



# The Bugle

## Central Virginia Chapter



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## Former Chair Donna Price Provides Insight into the Decision-Making Process of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

In 2016, Captain Donna Price, US Navy, Judge Advocate General Corps had retired from a long and distinguished career, now looking for her next opportunity for public service. Her extensive legal experience and numerous leadership assignments in the Department of Defense made her a superb candidate for numerous potential roles. In 2019, the local Democratic Party persuaded her to run for the Scottsville Seat on the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors. She was elected and spent the next 4 years on the Board, serving first as Vice Chair and then as Chair. She maintains that the level of professional leadership and judgment reflected by the board members were comparable to the same high qualities of trust and responsibility she encountered in federal service.

As Chair, some of the policies that she preserved or implemented were: 1) Do not get involved in issues over which the board has no jurisdiction, 2) Board members must speak with a united voice when communicating with the County Executive, 3) The Chair speaks last in active discussions so as not to influence other member's opinions, and 4) Use the even number of six voting members to seek consensus, and not relying on a "tie-breaker." And, she believes the Board's greatest accomplishment during her tenure was the purchase of a buffer zone around Rivanna Station to provide long-term security and growth potential.



CVC MOAA Vice President Tad Oelstrom presents a Jefferson Cup to Donna for sharing her experiences with the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors



Pam Batchellor and Martha Down at the pre-luncheon social hour



Paul and Marilyn LaBrie stand for the invocation





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

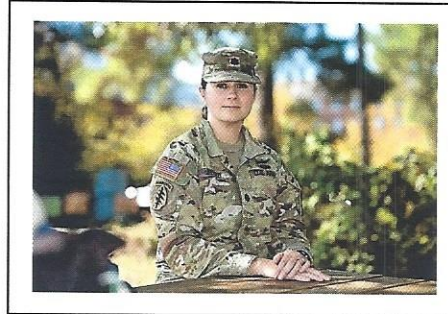
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**LTC Elizabeth Eaton-Ferenzi to  
Speak at May Luncheon**



LTC Elizabeth Eaton-Ferenzi is the first woman to command the Cavalier ROTC Battalion at the University of Virginia. But Eaton-Ferenzi doesn't feel additional pressure beyond that of being an active-duty Army officer. During a recent interview, she was asked about the role of women in the Armed Services. "There are some unique struggles for females in the Army, but I think over the years things have gotten slowly, incrementally better year after year," she said. "I'm interested to hear from the female cadets here what their experiences are and what they perceive as their struggles. Hopefully we can keep closing that gap little by little."

Eaton-Ferenzi, a combat helicopter pilot, was most recently stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. "I was working at United States Central Command with the Commander's Action Group, in charge of the Levant portfolio and I traveling a lot every month to the Middle East," Eaton-Ferenzi said. "I was looking for a change of pace and for something a little bit more broadening. The brigade commander reached out and asked if I'd be interested in being a Professor of Military Science at the University of Virginia."

Eaton-Ferenzi holds degrees from Columbia University and Lehigh University in Pennsylvania where she was an Army ROTC cadet. She also brings combat experience to her post, having served a 13-month deployment in Afghanistan, as well as time in Africa and Honduras and humanitarian missions to Haiti, Panama, El Salvador, Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

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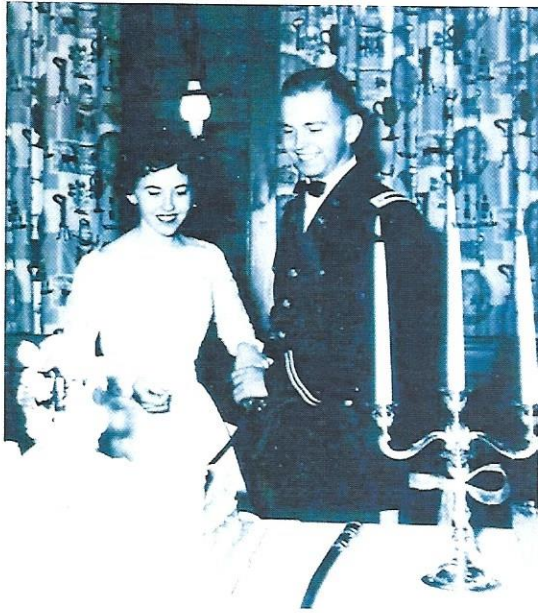


## Community Calendar

**10 May @ 1900** – University of Virginia Military Appreciation Day Baseball Game at Disharoon Park

**11 May @ 1500** - Monticello High School JROTC Award Ceremony will be held at the Keswick American Legion Post 174

**15 May @ Noon** - Charlottesville Aviation Luncheon Club (CALClub) informal luncheon buffet at Blue Ridge Café, Ruckersville. Doors open at 11:15. Buffet begins at noon. \$20.00 per person. Guest Speaker: Ed Dillingham, Senior docent at the Military Aviation Museum at Virginia Beach. Reservations by May 12 with Bill Mitchell [whmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:whmitchell@gmail.com) or 703 915 6230.

