Dick Polin (USA, Ret.), who returned to Falcons Landing for his second gathering on baseball. Dick is a researcher at the Institute for Defense Analyses who, in his spare time, studies baseball statistics and has analyzed the performance of major league baseball players over the long history of the game. Dick had presented his analysis of major league hitting to Falcons Landing residents last August. This time Dick reviewed the results of his more recent analytical work on major league pitching.

The panel discussion was divided into four parts: Bill Hilsman, the overall moderator, discussed the Nationals' catchers; Barbara Goodwin discussed their outfielders; and Phil Walsh discussed their infielders. At that point, Dick Polin presented the results of his research on major league pitchers. He concluded with a comparative analysis of the six top pitchers of each of the five teams in the National League East Division. Dick's analysis concluded that the Nationals are, indeed, starting the new baseball season with arguably the best pitching staff in the division—a well-received conclusion by the audience of largely Washington Nationals fans!

The discussion then moved to particular challenges facing the second-year Nationals manager (Davey Martinez) and a host of changes in baseball rules currently under consideration by Major League Baseball, with various commentary and opinions on these subjects expressed by panelists and residents alike. In all, as befits such a gathering, the discussion was lively and fun. The Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter again thanks Dick Polin for sharing his interesting and unique analysis of the game so many of us have loved since childhood – that all-American game of baseball!



L to R: Barbara Goodwin, Phil Walsh,
Dick Polin, Bill Hilsman

The Gathering: April 15, 2019
Sterling Fire and Rescue Services.

By Clair Wylie

The Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad was formed in 1964, and the Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1966. Sterling Rescue remains one of only two round-the-clock volunteer organizations in Loudoun County. The volunteer hours cover the timeframe from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekdays, and 24/7 on weekends. In 2018, these dedicated volunteers responded to our calls 460 times! As of early April, they had responded 170 times. Where would we be without them?

Last year, our community contributed more than \$84,000 in support of items that could save our lives. The Fire Department requested thermal imaging equipment. This past month, our Devon Freeman had the exciting opportunity to ride along on an evening mission. She actually saw a demonstration of this equipment. Wait until you see the film on May 5 at the Ice Cream & Sweets Social hosted by Sterling Volunteer Fire and Rescue. It's amazing and so impressive. The 2018 Rescue request was for assistance in procuring an Advanced Life Support Chase Unit. When an ambulance is on another call, the Advance Chase Unit responds so the "Golden Hour" is available and may help determine the outcome of a stroke or heart attack. When time is of the essence, this unit is our ace in the hole.

This year's campaign encompasses the month of May; it will be the 21st outreach to our community. The Fire Department has requested funding to replace hose nozzles. OK—these may not be as SEXY as thermal imaging equipment, but try to fight a fire without them! There is no military veteran on this campus who, at one time or other while on active duty, would not have traded a bright, shiny, new GEE -WHIZ item in favor of the nuts and bolts needed to fix an aircraft in his hangar, or a ship at the pier. The Rescue Squad request is for enhancement equipment for the Chase units that we supported last year. These units save lives—OUR lives. That's an investment we should be happy to support.

On April 15, you had the opportunity to "Meet the Chief" and a Rescue Squad representative. We hope you were as impressed with their professionalism and dedication as we were.

As noted, we hope you will join us on May 5 for the Ice Cream and Sweets Social right here at Falcons Landing. Our friends will bring delicious goodies, film footage of their work and interviews with their personnel. You can get "up-close-and-personal" with some of the equipment they are happy to show off—items, that we in part, helped them acquire. The event promises to be wonderful, so don't miss it.



L to R: Sterling Volunteer Fire Dept Chief Mickey Buchanan, Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad Vice President Jen Ferguson, Clair Wylie, Bill Hilsman

Quarterly Membership Meeting, April 16, 2019 **MOAA Chapter Hosts Congresswoman Wexton**

By Jim Mullen

The Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA held its quarterly membership meeting on April 16. The guest for the meeting was Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, the U.S. Representative for the 10th Congressional District of Virginia. The meeting provided the approximately 200 members of the Chapter with an update on the activities of MOAA and the Chapter and gave them an opportunity to meet the newly elected U.S. Representative for our district. Chapter President Bob Manning introduced Falcons Landing Chaplain Jeff Payne, who began the meeting with a remembrance of the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech 12 years ago that resulted in the loss of 32 lives, including a granddaughter of one of our residents.

