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From the President

By LTC Paul W Lassanske, USAF

Summer is upon us and, as I viewed it off my back porch, spring wasn't all that bad...with enough rain to get the vegetable garden growing and tolerable temps to permit any sort of outdoor activity.

I regretfully report that our dear friend, Col. William "Bill" Kelly, USA (Ret) passed away on June 19, at home with family members at his side. Until this past November, while battling dreaded cancer, he continued to serve as our Program Chair, Chapter Treasurer and Treasurer of our Scholarship Foundation, Dining-Out Committee, Lead on the By-Laws Update Team and procurer of the Chapter's flags for the seven, uniformed services...he is missed. Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to his wife, Ellie, children and extended family.

Throughout the past two months, we have been fortunate to enroll four, new members: LTC Ted Nugent, USA (Ret); LTC Gene Underwood, USAR (Ret); CPT Brian Webb, USANG (Active Duty) and Mrs. Carole "Honey" Purdy, (AUX). More details follow below in Membership News.

In May, I was pleased to present the MOAA ROTC Medal for recognition of outstanding leadership potential to Cadet Shawn Talley, AF JROTC, Lancaster High School and Cadet Ameer Veney, USA JROTC, Northumberland High School. Flight Leadership Trophies were also awarded to outstanding cadets from each of the five AF JROTC Flights at Lancaster High School: Cadets Chelsea Montgomery, Joshua Moore, Carter Robbins, Beau Nickerson and Raven Love.

Our May luncheon speaker, Congressman Rob Wittman, a perennial favorite, provided his insight to



veterans' affairs issues coming before the House of Representatives, followed by a lively Q&A session. He also presented NNMOAA's, \$1,500 JROTC college scholarships to Northumberland HS Army JROTC Cadet Anthony J. Lee and Lancaster HS AF JROTC Cadet Michaela C. Woodcock.

The Chapter's busiest month of the year concluded with our 20th Annual Memorial Day Commemoration at Historic Christ Church, Irvington, VA, featuring speaker Col. Alan Metzler, USAF, Chief of Security Forces, HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA. Chapter honorees presenting the Memorial Wreath were US Army 1stLt. Agnes Lee, NNMOAA representative and retired, US Army Sgt. Major Gaylon Gonyea of American Legion Post 117, Reedville, VA. Over 300, standing-room-only attendees participated in the ceremony.

Finally, on an administrative note....Col Jackson Reavill has begun a search for a Chair of our Membership Committee, replacing Col Ruth Harris, who has stepped aside due to health issues. We wish her a full and speedy recovery. Also, we're seeking a Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee to assist BG Wes Edwards. Recommendations or volunteers will be graciously received by Jack at 804-435-0535.

I look forward to seeing you all at the picnic on July 10th.

Warmest regards,
Paul W. Lassanske, President

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APPOINTED COMMITTEES

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Dining Out	Committee		



CALENDAR 2012



10 Jul (Tuesday)	Annual Chapter Picnic RW-C, 1700 hrs. (All invited)	09 Oct	(Tuesday) Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)
14 Aug (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)	03 Nov (Saturday)	Annual Dining Out, Location TBD 1800 hrs. (All invited)
11 Sep (Tuesday)	Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon RW-C, 11:30 (all invited) Speaker/Topic: TBA Special Guests: TBA	11 Dec (Tuesday)	Entertainment: Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)

As of 2 July 2012

Membership Report

Membership	2011	2012
Regular Members	116	112
Auxiliary Members	17	19
TOTAL	133	131

Treasurer's Report



Operational Account	\$11,326
Scholarship Account	\$6,932



Membership News

Paul W. Lassanske, Membership Chair (Acting)

The Head Cheerleader and Chief Recruiter has been very active the past two months please welcome our four most recent additions:

CPT Brian J. Webb, USANG (Active Duty)
92 Woodys Lane, Weems, VA 22576
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LTC Ted B. Newton, USA (Ret.)
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Mrs. Carole "Honey" Purdy, (AUX)
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Personal Affairs Website Update

Col Mike Kenna, USAF (ret)

