

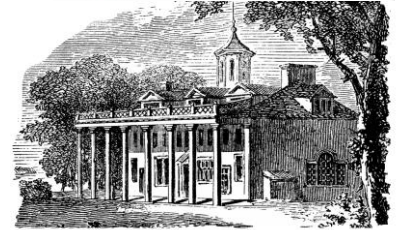
Dedicated to the memory of  
General George Washington



Mount Vernon Chapter  
Military Officers

# The Despatch

Mount Vernon, Virginia Chapter - MOAA  
[www.mvmoaa.com](http://www.mvmoaa.com)



5 Star Level of Excellence



Awards (2003-2018)



## High Hopes for 2019; A Recap of 2018 Successes



So, what's coming for 2019? Well, we plan to make inroads in legislative efforts both nationally and state-wide – keeping you informed along the way; increase Honor Flight greetings by members, support JROTC asking that Sr. Military Instructors submit more scholarship candidates (albeit qualified); select distinguished speakers for lunch-dinner meetings, continue to publish an informative newsletter and improve our website by posting more items.

Now, for 2019, the most urgent and critical need for MVC is to increase membership and retain the members we have. Along with that, the board needs **volunteers** to help in certain areas – see page 2.

**2018 Recap:** It was another banner year for our chapter – a few highlighted items below:

- **On Apr. 21, the MVC Scholarship Committee** chaired by LCDR (Ret) Marty Schaller interviewed JROTC candidates, with Scholarship grants awarded to recipients at their high school awards ceremonies. Donations made possible through the personal generosity of our members – help outstanding JROTC members to serve as future officers as they prepare for their higher education.



awarded to recipients at their high school awards ceremonies. Donations made possible through the personal generosity of our members – help outstanding JROTC members to serve as future officers as they prepare for their higher education.

- **Throughout the year Honor flight greetings** were attended by members – they're one of the most memorable days in the life of a veteran (and for the greeters).
- **Congressional and state-legislation** promotions were continually steered by the efforts of CDR (Ret) John Prevar along with COL (Ret) Bob Patrick – all grassroots legislation contain vital benefits for our chapters' active duty members and veterans here in Virginia.
- **On May 19, Armed Forces Day** members enjoyed a tour led by board member Marty Schaller and docent at the National Museum of the USMC at Quantico. We hope to make another field trip to a nearby location of interest. Let us know if you have an idea.

### In This Issue

- 1 2018 Recap
- 2 Cerie's Corner
- 3 MVMOAA Chapter Officers
- 4 Legislative Corner
- 5 St. Martin History Club
- 6 Upcoming Events Calendar
- 7 Sponsors Page

Volume 47 Number 1  
Jan 2019



*Recap continued on 5*

## Cerie's Corner



President Cerie Kimball

Respected Ones,

First off, I want to say how honored and humbled I am to be asked to serve as the President of our chapter. We do amazing things, and I will do my best to represent us well. I thank Past President George Wallace for the hard work he has done, along with Penny Wallace, over the last two years. I hope to make good use of the wisdom and experience he represents, along with the same from our board members. My appreciation also goes out to our steadfast members who help prepare for and attend meetings. We are better because of all of you, thank you!

We in the MVC-MOAA have a lot going for us: an excellent newsletter and website, a distinguished speaker program, and a dynamic scholarship program. However, there is more that we could do, and we need help in doing that. In the board's view, the most critical step we can take is the broader involvement of the membership in chapter activities. Areas that the board has identified where we need a volunteer to either fill a vacancy or to help the one-deep chair includes:

- Membership recruitment – outreach to other organizations. For us to remain vibrant, we need to focus on not only attracting new members but keeping the members we already have. With more members, we can be more effective. *This is our most significant concern.*
- JROTC Medals Program – recognize H/S students who'll become our future officers.
- Public and Personal Affairs – relay our story to the public; plan yearly personal affairs event, often in conjunction with the speaker's program.
- Sponsorships – maintain sponsor list, monitor, and manage donations.

Let any of us who are on the board know if you can help with the above areas/positions. Most times you won't have to attend board meetings to accomplish the mission. For more detail, just give us a call.

At our last board session in December, we voted to change our number of chapter meetings to meet quarterly versus monthly. We will keep most of the monthly board meetings and, of course, the monthly *Despatch* (except for July/August). Just as we changed our *place* of chapter meetings to help invigorate attendance, we are hoping that a more limited number of meetings may also increase participation. A new event schedule is located elsewhere in this issue.

I know it is cliché, but our chapter truly epitomizes the *Service Above Self* mantra. We do a ton of good work, but we need more membership involvement to keep our chapter great. Please reach out to the board or me if you would like to volunteer your time to help MV-MOAA grow and re-energize itself.

