



# The Bugle

## Central Virginia Chapter



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MOAA, including the Central Virginia Chapter, is a nonprofit nonpartisan veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the U.S. Army, USMC, USN, USAF, USCG, USPHS, USSF or NOAA and their surviving spouse.

## New License Plate: "Virginia Women Veterans Lead the Way"

On 21 March, in Richmond, Governor Glenn Youngkin led the celebration of Virginia Women Veterans Week, March 17-23, during a special ceremony hosted by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Gathering at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, they unveiled the new *Support Women Veterans* license plate, now available at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to honor and recognize the contributions and achievements of the more than 108,000 women military veterans that call Virginia their home. Youngkin said "I remain committed to making Virginia the best state in the nation for service members, veterans, and their families to live and work."

communities. Our women veterans truly make a major difference in assuring that Virginia remains the #1 state in America for all our citizens to live, work and, thrive. Today, we salute you."

People seeking one of the new license plates can go to the [www.dmv.virginia.gov/vehicles/license-plates/search](http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/vehicles/license-plates/search) website.

*Original article from Bluefield Daily Telegraph, Greg Jordan*



CPT Ruth McWilliams, USA (former) and VCOC Representative for the CVC-MOAA Chapter poses with the new Virginia license plate honoring Women Veterans. (Photograph by David McWilliams)



A large crowd gathered at the Virginia War Memorial to celebrate Virginia Women Veterans Week (Photograph by David McWilliams)



Governor Glenn Youngkin recognized Women Veterans on 21 March

"As a woman veteran, I fully understand the unique challenges that our women veterans face when they transition to civilian life," said Lieutenant Governor Earle-Sears. "Our Commonwealth is blessed to have the largest percentage of women veterans per population of any state. Each brings along the skills and talents learned during their military service to their new roles in our local



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2022 Col Marvin J. Harris 5-Star  
Communications Award Winner

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## April Luncheon Guest Speaker Donna Price



Donna Price will be the speaker at the April CVC-MOAA Luncheon and she will share her first-hand experiences as Vice Chair and subsequently, Chair of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors from 2019 to 2023.

Her career in military and public service is extraordinary. She served on active duty in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty-five years in numerous positions of responsibility including Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, Military Judge and Commanding Officer at the largest legal office in the Department of the Navy, and Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy. She was Editor-in-Chief of the Naval Law Review and an Instructor at the Naval Justice School and as Personnel Officer (Detailer) responsible for the placement and assignment of 600 Judge Advocates.

In her post-Navy career, Ms. Price has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Richmond School of Law, was in private practice for 20 years representing individuals in State and Federal Criminal Trials, military administrative proceedings, and representing individuals in security clearance adjudications. She is currently serving as a Gubernatorial Appointee to the statewide Virginia Council on Women.

### Join MOAA's Central Virginia Chapter

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## Your Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) Needs You!



The VCOC seeks members or surviving spouses willing to serve on the VCOC leadership team for one year. We're looking for a 1st Vice President, Secretary and Chaplain.

There are three more meetings this year. All are virtual so the ability to participate via Zoom is needed. The dates are 10 April, 11 July, and 24 October.

If you're interested or want more information, please contact CPT Ruth McWilliams, Central Virginia Chapter's VCOC Representative, at 703-717-1825.

### **\*\*Reminder\*\***

Central Virginia Chapter 2024 MOAA dues of \$35 for a Regular Member and \$20 for a Surviving spouse are due.

Send a check made out to CVC-MOAA and mail to: CVC-MOAA, P.O. Box 6455, Charlottesville, VA 22906-6455.

