

# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

# POT-CHA-CHA



MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, POTOMAC CHAPTER  
P.O. BOX 876  
MONTROSS, VA 22520-0876 VOL. XXX NO4 APRIL 2017

## MEETING: WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 11:30AM

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### **President's Post:**

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was a great celebration for us all and for MOAA and was enjoyed by all. It's always a great event to get together with great people who believe in service to country. It's unfortunate some of our members were unable to attend. We also miss those who left us too soon. They were truly missed.

All services were honored with a toast, with glasses held high! Our speaker, Colonel (USAF Retired) Jim O'Brien is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of MOAA National. He covered MOAA goals and stressed the importance of Chapters to the success of MOAA National goals.

He Presented the Chapter with a certificate of special recognition in honor of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Praise of achievement is great and makes us feel good, but our mission is not complete and results are not always easy to accomplish. Even with a new Congress and President we have seen how difficult it is for anything in government to be accomplished.

As a Chapter, we need to continue letting our Representatives know that we expect them to do the job that we elected them to do. Continue our contact with our Representatives to insure that our voices are heard in legislation that meets the needs of our Military Family. They listen to us!

### **Interesting April Dates**

**4/4/1949 – NATO founded**

**4/6/1917 – US enters World War I**

**4/12/1981 – First US space shuttle launched**

**4/16 – Easter Sunday**

**4/30/1975 – Vietnam War ends**

**“To render service to my country in obedience to its call” – George Washington.**

Army Strong – HOORAH!

Bill Jester

- Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - BOD Meeting, Stratford Hall Library, 0930
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting, Lowery's
  - Speaker: Ms. Kim Tarshis Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS)
  - Cost: \$25.00
- Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - Luncheon Meeting – TBA
  - Speaker – TBA
  - Cost: TBA

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## **Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on March 15, 2017**

The meeting was held at the Stratford Hall Dining Room, Stratford Hall, VA.

The primary purpose of the meeting was the celebration of the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Carol Werle and Director Chris Werle decorated the room in a festive mood for the anniversary celebration.

The gathering period started at 5:30 PM

Director Bigelow, an original Chapter Charter Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

Chapter Member Bobbie Dugan said the invocation.

There were 30 Chapter members, spouses, guests, and auxiliaries at the meeting.

President Jester welcomed all to the meeting.

President Jester then asked all to "Charge your glasses". The Chapter members toasted all their services, the various MOAA Levels and the Nation.

We then had our meal.

President Jester introduced our speaker Colonel (USAF, Retired) Jim O'Brien, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of MOAA National.

Colonel O'Brien covered MOAA goals and "storming" importance. He also stressed the importance of chapters to the success of MOAA National's goals.

Colonel O'Brien presented the Chapter with a special recognition certificate in honor of the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

President Jester called the business meeting to order.

Secretary Huber stated that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the February 15, 2017 General Membership meeting were approved as published in the POT-CHA-CHA.

Treasurer Mulholland provided the treasurer's report via email. The Chapter has \$3,685.75 in our bank account. There is \$1,558.00 in the Scholarship fund. The unencumbered balance is \$2,127.75.

Director Adams made a request that chapter members consider donating additional funds to the scholarship program. We have two schools to support and would like to increase the amount we donate. The high schools are: King George High School JNROTC and Rappahannock High School JROTC. The Chapter is a 503 (c) (19) organization.

VCOC Representative Huber said that the Storming went well on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Richmond. We will provide updates as we receive them from VCOC.

The results of the MOAA Trivia Pursuit were provided by Secretary Huber.

John Huber won the 50/50.

Smile moments were provided by Directors Lloyd Adams and Mike Bigelow.

The next Membership meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Lowery's in Tappahannock. It is a luncheon meeting. Our speaker will be from the local office of the Virginia Veterans and Family Support Center.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is on Wednesday April 5th, 0930 hours, at Stratford Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2000.



COL (USAF, RET) Jim O'Brien of MOAA National presents 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate to Chapter President Bill Jester.



Decorations – no problem, Chris follows directions well.



Guests enjoying the meeting and they can sign up!



Roundtable discussion.



Bob and Anne getting the speaker's attention



Marsha, I have this really great property ...

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## **DONATIONS TO THE POTOMAC CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Potomac Chapter is a 501(c) (19) organization. Should you desire to donate funds specially to support the scholarships we award each year, you may do so and receive tax deductions as permitted by law. The funds will be kept separate from our other funds. You may also contribute to the MOAA National Fund. Please see their website for details.

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## **VA REPRESENTATIVE AT DAHLGREN**

VA representatives will be at Dahlgren on April 6th and 20th. The representative is there on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please call 1-800-500-4947 or 540-653-1839 for an appointment. This is also a good time to ask any questions about your benefits. You can also make appointments or visit the offices in Fredericksburg, Richmond, or go on line. In particular, you may want to check your eligibility for caregiver funding. You should see the Caregiver Coordinator to determine your eligibility.