Bob Manning highlighted Chapter programs designed to support those who are serving, those who have served, and those who have survived. Programs include “Adopt-A-Platoon,” which provides care packages to military units deployed overseas; the scholarship and recognition awards program for Chantilly AFJROTC and Loudoun High School NJROTC cadets; Memorial and Veterans Day programs for our residents; and the financial support program for veterans of Loudoun County in need. Our Chapter legislative representative, Clair Wylie, provided members with updates on key legislative initiatives supported by MOAA, including 2020 budget plans for the military. She urged our residents to support MOAA by responding to our Congress representatives about concerns for the military programs using the MOAA drafted responses in the MOAA Military Officer magazine. Jim Mullen, our past president and currently the chairman of the Veterans Engagement Board, provided an update on programs in Loudoun County designed to help support our veterans. This included initiatives that provide a mental health clinic for veterans in the County; progress on a program to open a VA telemedicine program for veterans enrolled in VA medical support, which is anticipated to open this summer; plans for a county VA medical clinic; and plans for an open house “Veterans Salute in Loudoun County”, designed to recognize the 20,000 veterans of the County and their families, as well as to provide an opportunity for veterans to meet with Veterans Administration program specialists.

The meeting was then opened to Representative Wexton who spoke about her own personal commitment to veterans programs and current legislation supporting veterans. She and her staff addressed several questions from the residents regarding veterans’ issues. One question addressed concerns about planned reduction of active duty military medical staff support to be replaced by civilian resources. Another question concerned VA medical appointments for Agent Orange patients. Her staff was able to address some immediate support recommendations to several residents at the close of the meeting. Residents expressed their appreciation to Representative Wexton for her visit to Falcons Landing and for her support to veterans, and then extended a welcome to her for future visits.



L to R: Peter Scott, Bill Hilsman, Phil Walsh, Allison Hickey, Bill Suter, Rep. Jennifer Wexton, Jim Mullen, Bob Manning, Max Johnson, Genevieve Chadwick, Lowell Jones, Emily Bright, Kathy Trossbach, Howard Schue, John Pustay, and Clair Wylie

MOAA Chapter Board Meeting, April 18, 2019

President Bob Manning: Thanked the Board for their support of the successful and enjoyable Quarterly meeting and visit by Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton on April 16.

Secretary's Report: Genevieve Chadwick. The March 21 Board meeting minutes were distributed to Board members and subsequently approved..

Treasurer's Report: Peter Scott.

March opening balance:	\$24,818.61
Income: \$108	
Expenses: \$4416.90 (LVFS and Adopt-A-Platoon)	
Closing balance:	\$20509.71

Paid budgeted items: Reproduction—\$24.50, Refreshments—\$10.30.

Received a letter of thanks from Adopt-A Platoon for monetary support.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Report: Lowell Jones.

	Premium Members	Surviving Spouses	Honorary	Total Members
December 31, 2018	136	69	0	205
April 18, 2019	132	63	0	195

Total National Members: 186 (95%) Total National Life Members: 134 (69%)

Removed one non-renewal. Added two new members in March.

Legislative Report: Clair Wylie. The April monthly Legislative Report was distributed. Discussed Storming the Hill. Lobbying is defined and not prohibited under 501C-19, which is our Chapter's designation. This is in contrast to the 501C-3 non-profit designation, which places limits on lobbying. Per our Mission and consistent with MOAA, Storming the Hill is mentioned by name and is listed on the MOAA Website, which encourages members to participate. Pre-printed postcards, addressed to our members of Congress, are published in the MOAA magazine, and members are encouraged to use them to lobby their representatives.

Auxiliary: Emily Bright. The subcommittee charged with a feasibility study to further describe the composition and functions of the Auxiliary will develop an approach later today.

Public Affairs: Don McCarthy. No report.

Speakers Program: Max Johnson. Brochures are sent out to publicize our speeches.

Completed: February 7, Max Johnson, Vietnam War; March 14, Dr. Ken Cho, Korean War

Projected: June 6, Howard Schue, Intelligence Community and Tom Flynn, D-Day, 75 Years Later

JROTC: Stan King. Invitation sent to Chantilly Academy AF ROTC for Memorial Day honor guard.

Personal Affairs: Kathy Trossbach. Counseling one member and guiding a grieving spouse in obtaining benefits that may be due.

Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC): Bob Manning. VCOC meets quarterly—Bob Manning and Clair Wylie attend. No other chapter lists the Auxiliary as a separate identity with its own IRS designation (501C-3). American Legion may convert to 501C-3.

Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (LCCVEB): Jim Mullen. Mission is to coordinate a strategic response to the needs of Loudoun County veterans and families through community outreach and advocacy. Planning for an October meeting to address a VA effort.

Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS): Howard Schue. Activity has slowed with no requests for assistance from Tom Grant (leader of 12 Loudoun Veteran Service Organizations) this month.

The Gathering: Bill Hilsman. The Gathering meets routinely on the 3rd Thursday monthly, with the exceptions noted for conflicting Falcons Landing events. There were two events in April and none planned yet for May. Discussed suggestions for future Gatherings.

New Business: Bob Manning. Continuing development of the Chapter's Falcons Landing website. Considering a request from Chapter member Martin Edwards to support a response from our members to his questionnaire on elderly drivers and autonomous vehicles, in order to complete his dissertation for a doctoral degree.

Deadlines: MOAA Levels of Excellence Award—May 1st

MOAA Chapter Board Meeting, May 23, 2019

President Bob Manning: Asked Howard Schue to address the use of the Hand Salute while in civilian dress, in particular for the Pledge of Allegiance, playing of the National Anthem, and Taps for Memorial Day.

Secretary's Report: Jim Mullen for Genevieve Chadwick. The April 18 Board meeting minutes, previously distributed to Board members, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Scott.

April opening balance: \$20,509.71

Income: \$54.00

Expenses: \$3,590.80 (Scholarships, \$3,000)

Closing balance: \$16,972.91

No MOAA Grant for this year. Authorized budgeted donation to LVFS for 2nd quarter, \$3000. Authorized payment to Falcons Landing for refreshments, \$55.10.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Report: Lowell Jones.

	Premium Members	Surviving Spouses	Honorary	Total Members
December 31, 2018	136	69	0	205
May 23, 2019	133	62	0	195

Total National Members: 186 (95%) Total National Life Members: 136 (69%)

Two renewals due in April and May, both renewed. Recruited one new member in April and one in May.

Legislative Report: Clair Wylie. The May monthly Legislative Report was distributed.

Auxiliary: Emily Bright. Identified an incident in the Johnson Center, reported by volunteers, regarding a patient who had fallen. It was reported to Falcons Landing staff. Howard Schue will follow up.

Phil Walsh led a discussion on the construction of the Auxiliary organizational structure, to include change of By-Laws for Surviving Spouses/Auxiliary and updating the Chapter By-Laws to reflect the changes. This was approved by 7 Yes, 2 No, and 1 vote present. The discussion was held over for continuing dialogue later.

Public Affairs: Don McCarthy. Commented on the problem of gaining exposure in the local press on an article addressing the work of our Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS) efforts.

Speakers Program: Max Johnson. Three speeches are scheduled in June: Howard Schue (Shepherd's Center on U.S. Intelligence), Tom Flynn (Alexandria Lyceum on General Marshall in War and Peace), and Max Johnson (General MacArthur's Farewell Speech to West Point).

JROTC: Stan King. Chantilly Academy AFJROTC confirmed for Memorial Day honor guard. On May 4 at Chantilly Academy, presented one \$1,000 John Pustay scholarship, one \$1,000 scholarship, two \$500 scholarships to graduating AFROTC cadets, and an MOAA leadership medal and ribbon to a rising senior. On May 14 at Loudoun High School NJROTC, presented two \$1,000 scholarships, two \$500 scholarships to graduating AFROTC cadets, and an MOAA leadership medal and ribbon to a rising senior.

Personal Affairs: Kathy Trossbach (on summer vacation). Jackie Mullen will act as point of contact.

Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC): Bob Manning. There will be a Council Leadership Workshop held in Hershey, PA on September 6-7. Up to three leaders from each Council and Chapter will be invited.

Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (LCCVEB): Jim Mullen. VA effort: The LCCVEB Board plans a meeting for County veterans in October to provide information on veterans' services. Support from veterans service officers (VSOs) will be available at the program.

Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS): Howard Schue. There was a recent meeting with the Lutheran Church at which it was learned that Chad Bates had resigned. Dennis Shipman, a founding member, has health issues and can no longer participate. Of the original committee, only Howard Schue remained. The Church is in the process of determining how to communicate and is willing to participate with the Chapter. Activity has slowed and there were no requests for assistance this month.

The Gathering: Bill Hilsman. No Gathering scheduled for May. The next Gathering will be on June 13 with a presentation by resident LtGen (Ret.) Roger Schultz on the new Army Museum near Ft. Belvoir.