**Members that have not paid their annual dues by 30 April will be dropped from the rolls. If you are unsure of your current dues status, please contact Dr. Carolyn Still (Membership) at [carolynmassie@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynmassie@hotmail.com)**



## Community Calendar

**April 10 @ 1000** - VCOC meeting - Zoom

**April 12 @ 0900** - Thomas Jefferson Wreath Laying, Monticello

**April 16 @ 1500** - Joint UVA ROTC awards ceremony

**April 17 @ 1200 noon** - Charlottesville Aviation Luncheon Club (CALClub) Door open at 11:15. Buffet begins at noon. \$20.00 per person cash. Reservations by April 14 with Bill Mitchell [whmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:whmitchell@gmail.com) or 703 915 6230. Topic: Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

**April 19 @ 1100** - Dogwood Viet Nam Memorial event

**April 25 @ 1730** - OCHS JROTC Award Ceremony - Orange County High School Auditorium

**May 1 @ 1300** - Board of Directors Meeting

**May 10 @ 1900** - UVa Military Appreciation Day Baseball Game at Disharoon Park

**May 11 @ 1500** - MHS JROTC Award Ceremony

## CVC-MOAA Participates in James Madison Birthday Ceremony



Chapter President John Warnecke places a wreath at the grave of President James Madison on the occasion of his birthday. Virginia is widely regarded as the "Mother of Presidents" and two Presidents from Virginia are buried within the Central Virginia Chapter's area of responsibility. Thomas Jefferson is buried at Monticello and his birthday is celebrated on 12 April this year. All are welcomed to attend these annual events.



# Legislative Review...



The Chapter's Legislative Committee  
is chaired by  
Dan Moy

For up-to-date information about legislative issues that affect you, go to the MOAA website  
<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction>



Greetings fellow members.

With the conclusion of the 2024 General Assembly, the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) met on March 21<sup>st</sup> to review our advocacy efforts on the top legislative priorities for this cycle. I'm thankful to John Down's synopsis of the major findings below:

1. **JLC2024-01: Constitutional amendment (voter referendum) to provide a real property tax exemption for surviving spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty.** Passed both Houses and sent to the Governor for signature on March 11th. If approved by the voters in November, will expand the real property tax exemption that is currently available to the surviving spouses of soldiers "killed in action" to be available to the surviving spouses of soldiers who "died in the line of duty" with a Line of Duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense.
2. **JLC2024-02: Veterans' Services Protection Act; prohibited practices; penalty.** Passed both houses with an amendment requiring the Department of Law's Division of Consumer Counsel to convene a work group to examine and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2024. Creates the Veterans' Services Protection Act to prohibit any person from receiving compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any individual regarding any veterans' benefits matter, as defined in the bill, except as permitted under federal law. The bill provides that a violation of its provisions constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

3. **JLC2024-03: Income tax subtraction; Virginia National Guard military pay.** Deferred to the 2025 General Assembly Finance and Appropriations Committee. The JLC agreed to make this an initiative for 2025. VSOs are asked to begin advocacy for this bill beginning this summer. Creates an income tax subtraction for military pay received by an individual for active service in the Virginia National Guard during either (i) an out-of-state deployment or (ii) a state of emergency declared by the Governor.
4. **JLC2024-04: Enhanced emergency response medical protections for members of the Virginia National Guard.** Failed to obtain any sponsors. At the March 21<sup>st</sup> JLC meeting, the JLC agreed to make this an initiative for 2025. VSOs are asked to begin advocacy for this bill beginning this summer. Purpose of this initiative is to ensure Virginia's continued investment and commitment to the men and women of the Virginia National Guard by offering more robust protections for those service members injured during State Emergency Response operations. When service members are on emergency response duty they do not receive the same level of medical protections as they would on active duty orders. We asked to allow any injured service members to remain on emergency service status up to 90 days to resolve a Worker's Compensation claim.

In sum, among the four items on the JLC list, the first passed with flying colors—our #1 priority—which reflects well on MOAA's legislative outreach this year. Among the remaining three items, #2 remains in committee, #3 is deferred to next year's session, and #4 did not make it to the floor this cycle.