In closing, let us remember in thoughts and prayers those in our chapter who are struggling with medical challenges or who are dealing with other personal tragedies. Moreover, we honor and cherish the memories of members who've fallen this past year. We have not forgotten you.

***Wishing you all a healthy and safe start to the new year.***

**NEVER STOP SERVING**



## Mount Vernon Chapter

### Chapter Officers

President: LTC Cerie Kimball, USA (Ret)  
703-310-4605  
1st VP: LTC Michael Frank, USA (Ret)  
703-780-6152  
Secretary: LTC Elmontenal Allens, USA  
703-919-4381  
Treasurer: Col Mike Broderick, USAF (Ret)  
703-690-4672  
Past President: CDR George Wallace, USN (Ret)  
703-354-4647

### Directors (2018-2019)

COL Nelson McCouch, USA (Ret)  
703-986-3354  
CDR John Prevar, USN (Ret)  
703-340-9587  
Mrs Joyce Davis, SS  
703-372-2564

### Directors (2019-2020)

LCDR Marty Schaller, USN (Ret)  
703-323-7339  
Lt Col Jose Harris, USAF (Ret)  
402-943-9722

### Other Duties

MOAA Liaison: COL Robert Patrick, USA (Ret)  
703-690-9336  
Chaplain: Col Arnie Porter, USAF (Ret)  
703-780-4310  
Fairfax Liaison: Mrs. Joyce Davis, SS  
703-372-2564

### Standing Committees (2019)

Arrangements: LTC Cerie Kimball, USA (Ret) 703-310-4605 and Mrs Joyce Davis, SS 703-372-2564  
Surviving Spouse: Mrs Joyce Davis, SS  
703-372-2564  
Legislative: CDR John Prevar, USN (Ret)  
703-340-9587  
Membership: LTC Michael Frank, USA (Ret)  
703-780-6152  
Personal Affairs: Mrs Joyce Davis, SS  
703-372-2564  
Program Speakers: LTC Cerie Kimball, USA (Ret)  
703-310-4605  
Public Affairs: VACANT  
HS JROTC Awards: Col Arnie Porter, USAF (Ret)  
703-780-4310  
JROTC Scholarship: LCDR Marty Schaller, USN (Ret) 703-323-7339  
TOPS Liaison: Lt Col Jose Harris, USAF (Ret)  
402-943-9722  
VCOC: COL Robert Patrick, USA (Ret)  
703-690-9336  
Despatch Editor: CDR John Prevar, USN (Ret)  
703-340-9587  
Webmaster: Joe Leonard, 843-278-1240



**Fred Arquilla &**

**Joyce Peters**

Ret. Army JAG Colonels

Family Law, Wills & Trusts

& Personal Injury

VA-MD-DC • 1<sup>st</sup> 30 Min. Consult Free

**703-719-9292**

ISA/MC/DISC/AMEX

[WWW.AALAW.COM](http://WWW.AALAW.COM)



**THE POTOMAC ADVOCATES**

**Gary Hall**

Partner

321 D Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
[hall@potadv.com](mailto:hall@potadv.com)

Office: (202) 547-4192  
Cell: (703) 470-7718  
Fax: (202) 547-4674

## MVCMOAA Legislative Corner

By CDR John Prevar, USN (Ret), Legislative Chair

### United States Congress

Each year MOAA establishes its top legislative goals for Congress. The goals for 2019 are:

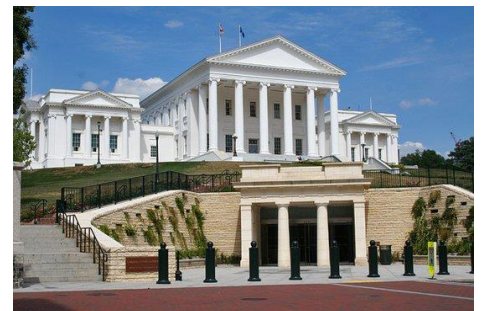


- Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector.
  - Ensure any TRICARE reform sustains access to top-quality care.
  - Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases
  - Stop erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits.
  - End financial penalties for military survivors.
  - End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees.
  - Achieve equity of benefits for Guard and Reserve members with their active duty counterparts.
- Strengthen DoD-VA collaboration and services to support wounded warriors and an expanding population of women veterans.
  - Ensure timely access to service-earned VA benefits.
  - Protect military and veteran family support programs and policies.

More detail on the MOAA 2019 legislative goals will be provided in future *The Despatch* articles and on our website.