New Business: Bob Manning. The MOAA Levels of Excellence Award report was submitted May 1. The Chapter has been awarded the Five-Star (highest) Communications Award for 2018. The Falcons Landing new MOAA Chapter website is expected to be available by June 15. The doctoral questionnaire from Chapter member Martin Edwards was approved by the Board. Emily Bright will be recognized for her service to the MOAA Chapter at the Memorial Day program with a certificate of appreciation.

Memorial Day Program, May 27, 2019

By Bob Manning

Chapter members and guests were greeted with poppies as they entered the Falcons Landing Ballroom to attend the annual Memorial Day Program. The event began with the Presentation of the Colors by the Air Force Junior ROTC Unit from Chantilly Academy, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Chaplain Jeff then provided the Invocation. Bob Manning briefly discussed the sacrifices made by veterans from the American Revolution to the current Global War on Terror. As part of the annual tradition, the poem *In Flanders Field*, written by John McCrae, was narrated by Jim Mullen. The program continued with the showing of a powerful video of President Reagan's address to the nation supporting the Armed Forces of the United States. On display in front of the Ballroom was an impressive print of a painting of the Vietnam Wall titled "Reflection" by Lee Teeter. Howard Schue narrated a poem, *The Wall of Memory* written by his classmate, Tom Lough, USMA Class of 1964, which beautifully captured the inner and emotional meaning of the artwork. Tributes and memories of fallen comrades and loved ones were shared by Chapter members. The program concluded with a heartfelt rendition of "Mansions of the Lord" sung by the USMA Glee Club, Taps, and a Benediction by Max Johnson. Special thanks go to the Dulles Town Center Chic-fil-A restaurant for providing the refreshments. As we left the Ballroom, it was resolved that We Will Never Forget.



LOUDOUN VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT (LVFS)

By Howard Schue

Loudoun County is estimated to have a population of over 20,000 military veterans and their families – one of the largest concentrations of veterans in the nation – and an additional number of those in active military service.

The Loudoun Veterans and Family Support (LVFS) was established in 2016 as a partnership between the Community Lutheran Church in Sterling and the Falcons Landing Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The mission of LVFS is to provide assistance not immediately available from other sources to those Loudoun County veterans and their families who are in need. This assistance has included helping veterans' families to avoid eviction, pay their bills, obtain medical equipment and medical support, repair or replace their vehicles, find employment, and obtain transportation to medical appointments. LVFS actively participates in various other Loudoun County veterans support organizations and activities, including the new Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (LCCVEB).

Loudoun County is very fortunate to have a County Veterans Services Coordinator, Tom Grant. Tom typically refers veterans in need to LVFS and other veterans' support organizations in the County such as local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapters. LVFS and these other support organizations typically either volunteer individually for or coordinate the responses among themselves and arrange to get the support needed to the veterans and their families quickly. Where appropriate, LVFS works to refer veterans with needs that cannot be met locally (such as arranging access to disability or pension benefits) to other agencies who do provide the needed service. Since its establishment in 2016, LVFS has provided support to over 30 County veterans and/or their families, including direct contributions of over \$20,000 in financial assistance, as well as rides to medical appointments and other efforts.

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Those wishing to support the mission of LVFS either actively or through donations should contact either the Community Lutheran Church at (703) 430-6006 or the Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA directly. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Gathering, June 13, 2019 **National Museum of the United States Army**

By Jim Mullen

In June, the US Army celebrated its 244th anniversary. It was an opportunity for the Gathering to feature a presentation by fellow resident, LTG Roger Schultz (USA-Ret.), concerning The National Museum of the United States Army. The Museum is under construction on 80 acres near Fort Belvoir Virginia and is expected to open to the public in 2020. General Schultz is the President of the Army Historical Foundation, the official fundraiser for the museum.



L to R: Bill Hilsman, Roger Schultz

He explained that the museum will provide a comprehensive portrayal of Army history in a series of galleries that focus on the different periods in the Army's history from the Revolutionary War through the most recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. It will also provide a section for personal accounts of soldiers stories and a gallery examining the relationships between the Army and U.S. citizens. This will all be presented through exhibits designed to provide interactive educational experiences. The museum will celebrate the service and sacrifice of the over 30 million men and women who have served in the Army since 1775.

As a state of the art facility, the museum will also be able to link with the many Army museums at various military posts like Fort Benning or Fort Knox for a comprehensive portrayal of Army history. We are fortunate to be located so close to Fort Belvoir, and we can look forward to visits to this unique museum of the Army as it joins with the many fine military museums in the greater Washington area.