LIVING WILLS

Living Wills or Advanced Medical Directives are virtually the same document. For those who wish to have a say on how we pass from this world this document is mandatory. The Virginia law which specifies life prolonging acts in the following definition: "Any medical procedure, treatment, intervention, utilizing mechanical or other artificial means to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function, or is of a nature to afford a patient no reasonable expectation of recovery from a terminal condition, and when applied to a patient in terminal condition would serve only to prolong the dying process. Includes artificially hydration and nutrition and CPR by emergency medical services personnel but does not include any medication or procedure to alleviate pain or provide comfort care". During a recent conversation with a fellow MOAA member, he emphasized the need to have a copy of the Living Will/Advanced Medical Directive readily available. For example, if you are hospitalized and do not have the document readily available, the hospital will call make every effort to prolong life. In addition, if you call for an emergency medical technician (EMT) his mission is to resuscitate and prolong life. Plan ahead, now is the time to make sure your last wishes carried out.

TRICARE UPDATE

The House passed its version of the defense authorization bill on May 18 and the Senate passed its version on the 25 of May. Both bills would effectively kill most of the Pentagon's proposed increases in TRICARE fees. For example, Beneficiaries age 65 and older won't see any enrollment fee for TFL, 65 and older will not see any increase in standard deductibles, beneficiaries under 65 will see an increase in TRICARE Prime of 3.6% same as COLA 2012. There will be some increase in pharmacy copays but those increases have not been finalized. Once they are finalized the agreed defense authorization bill must pass both the Senate and the House and then sent to the President for signing.

In Memoriam

Colonel William "Bill" Kelly, USA, 1939 – 2012

And Virginia (Ginny) Louisell, 1927 – 2012

-Wife of Brig. Gen. William C. Louisell

NNMOAA July Picnic

Our annual picnic will be held at RW-C on Tuesday, July 10th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Normal picnic fare will be available (BBQ chicken, burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, etc.). We'll have a bar for a short time and access to the outdoors, but set up in our normal room (yes – air conditioned!). Dress is casual and kids are welcome. Cost is \$16 per adult and \$7.50 per child 12 and under.

A head count to RW-C is needed by Thursday, July 5th. Please RSVP at nnmoaa-secretary@sbc-global.net (or reply to this e-mail) with the number attending. You may also call at (804) 438-4168. Then mail your check payable to NNMOAA to: NNMOAA, P.O. Box 786, Kilmarnock, VA.

NNMOAA JULY PICNIC

1700 Hours, **Tuesday** 10 July, 2012

Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury



Please reserve _____ places for the picnic.
Number of children 12 and under _____

My guest(s) will be:

(Please provide first and last names)

My check (\$16.00 for adult and children 13 and older; children 12 and younger \$7.50) for _____ is enclosed. (Payable to: **NNMOAA**)

Name and rank and service:

DEADLINE FOR RSVP IS Thursday 5 July 2012

Call Kent McCraney at (804) 438-4168 for reservations.





Northern Neck Chapter of MOAA

Application for Membership

New Member

Annual Renewal

MOAA Life Member Y / N

Name: _____ Date: _____

Rank: _____ Service: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

National MOAA Member? (Y/N): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate (day/month/year): _____

Nickname: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Nickname: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Served During War Years	
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/7/41-12/31/46
<input type="checkbox"/>	7/27/50-1/31/55
<input type="checkbox"/>	2/28/61-5/7/75
<input type="checkbox"/>	8/2/90-Present

Mail this form w/\$20 (\$10 for Auxiliary Members) annual dues to NNMOAA, PO Box 786, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Check Applicable:

Willing to Serve if Called (Check All Applicable)

Retired Regular

Officer

Activity Lead

Active Duty Reserve

Committee Chair

Activity Participant

Widow(er) Nat'l Guard

Committee Chair Backup

NOTE: For those with no email, if you have a second or seasonal address and wish to receive the bimonthly newsletter while there, write your address on the back. Otherwise, the newsletter will not be forwarded while you are away.

Reservations due by 6 July, 2012
Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury
Tuesday, 10 July 2012, 1700 hours

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