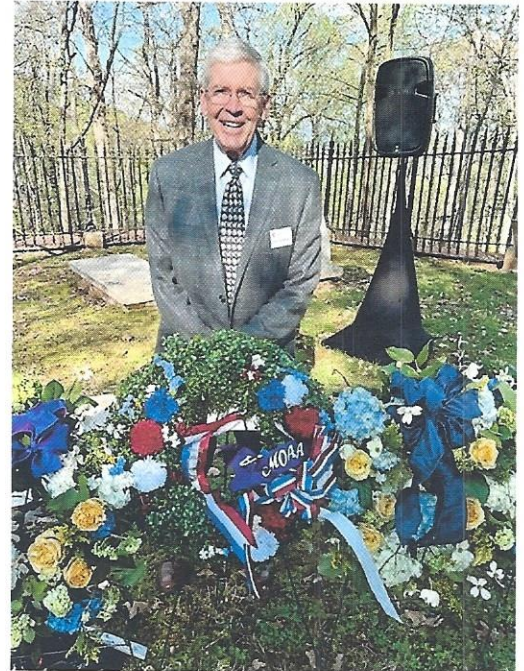


A memorial service honoring Bob Burnett's life will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 5607 Gordonsville Road, Keswick, VA, at 10 a.m. on 11 May 2024. This wedding photograph was taken of Bob and Mary on 19 December 1959 in Fulda, West Germany



CVC MOAA Membership Director, Dr. Carolyn Still with ROTC Liaison Director, Dr. Bill Tunner and his wife, Sallie, attending the Orange County High School JROTC Awards Ceremony on 25 April. Bill presented the MOAA JROTC Leadership Award and Carolyn is a financial supporter of the JROTC Program as a tribute to her late husband, Major Leo J. Still, USMC (Ret)

## CVC MOAA Presents Wreath for Thomas Jefferson Birthday Ceremony



Chapter President John Warnecke places a wreath at the grave of President Thomas Jefferson on the occasion of his birthday, celebrated this year at Monticello on 12 April 2024



CVC MOAA Vice President Tad Oelstrom presents Leadership Awards at the University of Virginia Joint ROTC Awards Ceremony on 16 April

**NOTE:** LTC Paul Fritts, Commander of the JROTC Unit at Orange County High School and his wife Karen will attend our May luncheon. Please welcome them.



# 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.

In the wake of the 2024 General Assembly, MOAA's federal advocacy efforts now take center stage. This year, MOAA has identified three priorities for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. The three initiatives are:

1. *The Major Richard Star Act:* A MOAA carryover initiative from previous years, the Star Act seeks to correct an unjust pay offset affecting over 40,000 combat-injured veterans forced into early retirement (before 20 years' service) due to their medical status. The Star Act would allow these veterans to collect VA disability as well as their vested DoD retirement pay (currently, only veterans with greater than 50% disability are eligible to receive retirement pay in addition to disability pay). Lawmakers have not moved on the legislation, largely due to reluctance to fund the bill (estimated cost is \$9B over ten years). MOAA is asking Congress to pass the Star Act and fully support our combat-injured veterans.
2. *The Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Restoration Act:* From 2015 to 2019, DoD reduced BAH to save money. This reduction has hit military families hard in the face of increased housing and utility costs, all



Mary Aston and Corky Shackelford at the April luncheon

while on-post housing quality has generally declined in recent years. MOAA is asking Congress to restore military BAH to cover the real cost of housing our service personnel and their families.

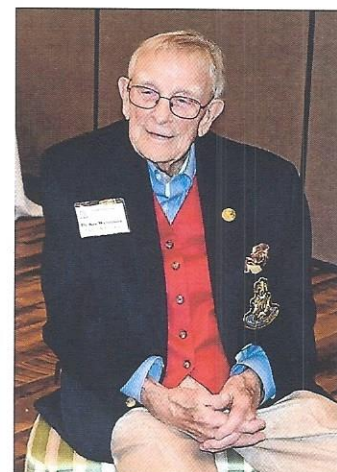
3. *Protecting Tricare for Life (TFL) for Medicare-Eligible Families:* Tricare is an earned benefit that is under threat, and current and future seniors are counting on TFL coverage. TFL is a Medicare-wraparound coverage for Tricare beneficiaries with Medicare Parts A and B. DoD has included cost-sharing proposals in previous budgets that Congress has denied. However, Congressional Budget Office proposals for reducing the deficit include implementing unprecedented TFL fees, including an annual enrollment fee (\$575 individual/\$1,150 family) or a sizeable deductible of \$850. MOAA is asking Congress to protect TFL against these recommendations.

Our Central Virginia Chapter resides within the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District represented by Congressman Bob Good. John Down has already reached out to the congressman's office to request an in-person meeting and request his support on these three priorities.

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



Dr. Ken Wallenborn waits for the luncheon speaker to begin

**LUNCHEON MEETING RESERVATION FORM**  
**Thursday, 23 May 2024**

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

**LTC Elizabeth Eaton-Ferenzi**  
**Commander of the UVA Army ROTC Program**  
**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**

Gazpacho with  
Extra Virgin Olive Oil

**Choice of entrée:**

**A. Sheppard's Pie**  
**or**

**B. Pan Roasted Salmon**  
**or**

**C. Vegetable Wellington**  
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Duchess Potatoes  
Roasted Cauliflower and Carrots  
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Strawberries and Cream

**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, 17 May 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 John Warnecke by 17 May via email ([warnecke@comcast.net](mailto:warnecke@comcast.net)) or phone (434) 981-8554.**

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