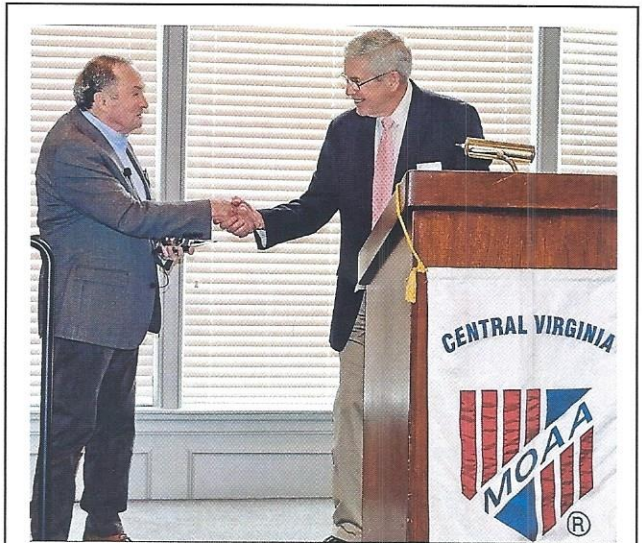
Please feel free to reach out to me at any time for questions concerning MOAA's legislative engagement efforts. You can contact me at [danmoy@mac.com](mailto:danmoy@mac.com).

Best,

Dan

## Luncheon Speaker Myrle Langley Recounts Hijacking Experience

Myrle's firsthand account (from the pilot's seat) recalling the 1979 hijacking of American Flight 293 from New York to Chicago was a special treat for the MOAA lunch group. It captured the story from the moment the hijacker forced his way into the cockpit, landing in Chicago, then flying back to NYC and finally, ending with a peaceful resolution at Shannon International Airport when the hijacker was arrested by Irish authorities. The dominate theme of this long ordeal was to establish a non-threatening communication channel between the hijacker, the flight crew and ground interlocutors in hopes of not triggering foolish actions — stalling for the right time for security personnel to intervene. The hijacker came across as a passionate Serbian national who firmly believed his country was being denied common rights — so much so that to this day he is remembered as a national hero in Serbia. One country's terrorist is another country's hero. *(Article by Tad Oelstrom and photographs by Mike McKee)*



Chapter President John Warnecke thanks Myrle for his excellent presentation



Maurie Roesch shares a big smile as members take their seats



Bill and Sallie Tunner at the March Luncheon



Ann Postak and Gail Barber chat before the speaker starts.



Ken Wallenberg entertains Shirley Langley and Missy Radcliffe during the social hour.

## Central Virginia Community Support to ROTC and Junior ROTC Programs

UVA's cadets and midshipmen will be featured on three public service panels, seeking to show their fellow students what the armed services have to offer. The effort is in response to "the need to strengthen our military," said Louis P. Nelson, vice provost for academic outreach, who serves as the academic dean for the ROTC program.

"These three panels are part of an initiative to ensure that the University of Virginia's student body sees participation in ROTC as an important expression of our University's commitment to public service," Nelson said. "We have found that students engaging to students is one of the most effective means of communication." Nelson noted that students are also featured in a video explaining their choices. University President Jim Ryan – whose father was a Korean War veteran – is also featured on the film extolling the ROTC's opportunities for public service.

The panels, each composed of three cadets and midshipmen from all three commands at UVA, were tasked to make presentations on numerous topics, beginning with cyberdefense, technology, engineering and physics held a few weeks ago in Thornton Hall. A second panel that concentrated on data science, medicine, analytics and chemistry met on March 27 in the Chemistry Building.. The final panel will discuss law, policy, social sciences and history on April 10 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Nau Hall, room 441.

"We chose candidates from each respective academic area, if possible, so cadets in their fields could represent and articulate our program," said U.S. Army LTC Elizabeth Eaton-Ferenzi, commander of the Army ROTC program. "We also looked at students choosing unique paths or who have high aspirations for their careers."

