



VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr. USN (Ret)
President

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Dear General Edwards,

Congratulations on receiving the MOAA Leadership Award. This award was created to honor deserving chapter or council officers whose exceptional performance merits special recognition.

Lt Col Paul W. Lassanske, USAF (Ret), President, Northern Neck Chapter, nominated you for this award to recognize your exceptional leadership while serving as the President of the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) in 2004 and 2005, Chairman of the VCOC since 2006, Legislative Chair and 3rd Vice Chair for the Northern Neck Chapter since 2011.

You are commended for your work in the VCOC in which you were appointed the VCOC representative to the Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs, representing retired and veteran service members and their families in veterans' and legislative matters. Most notable were your efforts of working with a group of Service Organization members alongside the venerable U.S. Senator John Warner and his staff to provide the National TRICARE-for-Life program to supplement local health care services for retired veterans.

You were also instrumental in establishing a working group of citizens to work with the Governor and his Cabinet and Departments, designated as the Joint Leadership Council (JLC), currently comprised of 28 members and recognized nationally by Service Organizations that include The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. Additionally, you were appointed by the Governor and reappointed twice as a member of the JLC, beginning in 2005 through 2012.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to the veteran community, the VCOC, the Northern Neck Chapter and to MOAA.

I hope you'll wear the enclosed lapel pin with pride, signifying your special accomplishments. Thank you for all you do and for your membership in MOAA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Norbert Ryan'.