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## Kathy Partain, Vice President of MOAA's Membership / Marketing to Help with Chapter Membership and Officers' Installation

Saturday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. at the Paradiso Restaurant

Kathy Partain will join us for brunch and our annual business meeting. She'll give a general MOAA update and discuss the importance of chapter membership together with providing pointers to assist in improving our membership numbers. Please feel free to ask her how we can do better. Along with all of that, Kathy will officially install our new board officers and directors.



She has nearly 20 years of experience in association management, including extensive experience in marketing and membership development. Before joining MOAA in 2009, she served as the director of Member Services at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy and associate director of Marketing

Services at the American Physical Therapy Association. During her career, she has achieved record membership levels and increased retention and non-dues revenue with targeted programs and initiatives. Kathy also has served on the Marketing Council of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and earned the ASAE designation of Certified Association Executive in 2003.

Partain holds a Bachelor of Arts in mass communication/journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Master of Arts in English/Professional Writing and Editing from George Mason University.

~ We look forward to seeing you at the annual business meeting. ~

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## Notes From the President



President George Wallace

It's almost time. After being honored to serve as your Chapter President for the past two years, my term on office is coming to a close. As the chapter by-laws state, a president may only serve for two consecutive terms of one year. I am looking forward to handing over the reins to whomever the membership votes into the office for 2019. As I transition to being "Past President" I will of course still be available to help with advice or to answer questions, but will step away from the responsibilities of heading the chapter. It's someone else's turn to lead.

Speaking of which, the Mount Vernon Chapter is still in need of members to step up and "continue to serve". Quite seriously, without a few volunteers the continued operation of the chapter is in jeopardy.

From a legal point of view, there must be those who agree to act as the board of directors. Other wise we are at real risk of failing to comply with both the Commonwealth of Virginia articles of incorporation, and compliance with our own by-laws. We especially need those of you that are younger to become involved so that you can benefit from learning the ropes from the incumbents so that no one is overwhelmed.

Most of the "work" is accomplished via email, with attendance at the monthly board business meeting highly encouraged, but as your schedule permits.

On another subject, as part of my final duties as Chapter President, by the time you read this Penny and I will either be at the national MOAA annual meeting or just returning from Phoenix. As part of the event, I will be accepting on behalf of the chapter the Five Star Level Of Excellence Award. MVC has been awarded this every year since 2003, an amazing accomplishment. The award is based on a number of criteria, all of which are geared towards maintaining a vibrant, *active* membership. Whether you measure it by renewed membership, volunteering for service projects, communicating with legislators, supporting JROTC units, providing scholarships, the Mount Vernon Chapter has always proven itself over and over. We've been blessed with outstanding leadership and committed members.

Thank you all.

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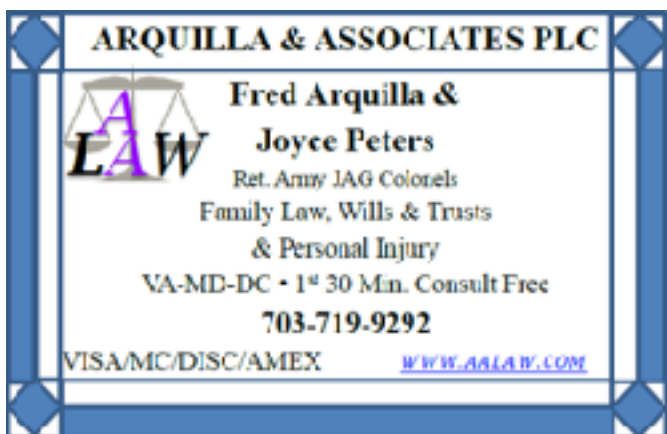
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## MVCMOAA Legislative Corner

By CDR John Prevar, USN, Legislative Chair



### United States Congress:

The President signed spending legislation on 28 September that will fund the Defense Department through FY 2019. The Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 is consistent with the funding level of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019, which the President signed into law on 13 August.

The act includes nearly \$675 billion in military spending and will pay for a FY 2019 military pay raise of 2.6 percent, one of several MOAA priorities met by the new law; others include language that would provide death gratuities to the families of fallen servicemembers in the event of a future federal shutdown, and would provide \$34.4 billion for defense health requirements.

The raise is the largest servicemembers have received since 2010.

The legislation does not address the expansion of concurrent receipt or the dollar-for-dollar deduction of DoD's Survivor Benefit Plan from the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, better known as the widows tax, which remain key MOAA legislative priorities.

### Virginia General Assembly

The Joint Leadership Council (JLC), whose members represent 25 Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) within Virginia, finalized their Legislative Initiatives for the 2019 General Assembly at their 25 July JLC meeting, and the MOAA Virginia Council of Chapters endorsed them at their 18 October meeting. These, in order of priority, are:

- Increased State Active Duty Pay
- Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income 100% Disabled Veterans
- Electronic Return of Voted Ballots by Overseas Military
- Personal Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans
- Free Tuition for Virginia National Guardsmen
- Removing the Combat Requirement for Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)
- Phased-in System for Partial State Tax Exemption for Military Retirement Income

More detail on the JLC initiatives will be provided in future issues of *The Despatch* and on our website.