### Virginia General Assembly

Preparations are underway for “Storming the General Assembly” on January 16, 2019. At that time Virginia Council of Chapters representatives will team with members from other Virginia Service Organizations to brief Virginia legislative representatives on the Joint Leadership Council’s 2019 Legislative Initiatives:



- 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 *The Despatch* articles and on our website.

*Recap continued from 1*



• On Nov. 1, President CDR (Ret) George (and Penny) Wallace represented the MVC at the MOAA Annual National Meeting in Phoenix where they accepted our 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive 5-Star Level of Excellence Award. Along with that award, The Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award was earned again this year from MOAA.



• Lastly, on Dec. 15, members participated in the *Wreaths Across America* event at the Alexandria National Cemetery to honor the Veterans interred there. Various veteran's organizations sponsor the event, including the MVC, whose members purchased 49 wreaths of which the MVC received \$195. Later, folks met at *Joe Theismann's* Restaurant in Alexandria, where we shared a little holiday cheer, presented a Stamp plaque to COL(Ret) Nelson McCouch for his extraordinary work on the newsletter and website, and George and Penny Wallace received a set of engraved "Sailor" pens from Fahrney's, thanking them for two years of dedicated presidential service.

## **St. Martin Military History Club presents "Trench Lines in the Alps: Italy vs. Austria (1915-1918)"**

*By Ed Wyse, St. Martin Military History Club*

The St. Martin Military History Club extends an invitation to MOAA members to our dinner meeting on Tuesday, 8 January 2019, at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. The presentation is "Trench Lines in the Alps: Italy vs. Austria (1915-1918)" by club member Mike Rauer, LTC, USA (Ret), detailing the hardships faced by soldiers in this overlooked front.

The price of dinner is \$25, payable at the door; however, an RSVP is required prior to noon on Friday, 4 January. To RSVP, 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)). (You may also submit an RSVP by phone to Pam at 703-329-9365.) Indicate your menu choice: steak, salmon, chicken, or vegetarian (cheese tortellini & fresh vegetables with Alfredo sauce). Cancellations will be accepted until 1000 hours on Monday, 7 January; telephone Pam. After that, you are responsible to purchase your meal, whether you attend or not.

### **Schedule:**

1730: Check-in, bar service  
 1830: Seating for dinner  
 1930: Presentation  
 NLT 2100: Adjournment

## MVMOAA Chapter Events-Calendar – 2019

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT / SPEAKER / TOPIC
<b>Tues. Jan. 8</b> 7pm–9pm	<b>Via Teleconference</b>	<b>Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting:</b> officer submissions due to Natl (Recruiting/Retention/Commo Award/Grants); VCOC report due & 1 <sup>st</sup> QTR meeting; Richmond Storming prep; MVC & Scholarship audit; review 2019 calendar/goals; Good Deeds recipient.
<b>Tues. Mar. 5</b> 7pm–9pm	<b>South County Gov't. Center (SCC)</b> 8350 Richmond Hwy, Rm 217 (Mt. Zephyr)	<b>BOD Meeting:</b> Legislative Cmte submits State/Natl objectives to VCOC/local Congressional Delegation; Chapter Roster & Communications Award sent to Natl; EOY-audit results; contact Sponsors for renewal; start LOE pkg-submit May 1; non-renewal letters-drop from rolls; April VCOC meeting/report; solicit for Congressional luncheon (Storming the Hill); JROTC medals.
<b>Wed. Mar. 20</b> 6pm–9pm	<b>The Fairfax Community Center</b> 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway	<b>Dinner. Working Speaker Lead for Bill Habeeb</b> , Chief, Southeast Asia Branch, DoD POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). <i>Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6-7pm. Buffet served at 7 pm, Speaker at 8 pm</i>
<b>Sat. Apr.27</b> Time TBD	<b>Heritage Pres. Church</b> 8503 Ft. Hunt Rd	<b>Scholarship Candidate Interviews.</b>
<b>Tue. May 7</b> 7pm–9pm	<b>SCC</b>	<b>BOD Meeting:</b> IRS reports due; prep for Congressional Luncheon; RSVPs for SCC; Scholarship certificates & checks and JROTC medals presentations; VCOC Report; pay VA Corp. Commission fee & renew PO box rental.
<b>Sat. May 18</b> 11am–1pm	<b>The Paradiso Restaurant</b> 6124 Franconia Rd, Alexandria	<b>Lunch brunch. (Alternatively, we could do a Tour) Working Speaker Leads.</b> <i>Lunch buffet served at 11:30 am, Speaker to follow.</i>
<b>Tues. Sep. 3</b> 7pm–9pm	<b>SCC</b>	<b>BOD Meeting:</b> appoint Nomination Cmte for Nov. BOD & Officer election; get volunteers for Sep. 20 Ft. Belvoir RAD; confirm speaker for Sept/Nov & December Holiday program.
<b>Wed. Sep. 18</b> 6pm–9pm	<b>The Fairfax Community Center</b>	<b>Dinner. Speaker Gregory Copley:</b> author of “...In a Time of Chaos” and 30+ other books. He’s worked strategy issues, advised heads-of-state, and appears regularly on radio/TV. <i>Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6-7pm. Buffet served at 7 pm, Speaker at 8 pm</i>
<b>Tues. Oct. 1</b> 7pm–9pm	<b>SCC</b>	<b>BOD Meeting.</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> QTR VCOC report; Legislative Cmte proposes Natl objectives; MOAA Conference; Slate of officers; Notice for membership dues/scholarship fund; Vets Day; WAA, & update bank account cards as needed.
<b>Sat. Nov. 16</b> 11am–1pm	<b>The Paradiso Restaurant</b>	<b>Lunch Brunch. Annual Business Meeting. Speaker TBD.</b> <i>Lunch buffet served at 11:30 am, Officer Installation &amp; Speaker to follow.</i>
<b>Sat. Dec. 14</b> 12pm–3pm	<b>Alexandria Natl Cemetery; Social site TBD</b>	<b>Wreath Laying; Holiday Social (Member Appreciation).</b>

