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From the President

By LTC Paul W Lassanske, USAF

Spring is in full bloom, as we paint boat bottoms, plant the annuals and get the veggies in the garden....and your NNMOAA membership recruiters have also been busy, attracting three new members to date for 2012: Capt Charles V. "Charlie" Gillmer, USMC; Lt Col Robert A. "Bob" Dillon, Jr., USAF-Retired; Col Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum, USMC-Retired and a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Please afford them a warm, NNMOAA-welcome.

May looks to be another active month for member activities.....our Spring luncheon on Monday, May 14 at Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury features the award of NNMOAA college scholarships to select JROTC students from Lancaster and Northumberland High Schools, as well as a presentation from Congressman Rob Wittman, detailing his insights on current veterans' issues being considered by Congress.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 28, at



Historic Christ Church, 1100 hrs. Our scheduled guest speaker will be Col Alan R. Metzler, Chief of Security Forces, Headquarters, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.

The Scholarship Committee will begin offering a 50-50 Raffle at our May luncheon as a supplemental, fund raiser, with half the proceeds going to the winner and the other half going to the Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Purchase them at the luncheon sign-in table.

Finally, keep an eye on your email account in early May for the 2012 Annual Membership Roster, listing all current, dues-paying members as of April 15. Non-email recipients will receive their roster by the US Postal Service. Contact our Secretary, Kent McCraney at 438-4168 or nnmoaa-secretary@sbc-global.net with any changes or corrections.

....and from beautiful, downtown Ophelia, I send my warmest regards!

Paul W. Lassanske, President

In Memoriam

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

Rear Admiral Robert Schmitt, USN, 1933 – 2012 and
Colonel William J. Cowart, Jr., USA, 1918 – 2012.

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Dining Out	Committee		



CALENDAR 2012



14 May (Monday)	Regular Meeting and Luncheon RW-C, 1130 hrs. (All invited) Speaker/Topic: The Honorable Rob Wittman, "Insights to Current Veterans' Issues" Special Guests: Award of Scholarships to JROTC Recipients to JROTC Recipients	12 Jun (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)
28 May (Monday)	Memorial Day Service (Public Invited) Historic Christ Church, 1100 hrs. Speaker: Colonel Alan R. Metzler, Chief of Security Forces, Headquarters, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA	10 Jul (Tuesday)	Annual Chapter Picnic RW-C, 1700 hrs. (All invited)
		14 Aug (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)
		11 Sep (Tuesday)	Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon RW-C, 11:30 (all invited) Speaker/Topic: TBA Special Guests: TBA
		09 Oct (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)
		03 Nov (Tuesday)	Annual Dining Out, Location TBD 1800 hrs. (All invited) Entertainment:
		11 Dec (Tuesday)	Board of Directors meeting RW-C, 1000 hrs. (Board Members)

As of 10 Apr 2012

Membership Report

Membership	2011	2012
Regular Members	116	101
Auxiliary Members	17	14
TOTAL	133	115

Treasurer's Report



Operational Account	\$11,596
Scholarship Account	\$7,003
Scholarship Contributions	\$1604



(20 contributions)

Memorial Day Observance

LCDR John Henley, USN (ret)

The annual Memorial Day Observance will be held at Historic Christ Church on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 1100 hrs. Our scheduled guest speaker will be COLONEL ALAN R. METZLER.

Colonel Alan R. Metzler is Chief of Security Forces, Headquarters, Air Combat Command. In this position, he is responsible for security, law enforcement, antiterrorism, force protection, and organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining combat-ready Security Forces units for rapid deployment and employment in support of 1,200 aircraft, 24 wings, 14 bases, and more than 200 operating locations worldwide with 105,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. Air Combat Command Security Forces include 4,800 Defenders serving in 2 Groups and 18 Squadrons.

Colonel Metzler is a career Security Forces officer and has served in a variety of command, operational, and staff duties. His operational experience includes command of an Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq and Kuwait, command of a Security Forces Squadron in Air Combat Command, and various positions in five operational wings. His staff tours include service on the National Security Council in the Executive Office of the President, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and the Air Staff, where he served as the Speechwriter to the Secretary of the Air Force and as the Chief of the Communications Team for the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff.

Survivor Benefit Plan Reminders

Col Mike Kenna, USAF (ret)

In regards to the Survivor Benefit Plan, there are several options available to a retiree when a marriage ends by death, divorce, annulment and the retiree remarries. Unless the divorce decree indicates that SBP coverage will be provided, the retiree has three options:

1. Resume the prior level of spouse coverage
2. Elect to not resume spouse coverage. This election is irrevocable.
3. If the original election was for reduced coverage the retiree may elect to increase coverage up full retiree pay. If this option is elected the retiree must repay the DFAS the difference between the original SBP cost and new level of coverage plus interest.

Retirees have one year to notify DFAS of a remarriage or the first option is automatically in effect. Getting an ID card is not an option to get SBP for a new spouse. The retiree must notify DFAS of the marriage. In addition, a new spouse does not become an eligible beneficiary until the first anniversary of the marriage, or the birth of a child, if earlier. SBP can be complicated but discussing your situation with an expert at DFAS may avoid future pitfalls. DFAS contact number is 800-321-1080. Source USAF Afterburner.

TRICARE Fee Increase

TRICARE fees increases, including TRICARE ForLife, will soon be reality. The question is not if they'll increase; but when and the amount of increase. According to the White House proposals, approximately \$35 Billion dollars of health care costs will shift from the Pentagon to retirees over the next 10 years. This could start as early as 1 October if approved. TRICARE Prime annual enrollment for families would increase to as high as \$820 and within 5 years to a high of \$2048 based on amount of military pay.

For retirees 65 and older, TRICARE For Life (TFL), if approved will start paying \$135 per person to a high of \$475 within 5 years, based on retirement pay. In addition, Pharmacy co-pays will more than double under the proposal starting on 1 October if approved.

If you haven't read the article in the Military Officer the April edition has an excellent article on page 33 which explains in detail the proposed increases.



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.

MAY LUNCHEON
Monday, 14 May 2012, 1130 hours
Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury
Reservations due by 7 May, 2012

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Congressman Wittman to present the annual Northern Neck MOAA Chapter Scholarship at the May Luncheon



Rob Wittman was first elected to serve the 1st Congressional District of Virginia - America's First District - in December of 2007. He was re-elected for his second full-term in the House of Representatives in November 2010.

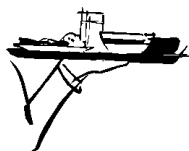
In the U.S. Congress, Rob serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Natural Resources, where he is well-positioned to represent the needs of Virginia's First District. He has quickly earned a reputation for being an advocate for our men and women in uniform and for being a champion of the Chesapeake Bay.

On the Armed Services Committee, Rob serves as the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, and on the Subcommittees on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces. In addition, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, he is a staunch advocate for a robust Naval fleet and a healthy domestic shipbuilding industry.

Rob is also an invaluable Member of the Committee on Natural Resources, to which he brings his professional expertise in water quality, fisheries, and other natural resource issues.

In December of 2010, Rob was appointed to serve as the Chairman of the U.S. Naval Academy's Board of Visitors.

He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Virginia Tech.



NNMOAA MAY LUNCHEON

1130 hours, Monday, 14 May 2012

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury

Speaker/Topic: The Honorable Rob Wittman, "Insights to Current Veterans' Issues"

Please reserve _____ places for the luncheon.

My guest(s) will be:

(Please provide first and last names)

My check (\$16.00 per person) for _____
is enclosed. (Payable to: NNMOAA)

Name and rank and service:

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IS Monday, 07 May, 2012

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

