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## *From the President*

By Col Jackson C. (Jack) Reavill USA (Ret.)

On January 27 I met with Millie Roberson, Paul Lassanske and Bill Kelly to review administrative areas for enhanced operations and service. Of particular interest and importance are the Personal Affairs Officer/Committee responsibilities, which, for the past several years, have been on an ad hoc basis. The four of us discussed in great detail the ways to establish a meaningful Personal Affairs (PA) program. Our current Chapter By-Laws contain the requirement for a PA Committee, headed by a PA Officer. However, the position has not been filled since the current By-Laws were adopted. Here is a brief overview of the stated activities/services to be provided to Chapter members and survivors:

1. Provide entitlements information
2. Help in submission of inquiries to service and governmental agencies
3. Express sympathy and offer assistance to next of kin, in case of serious illness or death
4. Provide information about services and facilities available in the area: such as commissaries, exchanges, hospitals, dispensaries, and officer clubs

With regard to the PA Program, we recommended that a PA Committee, (consisting of one representative from: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Auxiliary, and Chaplain), be established and elect a chair to perform as the PA Officer on the Board of Directors. We further recommended that



the positions of Auxiliary Liaison and Chaplain be filled and defined in the By-Laws and PA Committee functions. Three of the positions have been filled: Millie Roberson (Auxiliary Liaison), Bryan McClain (Chaplain), and Don Smith (Marine Corps).

**I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for this committee to perform its functions in a competent, timely, and sensitive manner.** Many Chapter members or spouses may need PA assistance in the near future. For example, three members and a spouse were seriously ill during January. A fully operational and functioning PA Committee would have been helpful to them. Paul has done yeoman's work in assembling relevant documents, brochures, points of contact from various military, government and civilian organizations. In addition, National MOAA has helpful free information. Paul, Bill, and Millie have done a superb job. However, Paul and Bill undertook this project with the understanding that they would get the Program ready for the incoming PA Committee members and return to their primary duties. They have performed their mission and are ready to turn over the reins. **Who among you will fill the remaining three positions? Please contact Paul Lassanske at 804-453-5357, our Personal Affairs Officer (Acting), with your suggestions and potential availability. I know we'll make this a success!**

## **Personal Information**

If you change any of your membership-related or contact information especially mail address, telephone number or email address during the year, please notify Membership so the Chapter rosters and data base may be updated. Paul W. Lassanske, LtCol, USAF, Ret., at 435.5357 or PLassanske@aol.com



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## CALENDAR FOR 2011



11 Mar (Friday)	Regular Meeting and luncheon RW-C, 1130 hrs. (all invited)	12 Jul (Tuesday)	Annual Chapter Picnic RW-C, 1700 hrs. (all invited)
12 Apr (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)	09 Aug (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)
09 May (Monday)	Regular Meeting and luncheon RW-C, 1130 hrs. (all invited)	13 Sept (Tuesday)	Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon, RW-C, 1130 (all invited)
30 May (Monday)	Memorial Day Service Historic Christ Church, 1100 hrs. (Public Invited)	11 Oct (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)
14 June (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)	05 Nov (Saturday)	Annual Dining Out, Location TBD 1800 hrs. (all invited)
		13 Dec (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)

As of 14 February, 2011

### Membership Report

Dues paid for 2011	
Regular Members	74
Auxiliary Members	8
Unpaid	
Regular Members	46
Auxiliary Members	7

### Treasurer's Report

Operational Account	\$11161.
Scholarship Account	\$ 6979.
Scholarship Contributions (2011)	\$ 1386.



# Member Update

While some of you would have read this information in a handout at the January luncheon, the Board chose to distribute the information again to those unable to attend the luncheon. This updates the Chapter's initiative to purchase a set of uniform flags, solicits your assistance and reports on your 2010 Scholarship Fund activities and 2011 Fund changes.

**a. Chapter Service Flag Project.** A recent effort to obtain the seven uniformed service flags from the membership or local retirees for the last Chapter Dining Out and to then support a Veterans Day display the Chapter had requested at the Lancaster Community Library failed; while the Library met their commitment to honor Veteran's Day with a display and centerpiece, a matched set of national, MOAA and service flag sets to support the event could not be collected. Currently, the Chapter neither owns nor has access to a matched set of the seven uniformed service flags (USA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG, NOAA, and USPHS) to complement the Chapter US and MOAA flags While we are proud of our respective services and heartily boast and toast their laurels at any occasion, we lack the visual representation of that service loyalty when we gather.