...and now, a note from our sponsors



**Picture Yourself Here.**

Experience the Camaraderie at Patriots Colony with a Complimentary Two Night Stay! Call 855-258-0520 or Email us at [regina.thompson@rivhs.com](mailto:regina.thompson@rivhs.com).

- Experience the story of America in the place where it all began, Colonial Williamsburg.
- Play at Williamsburg National Golf Club, a Jack Nicklaus designed course.
- Enjoy Virginia Capital Trail, a dedicated, paved pedestrian and bicycle trail connecting past and present capitals of Jamestown and Richmond along the Scenic Route 5 corridor.
- Explore College of William and Mary, the second oldest college in the nation.
- Savor hand-crafted cocktails, appetizers and pub fare at Archie's Tavern.
- Discover past friends and relive great memories.

**PATRIOTS COLONY**  
At Williamsburg  
[www.patriotscolony.com](http://www.patriotscolony.com)

Patriots Colony, sponsored by Riverside Health System, is a LifeCare community exclusively for retired and former military officers retired and former federal civil employees and their spouses.



**Indian River Colony Club**  
*The Place Patriots Call Home*  
55+ Community


Call Today! 877-272-5545

**3 Day / 2 Night Getaway Package!**  
Golf, Tennis, Fine Dining and Hotel  
**ONLY \$99\***  
\*per person

- Single Family Homes
- Private Golf Course
- Private Country Club
- Maintenance Free Living


[www.IndianRiverColonyClub.com/usmilitary](http://www.IndianRiverColonyClub.com/usmilitary) **FOUR STAR** REAL ESTATE

Indian River Colony Club • 1936 Freedom Drive • Melbourne, FL 32940



**OPTIFOUR**  
INTEGRATED WEALTH MANAGEMENT

I. Mark Cohen, J.D., LL.M., CFP® CHAIRMAN  
[mark@optifour.com](mailto:mark@optifour.com)  
Weston D. Burnett, J.D., LL.M., CFP®  
PRESIDENT and CEO [wes@optifour.com](mailto:wes@optifour.com)  
7601 Lewinsville Rd, Suite 205 McLean, VA 22102  
Tel: 703-847-0965/Fax: 703-847-8902 [www.optifour.com](http://www.optifour.com)



**GEORGE WALLACE**  
CDR USN (ret)

AMAZON, KINDLE and AUDIBLE .com

**NEW RELEASE**

703-354-4647  
E-mail: [georgew@rmi.net](mailto:georgew@rmi.net)  
[WWW.GEORGE-WALLACE.COM](http://WWW.GEORGE-WALLACE.COM)

**Now and Always We'll be There.**



**1-800-247-2192 • [www.moaainsurance.com](http://www.moaainsurance.com)**



**Mount Vernon Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
P.O. Box 97, Mt Vernon VA 22121-0097**

**Address Service Request**

Comments or letters to the editor may be sent to the above address or email: [jeprevar@gmail.com](mailto:jeprevar@gmail.com)

**Bob's Printing**  
*Family Owned & Operated Since 1979*

 **Robert M. Beach**  
*SKC, USN Retired*

8403-D Richmond Highway  
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

(703) 360-7284  
Fax (703) 360-3825  
[flagbike@aol.com](mailto:flagbike@aol.com)

**The Mount Vernon Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and national MOAA provide their advocacy in a nonpartisan manner. Any conveyance of partisanship is unintended.**