Nelson said the military can offer students many career-based opportunities beyond the front lines of conflict. "Students can pursue careers in the military in a wide range of fields, from aerospace engineering and nursing, to organizational leadership, policy and law," he said. "The military has a very robust infrastructure."

"I hope that current UVA students who haven't heard of ROTC will gain some exposure through these panels and become more curious about how they can serve and seek out more information," Eaton-Ferenzi said.

Nelson said the panels have two objectives: growing our ROTC programs and reminding our community of the importance of our ROTC military presence on Grounds. "We are interested in growing the recruitment numbers, but only as ROTC makes sense for each individual student," Nelson said. "First- and second-year students, if they enroll in ROTC, can actually end up having full financial aid covered by the military. Students may not only have their undergraduate career paid for, but also have job security as they graduate."



**U.S. Army LTC Elizabeth Eaton-Ferenzi,  
Commander of the UVA Army ROTC Program**  
(*Photograph by UVATODAY*)

U.S. Navy Capt. Mike Rovenolt, commander of the UVA Navy ROTC program, added: "Naval ROTC believes the public service panels will further educate UVA students about the opportunities that the Navy and Marine Corps has to offer. Furthermore, we think the panels will help our UVA students understand that service in the military is perhaps the most crucial public service one can pursue."

"The most important thing is that current students who have a desire to serve and are looking for a way to do it can connect with us, get integrated and join one of our programs," Eaton-Ferenzi said. "I hope they also understand that there are many options and pathways to serve, such as active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and various vocations, such as veterinarian, psychologist, doctor, attorney, pilot."

Our CVC-MOAA Director David Hilty reminds us that the *Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)* across the country recognizes ROTC students for their service. The local Thomas Jefferson Chapter has been doing this since its inception and presently recognizes 2 Air Force (UVA/JMU) cadets, 2 Army (UVA./Liberty), and 1 Navy Midshipman with Silver Medal/Certificates, each receiving a check for \$250.00. These recipients are recognized every April at a Tri-Service Awards ceremony.

Bill Tunner, as the CVC-MOAA Director for ROTC Liaison, noted that these events parallel our own chapter's long-standing support to local ROTC Programs to include the upcoming presentation of the annual MOAA Leadership Award at the UVA Joint ROTC Awards Ceremony on 16 April at 1500, and again at similar events for Junior ROTC on 25 April at 1730 in the Orange County High School Auditorium and on 11 May at the Monticello High School at 1500.

*(The UVA ROTC portion of this article include excerpts from UVATODAY Matt Kelly, [mkelly@virginia.edu](mailto:mkelly@virginia.edu) March 18, 2024)*

**LUNCHEON MEETING RESERVATION FORM**  
**Thursday, 25 April 2024**

**11:00 a.m. social hour. 12:00 noon lunch**  
**The Club at Glenmore**

**Donna Price, CAPT, USN (Ret)**  
**is scheduled to be our Guest Speaker**

*Directions from Charlottesville: Route 250 East. One mile past Shadwell turn right into Glenmore. Turn right on Piper Way. If you are not a resident, please tell the gate guard that you are attending the MOAA luncheon. Proceed on Piper Way. The Club is on the right just past the tennis courts. Attire for men is suit/sport coat and tie or military uniform.*



**Menu Selections**

Iceberg Salad

**Choice of entrée:**

**A. Chicken Picatta**

**or**

**B. Roasted Mahi Mahi**

**or**

**C. Roasted Cauliflower Steak**

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Orzo Pasta and Buttered Broccolini

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Fruit Tart



**Please Circle Entrée Selection**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ A B C

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ A B C

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**Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 each.**

My current email address (if changed) is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit with check payable to CVC/MOAA. Reservations must be received**  
**NO LATER THAN Friday, 19 April 2024.**

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**Due to mail uncertainties and a need to ensure a timely head count, please confirm your**  
**attendance numbers and meal selection with**

**Paul E. LaBrie by 19 April via email ([teesdale7@aol.com](mailto:teesdale7@aol.com)) or phone (703) 731-4472.**

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