The Chapter Service Flag Project, announced at the January Luncheon, is off to a good start. Six Chapter members have already come forward to assist in obtaining the flag sets. Members have already donated the cost of the USN, USMC, USAF, and USA flag sets and several members have provided contributions to the overall Project or matching contributions, but there is still some way to go to meet the Project overall cost Each of the seven flag sets is \$135 and is comprised of the finial, pole, flag w/fringe, and stand. The Chapter's current US and MOAA flag sets will be matched to the service sets.

Additional member support is needed to complete this Project. If you can help support the Chapter's Service Flag Project, please send your donation with the form below to the Chapter Treasurer indicating whether it is for the Chapter full flag set or a particular service flag set. If donations to a particular flag set(s) exceeds the cost of that set(s), the donations will be applied to the overall Project cost that includes a shipping cost. The Board's goal is to have the Project funded, completed, and the flags presented at the March 11, 2011 luncheon. If you have questions or need further information, contact COL Bill Kelly, Treasurer, at 435-9519 or [drumfire6@kaballero.com](mailto:drumfire6@kaballero.com). The Chapter is a charitable, non-profit organization (501 c (19)) and as such, your Project donation is tax deductible. Your support will be gratefully appreciated.

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## Chapter Service Flag Project

Yes, I wish to donate to the Project, as follows:

USCG Flag Set: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NOAA Flag Set: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USPHS Flag Set: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to the Project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Write "Chapter Service Flag Project" on your check memo line. Mail your donation and this form to NN MOAA, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 786, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Thank you.

**b. The Scholarship Fund Update.** The Fund has expanded its outreach to the local high school JROTC Programs and member contributions to the Fund are more important than ever. The Fund continues to support college scholarship for a graduating JROTC senior at both Lancaster and Northumberland HS that will increase to \$1500 this coming September and, more recently, to support the participation of LHS JROTC students in an USAF-oriented Leadership Summer Camp.

Each spring the Lancaster and Northumberland High School JROTC Senior Instructors nominate a graduating JROTC student for a college scholarship. The nominee must be accepted to an accredited college or university and meet both high school and Fund-specified criteria. Starting this coming September, the scholarship is paid in two \$750 increments for two semesters and the funds are sent directly to the college in the student's name to be applied against course-related costs.

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# Chapter Auxiliary Liaison Position Filled

Dr. Mildred (Millie) Roberson has volunteered to fill the Auxiliary Liaison position for the Chapter, effective February 8, 2011. In that capacity, Millie represents the auxiliary members of the Chapter on its Boards and Committees. Auxiliaries are the surviving spouses of deceased members or of individuals who would have been authorized to be members. Additionally, Millie will be a member of the Chapter's Personal Affairs Committee. Current auxiliary members are encouraged to contact Millie so that she can ensure your contact information is current and that she may discuss what services, programs, or assistance the Chapter may provide to the Chapter's auxiliary members in the coming months. Millie can be reached at 804.436.0613 or [robiesmill@aol.com](mailto:robiesmill@aol.com).

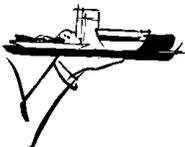
## RW-C Luncheon Meal Change

RW-C has offered the Chapter meal options to the current served, sit down luncheon meal (January Luncheon meal). An informal member survey of those options was taken at the January luncheon; 42 member/spouses replied. 14 voted to stay with the current served full course meal, currently \$15; 14 voted for the buffet, also at \$15; and 14 voted for smaller, served soup, sandwich, salad combinations priced from \$14 to \$12. Clearly, two thirds of the votes were for either a meal with variety and portion choices or the smaller, lighter meal servings. Current meal pricing was not a determinant. The Board has considered the choices, member input, and current meal pricing and has decided to "test" the buffet meal at the March 11 Luncheon and solicit member feedback from that experience before changing the menu for the remaining 2011 Luncheons. The buffet will be \$15. RW-C residents may use their meal credit for the buffet.