Speakers Bureau Events, June 6, 2019

By Max Johnson

June 6, D-Day, 2019 was a wonderful day for the Falcons Landing Speaker's Bureau. We had two of our best speakers go into action as follows:

Howard Schue went to the Shepherd's Center in Oakton and spoke on the organization and missions of the US Intelligence Community. There were 27 in attendance and among them were others who worked in the intelligence area. The audience was totally engaged with Howard and asked many questions during the speech. So it was really a teacher's dream as the dialogue between speaker and audience brought about learning. There were many compliments about Howard's professionalism and expertise in his subject.

Tom Flynn spoke at the Lyceum in Alexandria for a panel discussion on D-Day subjects. In addition to Tom, other speakers were an Army Lieutenant General who spoke on coalition warfare. He had served as Commander of Forces in Bosnia. The second addition to the panel was a historian who was amazing with his grasp of who the leaders were in D-Day, their lives, and how they became to serve during that critical period. Finally, Tom Flynn gave a great talk on what it was like in his neighborhood when D-Day began to include Sister Mary from his Catholic school asking all her students to pray for our forces on the day they found out D-Day began. He also spoke of the white stars in the windows of houses denoting an active member serving in D-Day, as well as gold stars to show people who had lost loved ones in the war. Tom also showed how united the community was in support of our war effort and contrasted it with how divisive our country appears today. The session grabbed the hearts and minds of the 80 in the audience and showed how the events of D-Day, a real national crisis, could serve to unite our people in a common cause.

MOAA Chapter Board Meeting, June 20, 2019

Secretary's Report: Genevieve Chadwick.

The May 23 Board meeting minutes were distributed to members and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Scott.

May opening balance: \$16,972.91

Income: \$97.00

Expenses: \$3,239.95 (Scholarships, \$3,000)

Closing balance: \$13,829.96

Pay Falcons Landing for refreshments, \$118.20 and Mercer to renew liability insurance, \$370.

An account was opened at Northwest Bank with \$200. Most of Chapter funds remain at BB&T pending decision on Auxiliary dues refund. Chapter was awarded \$250 by MOAA National as a retention bonus.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Report: Bob Manning for Lowell Jones

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December 31, 2018	136	69	0	205
March 21, 2019	132	64	0	196

Total National Members: 186 (95%) Total National Life Members: 135 (69%)

In June, we recruited one new member (Jim Fontana) and lost one (John Kinniburgh, deceased).

Legislative Affairs: Clair Wylie. Legislative Report was published and distributed to members in March.

Discussion: Rep. Jennifer Wexton's Roundtable discussion in Leesburg, March 20.

Reports of non-responsiveness of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Spoke to Rep. Wexton and her liaison about Veterans issues;

Addressed potential visit to Falcons Landing by Rep. Wexton and suggested April 16.

Public Affairs: Don McCarthy. Updated recruiting letter, which is distributed by Falcons Landing Marketing to prospective residents.

Community Speakers Program: Max Johnson. Projected Speeches include: Howard Schue, June 6, *An Introduction to the U S Intelligence Community*; Tom Flynn, June 6, *D-Day 75 years later, General George C Marshall in War and Peace*; and Duff Rice: *The humorous side of a Marine Corps Career*.

JROTC: Stan King. Bob Manning and Stan King will be at the Chantilly Academy AFJROTC to make presentations at awards and pass-in-review ceremonies. Our awards include a \$1,000 LtGen John Pustay scholarship, a \$1,000 Chapter scholarship, two \$500 scholarships, and the MOAA National Leadership Medal to a cadet who has demonstrated exceptional leadership potential.

Personal Affairs: Kathy Trossbach. Working with 3 residents to secure important documents required to settle their estates. Condolence letters have been sent to family members of deceased residents.

Auxiliary: Emily Bright. Phil Walsh is leading work on a study to describe the composition and functions of the Auxiliary, per it's 501C-3 designation. So far this quarter, we have coordinated 77 visits to the Johnson Center and West Falls.

Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC): Bob Manning. Bob and Clair Wylie will attend an April meeting when Mission BBQ serves free meals to veterans. We expect to have more communication with veterans.

Loudoun County Community Veteran Engagement Board (LCCVEB): Jim Mullen. There is a meeting this month, with speakers from DC, to address telemedicine and information to County veterans.