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## **MOAA National LIFE Membership**

This is an opportune time to convert to a "**Life Membership**" because MOAA is still giving a 10% discount on membership conversion. In addition you ensure that your surviving spouse would be given full MOAA membership for the rest of their life. The cost of your Life Membership will be reduced by any unused portion of your current MOAA membership. If you desire more information **call 1-800-234-6622** and speak to a MOAA Life Member Service representative. You will need to specify that you are a MOAA member and then give the MOAA representative our Chapter Name (Potomac) and code (VA-14).

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## **NOT A MEMBER OF THE POTOMAC CHAPTER, MOAA NATIONAL OR A LAPSED MEMBER?**

MOAA is the United States' largest Veterans organization for Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, former, and retired military officers and their spouses. It is also open to officers of the Public Health Service and NOAA. If you want to join the Potomac Chapter, call our Membership Chairman listed on the first page or submit the application contained on the last page.

If you are not a member of MOAA National or are a lapsed member, and are not ready to become a Life Member with all its benefits, you need to help your Chapter and the National Organization by joining today as a Premium Member. The cost is as little as \$43.00 per year (savings for two or three year sign ups). Go to [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) or call [1-800-234-6622](tel:1-800-234-6622). You will be glad you did (and so will we!)

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### **LEGISLATIVE NOTES**

The Potomac Chapter is a nonpartisan organization. We encourage our members to participate in the political process. However, members cannot use their membership in MOAA when supporting a candidate or political position. We are an advocacy organization for Veterans and military issues at the local, state, and national level.

**The 2017 Virginia Women Veterans Summit** will be held June 22 and 23 June in Chesapeake. This event brings together veterans, employers, community leaders and government agencies from federal, state, and local levels to raise awareness about the services and benefits offered specifically for women veterans through expert presenters, panel discussion and exhibits. The conference will feature speakers such as Dorothy McAuliffe, First Lady of Virginia (Invited) and Deshauna Barber, Miss USA 2016, U.S. Army Reserve Captain and more!

*This event is only for women veterans who have, currently are, or will be transitioning into civilian life.*

A Welcome Reception is to be held 6-7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Summit to be held 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**For questions or to register** via telephone Call 804-381-4002, ext.3400.

**Register online** at [www.womenvetsummit.eventbrite.com](http://www.womenvetsummit.eventbrite.com)

**Legislative Issues** – Will be published upon completion of the Veto session.

MOAA “Take Action: [MOAA Legislative Update <legis@moaa.org>](mailto:legis@moaa.org)

John Golden, Legislative, Chair

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**CONGRESSIONAL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON  
TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017  
CAPITOL HILL CLUB, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

ATTENDEE NAME AND RANK:

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EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE #:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS:

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CHAPTER AFFILIATION:

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

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NOTE: This completed reservation form, along with a \$20 check (Chapter member and spouse price) (\$25 for non-Chapter MOAA members/guests) payable to "VCOC-MOAA" *must be received* NLT 8 May 2017.

Send to the VCOC Treasurer at:

LTC Jim Stephan USAF (ret)  
1707 Beach Rd  
Hampton, VA 23664

Refund requests (to Jim) will be honored through 4 May at which time your reservation becomes non-refundable.

We will be making every effort to seat you with your Congressman

# Potomac Chapter Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday April 19, 2017  
Lowery's Restaurant  
528 Church Lane  
Tappahannock, VA 22560

**Social 11:30 AM, Lunch 12:00 PM**

## Guest Speaker

**Ms. Kim Tarshis**  
**Virginia Veteran and Family Support**

## **Menu**

**Includes: Buffet, Coffee, Tea, Dessert, Tax & Gratuity**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

**Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday April 19, 2017**

**Reservation Deadline: Saturday March 15, 2017**

Please send your check payable to **Potomac Chapter, MOAA** to:

John Huber  
1134 Glebe View Lane  
Lottsburg, VA 22511-2524  
(804) 529-5186, [huberjr@earthlink.net](mailto:huberjr@earthlink.net)

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## **Reservations Form for the April 19, 2017 Meeting**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag needed \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag needed \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00  \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Chapter dues: If you have not paid for 2017, please send your dues (\$20.00) to: Treasurer, Potomac Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 876, Montross, VA 22520. Dues are due by December 31, 2016. Make checks payable to: Potomac Chapter, MOAA.**

### **Membership Application & Form for Correction of Records**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Service Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing and 911 Address City State ZIP

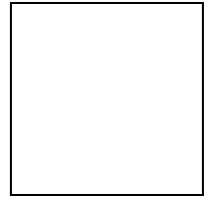
Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of MOAA National? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ MOAA Nat'l # \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Annual Dues are \$20.00 (Auxiliary members \$0), and are due December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Please make checks payable to "Potomac Chapter, MOAA". For *new members*, please mail this form to "Membership Chairman", Potomac Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 876, Montross, VA 22520. (New members: there are no dues due for the first year you join the Chapter). For *renewal dues*, please mail your check to the "Treasurer", at same address.

# Pot-Cha-Cha



Potomac Chapter Chatter



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