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## 2018 Scholarship Competition Results

By: LCDR Martin Schaller, JROTC Scholarship Chair

On Saturday April 21, our chapter Scholarship committee met with three candidates from local high schools and awarded scholarship grants, based on their JROTC, academic and extracurricular high school achievements, as well as the result of interviews with the board. All of these students are clearly outstanding in both performance and potential for service as officers in the US armed forces.

Zeta Seidel of Woodbridge High School was selected as this year's recipient of the Commander Rex A. Maddox Scholarship. She is Battalion Executive Officer, has been captain of a traveling league soccer team and has volunteered extensively in community outreach programs. Zeta has just entered Pennsylvania State University on an Army ROTC scholarship, with plans to pursue a pre-medicine major in biology and to serve on active duty as a medical officer.



WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL- COL BOB PATRICK USA RET. AND COMMANDER REX A. MADDOX SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CADET ZETA SEIDEL

Kenneth Campbell–Parson of Mount Vernon High School is now a plebe cadet at the US Military Academy (West Point) and plans to pursue a major in computer science. While in high school, he attended several cyber warfare courses sponsored by the Marine Corps JROTC, was prominent in leadership and military science roles in his unit, and also participated in Mount Vernon High School's marching band and baseball team. A six-time selectee for the honor roll, Kenneth graduated with honors and an advanced standing diploma.

Nicholas Walters of Gar-Field High School has served in leadership roles with his Marine Corps JROTC unit's Drill Team, Air Rifle Team, Raider Physical Fitness Team, Color Guard, Honor Guard, Unit Fundraising, and Community Service Projects. Additionally, his superior academic achievements resulted



MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL-COL CAROLINE SIMKINS-MULL USMC RET. (SMI), LCDR MARTY SCHALLER, USN RET., AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT- CADET KENNETH CAMPBELL-PARSON

in special recognition for performance in mathematics and physics. To cap this record off, on the recommendation of his Senior Military Instructor, Mount Vernon chapter previously awarded Nicholas the Military Officers Association of America JROTC award.

Nicholas is attending Old Dominion University on a partial academic scholarship based on his outstanding academic performance. He is enrolled in Navy ROTC, with a major in

*Scholarship continued on 6*

## St Martin Military History Club explores Barbary Wars

By Ed Wyse, St. Martin History Club

The St Martin Military History Club extends an invitation to MOAA members to our dinner meeting on **Tuesday, 13 November 2018** at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. The presentation will explore the Barbary Wars – America's first war on terrorism. The presenter is club member Ed Murphy. The price of the dinner is \$25, payable at the door; however an **RSVP** is required **prior to noon on Friday, 9 November**. To RSVP and for more details send an email to both Ed Wyse ([ejwyse@yahoo.com](mailto:ejwyse@yahoo.com)) and Pam Johnson ([pam.v.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:pam.v.johnson@gmail.com)) or RSVP by phone to Pam at 703-329-9365.)

## Mt. Vernon MOAA Chapter Awards

*Scholarship from 5*

International Studies. Nicholas plans to enter the Marine Corps option program.

The scholarships that the chapter awarded to all of these talented young people are made possible through your personal generosity when you make a tax deductible contribution to the fund. Simply write a check to "Mount Vernon Chapter Scholarship Fund" and send it to the following address:

**Mount Vernon Chapter  
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PO Box 97  
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GAR-FIELD HIGH SCHOOL- MAJ BILL BRANNEN, USMC RET. (SMI), CADET YANAIRA VELASQUEZ (MOAA MEDAL RECIPIENT), CADET NICHOLAS WALTERS (SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT), AND PRESENTER, COL BILL BAHNMAIER USMC RET.

Please give so that we can continue to assist outstanding young men and women who are motivated to serve as officers as they prepare to start their higher education.



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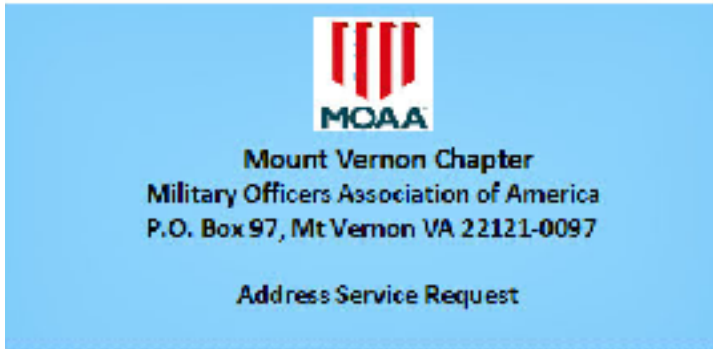
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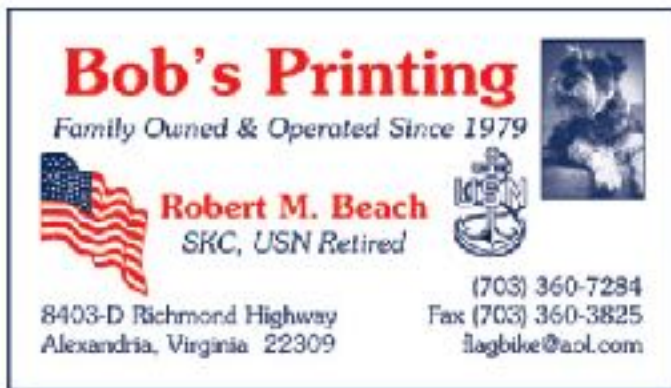
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 Saturday, Nov 17th, 1130-1300

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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