Loudoun Veterans & Family Support (LVFS): Howard Schue. The "Shave for the Brave" effort on July 6 is a widely publicized and subscribed fundraiser, also supported by the County veterans office, raising \$1000 so far. A colorful flyer was circulated, and the Board approved sending it to our Chapter members. Pastor Joe (CLC) is retiring on November 1 and leaving his post at the end of September.

The Gathering: Bob Manning for absent Bill Hilsman. Next Gathering is scheduled for June 27.

New Business: Bob Manning. The Falcons Landing website is launched: falconsmoaa.org. Board members were urged to become familiar with the site and encourage others to use it. Next meeting is scheduled for August 15.

The Gathering, June 27, 2019
A Look Inside the Country of Qatar

By Bill Hilsman

Nathalia Hardy, the daughter of Falcons Landing Residents Jim and Helen Hardy, gave us a most interesting look into the Western Asia country of Qatar. Nathalia Hardy is the senior librarian at the Qatar Academy at Khor, an international Baccalaureate Qatar Foundation School. Prior to taking her current position in Qatar, Nathalia practiced law for thirteen years in the United States and most recently was an English teacher at Loudoun County High School in Virginia.

Dressed in the local garb she wears in Qatar, she began her presentation describing the culture of this country whose history spans over 50,000 years from its first duration of human occupancy to its formation as a modern state.

Qatar was a British Protectorate in the early 1900's and gained its independence in 1971. Qatar has a population of 2.6 M of which 300,000 are Qatar Sunni Wahhabi natives and 2.3 M are expats who provide the major source of labor in the country.

Nathalia's presentation addressed the current leadership, the economy, and the loyal support of the citizens of Qatar. She also discussed working standards, shopping and recreational programs in the Country. One major focus was on the National Program, Qatar 2030. The goal of Qatar 2030 is to be capable of achieving sustainable development for the future including renewable energy. She went on to discuss the role oil and gas play in the economy as well as distribution of assets to the citizens of the Country. With an average annual family income of over \$100,000 a year, the national Qatar population is well off.

One of her major focuses was on the current blockade. Qatar is an Arabic Country, but some of the Arabic neighbors are not happy with the lifestyle and many of the programs and freedoms that exist in Qatar, and have imposed a land and sea blockade on Qatar demanding change to Arabic practices. Qatar, therefore, is working to create its own independent capabilities, such as agriculture, manufacturing and high technology development.

It will be interesting to watch over the next few years as Qatar has been awarded the program for the 2022 World Cup games, and is building multiple stadiums and venues to host the games. With a full house in attendance, Nathalia was given a standing ovation for a most enlightening and well-presented look inside the Country of Qatar.



L to R: Bill Hilsman, Clair Wylie, Nathalia Hardy,
Jim Hardy, Helen Hardy

Important Chapter Events, Officers & Directors, Member Status

General Membership Meets Quarterly, planned for evenings in the Falcons Landing Ballroom. The Gathering - special briefings (sponsored by the MOAA Chapter) open to all Chapter members and Falcons Landing residents. Nominally, one event per month in the Falcons Landing Ballroom. Board of Directors (BOD) meets monthly, as required. Chapter Executive Committee (President, 1st VP; 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer) meets as required; acts on behalf of Board on immediate issues. Committees meet at discretion of Committee Chairs.

2019 Meeting Schedule:

BOD nominally 10:00 A.M. on third Thursday of scheduled month	
Quarterly Membership Meetings at 2:00 or 7:30 PM	
January 17 – BOD	July—N/A
February 21 – BOD	August 15—BOD
March 21 - BOD	September 19—Quarterly Meeting
April 18—BOD	October 17—BOD
May 23 – BOD	November 11—Veterans Day
May 27 – Memorial Day	November 21—Annual Meeting
June 20—BOD	December 19—BOD

2019 Officers and Directors

President/Director/Programs: Bob Manning, Col, USA, Ret. (703) 543-9158
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Director/Surviving Spouse/Auxiliary Affairs: Mrs. Vicki Estey, (512) 749-2810
Director/Personal Affairs: Mrs. Kathy Trossbach (703) 430-1342
Director/Public Affairs: Don McCarthy, Capt, USN, Ret. (703) 430-5608
Director/The Gathering Coordinator: Bill Hilsman, Lt Gen, USA, Ret. (703) 433-1284
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Members Deceased (2nd Quarter, 2019)

Katherine Renken, 04/21/19
John Kinniburgh, 06/09/19

Welcome New Members (2nd Quarter, 2019)

Marilyn Hartell, 05/20/19
James Fontana, 06/13/19