### In Memoriam

The Chapter honors the memory of the following recently deceased member:

**Lieutenant Robert S. Scheu, USCG**  
1920 - 2011



### NNMOAA MARCH LUNCHEON

1130 Hours, Friday 11 March, 2011

Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the luncheon.

My guest(s) will be:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide first and last names)

My check (\$15.00 per person ) for \_\_\_\_\_  
is enclosed. (Payable to: NNMOAA)

Name and rank and service:

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS Tuesday 08 March, 2011**

Mail to: NNMOA • P.O. Box 786 • Kilmarnock, VA 22482



# Membership

We are presently updating our membership database with the current information submitted by our members on their annual dues renewal form....so be sure to include any changes during 2010 to your personal information. 2011 dues were to be paid by 31 January. If you missed the date, please rsvpas soon as possible, as we plan to issue the 2011 Membership Roster of all current dues-paying members by month's end. Be on the lookout for the roster sent via email to those with internet capability. Members without email will receive their roster by US Postal Service. Any questions on the membership database or, more importantly, leads for new members, please contact our Membership Committee Chair, Paul W. Lassanske at (804) 453-5357 or nnmoaamem@aol.com.

## March Luncheon

Make plans to attend our March luncheon that will be held on 11 March, 2011 (Friday) at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury. Our guest speaker will be Major Michelle K Donahue. She currently is assigned to the Pentagon in G-3/5/7 while attending Command and General Staff College. Major Donahue has served at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels of the U.S. Army. Her previous assignments include: Platoon Leader/Accountable Officer, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, Battalion and Brigade S-1, Battalion S-3, Battalion S-4, Battalion Support Operations Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, Strategic Planner for the Army DCS, G-4, and Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Her most recent operational experience includes a deployment with the 80th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (OIF 09-11) to Joint Base Balad, Iraq where she served as the Battalion Support Operations Officer. MAJ Donahue is a graduate of Duke University (B.S. in Biology) and Georgetown University (Master's in Policy Management). She is married to LTC Patrick Donahue and has two children (Lauryn and Ryan).

Major Donahue will be speaking about her experiences in Iraq and specifically the challenges of the logistical backhaul out of Iraq. Please get your reservations in by 8 March.

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## Member Update *(continued from page 3)*

In 2009 the Fund Board approved a request to support the participation of several LHS JROTC students in an invitational USAF-oriented week long Leadership Summer Camp that focuses both on classroom and field training across a wide range of leadership skills. Students are graded on their performance and become competitive for squadron leadership positions when they return for their senior year at LHS. Similar support was provided this past summer for two students. \$100 supports a student for a full week of camp at a NC site. Fund support for this Program will continue for 2011.

The college scholarship nomination process for 2011 starts this month with the awardees notified in May and the scholarship awarded by a Chapter member at the student's high school graduation.

In 2010, 42 Chapter members donated \$3035 to the Fund and the Fund earned an additional \$72 in interest income. Fund expenses were just over \$23 for the year, specifically for postage and paper for scholarship award correspondence and donation thank you letters. That means that 99.3% of your donations go directly to scholarships and the Leadership Summer Camp attendees. Funds above the yearly scholarship awards and Leadership Summer Camps are invested as a Fund reserve in local community bank interest bearing accounts, to be used when donations do not meet annual needs.

Your Scholarship Fund donation is tax deductible and you receive a written acknowledgement of each contribution. If you were unable to make the 2010 deadline for contributing, the contribution is just as needed, and tax deductible, in 2011. Please note on your check's memo line: The Scholarship Fund. Please note also that if you reserve for one of the bi-monthly luncheons, picnic or the Dining Out and then cancel before reservations are closed, you may re-allocate that check to the Scholarship Fund.

The Board's heartfelt thanks to our members who have already contributed to the Fund in 2011 as well as those who have contributed in past years .

February 8, 2011



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 aux. mbrs.) 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: If you have a second or seasonal address and wish to receive the bi-monthly chapter newsletter while there, write your address on the back. Otherwise, the newsletter will not be forwarded while you are away.

*Reservations due by 8 March 2011*  
Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury  
Friday, 11 March 2011 1130 hours  
**MARCH LUNCHEON**

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