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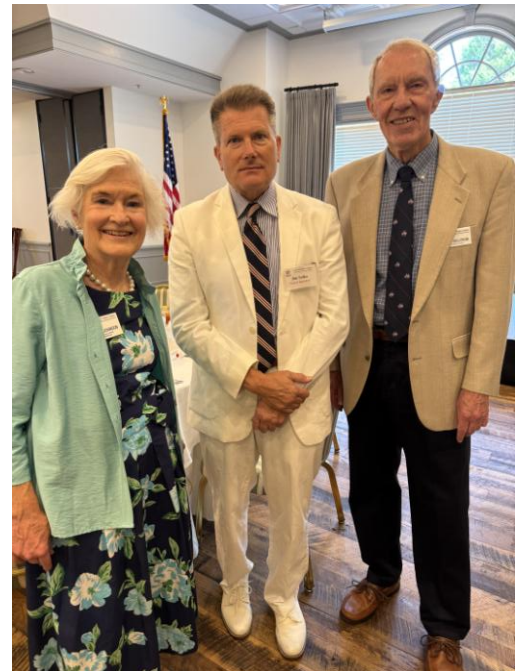
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Dr. Sofka Highlights President Jefferson's Undeclared War with the Barbary Pirates as a First Major Test of Presidential Powers

No notes, no slides and no questions too hard to answer! That characterized the highly professional presentation offered by Dr. James Sofka who specializes in teaching and writing about international relations and trans-Atlantic diplomatic and military history. His choice of topics was of particular local interest given his respectful but frank examination of President Thomas Jefferson and the United States' war against the Barbary Pirates.

In 1784, President Jefferson realized that naval protection, previously provided by the British and slightly less-so by the French, was no longer available to the fledgling United States. So, when North African nations (Morocco, Tunis, Algeria) began to attack American shipping and demand ransom, he was determined to fight back. He built a powerful U.S. Navy, both in terms of ships and leadership, and took military action against the Barbary Pirates, largely without approval from Congress.

Dr. Sofka deftly drew lines of comparison between Jefferson's apparent breach of Presidential authority with similar actions taken by latter-day U.S. Presidents. Nonetheless, Jefferson's actions eliminated the Barbary threat to American shipping and created the modern U.S. Navy and Marine Corps that continue to hold unparalleled respect around the globe today.



Lucy Johnson, Chapter Secretary and Tad Oelstrom, Chapter Director for Programs welcome Guest Speaker James Sofka (center)



Jim Jinks (left), guest of George Moore (center) with Bill Adams at June luncheon



Steve Hiss, Chapter Director for ROTC Liaison and Bill Mitchell discuss the Southside ROTC Legacy Scholarship (see Page 6)



Gretchen McKee, Nancy Swartzwelder and Eleanor Adams wait to take their seats at the luncheon



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Charlottesville Police Department K-9 Unit to Provide Demonstration at September Luncheon



Plans are underway to bring Sgt. Eric Thomas from the Charlottesville Police Department and one of his three best friends in to educate us on the K9 Working Dog Program in our community. He will cover specialties, tactics, training and caring for this special asset. Pictured above from left to right are Blue, Brewster and Hondo.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, September 3: CVC MOAA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 17: Charlottesville Aviation Luncheon Club (CALClub) open to all, will meet at the Blue Ridge Café, Ruckersville. Doors open at 11:00 and buffet lunch will begin at noon, price is \$20.00 cash per person. Make reservations by September 14 with Bill Mitchell whmitchell6@gmail.com or 703 915 6230. Speaker to be determined.

Thursday, 25 September: CVC MOAA Luncheon at The Club at Glenmore, Social hour starts at 11:00 and seating at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be followed by a demonstration by the Charlottesville Police Department K-9 Unit (Reservation form on page 7)

Tuesday, 14 October: The Fourth Quarter in-person meeting of the Virginia Council of Chapters for MOAA, will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond from 10:00-15:00. Please RSVP via email to Sherry Ferki at navmedarmynurse@gmail.com or via phone at (757) 630-5608 NLT 8 October 2025. Give Sherry your name, chapter, position in chapter, and guest names.

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MOAA NATIONAL CORNER: DoD: No 'Termination Date' Set for Legacy Retiree IDs

By: Kevin Lilley

DoD officials recommend that all legacy (paper-based) identification cards be replaced with the new model, but have yet to establish a mandatory "termination date" for these older IDs.



This new stance differs from a June retiree newsletter published by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), that stated all retirees had until Dec. 31, 2025, to update their cards to the Next-Generation Uniformed Services ID (USID) card before they became invalid for base access.

A revised DFAS article "correcting the inaccuracies" of the original article was published online 10 July 2025, and [did not include the Dec. 31 deadline](#). This, despite the fact that the original PDF version of the newsletter remained on the DFAS site as of 22 July. All of which has added to the confusion.

"It's important for USID cardholders to know these older paper-based forms of ID will eventually be terminated, and will need to be replaced by the new plastic-based USID card. This is true even if your old ID card has an INDEF expiration date on it."

The DoD official told MOAA that the old cards "may continue to be used as the Department of Defense has not established a termination date for USID cards with indefinite ("INDEF") expiration dates. Nonetheless, Military retirees and beneficiaries with legacy (paper) ID cards with INDEF expiration dates are encouraged to update their USID cards to the new Next Generation USID card at their earliest convenience."

Previous guidance, provided to MOAA by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) in March, had stated that the "INDEF" cards would face termination at some point in 2026. Military OneSource, an official DoD web resource, states in its [frequently asked questions](#) about ID cards that legacy USID cards of all types "will no longer be accepted for access to benefits, privileges, or DoD bases" in 2026.

Other DoD resources and social media pages have also put out information citing a Dec. 31 changeover deadline, which has led to some cardholder confusion. **BOTTOM LINE: RENEW WHEN YOU CAN**

Renewing Your Card

The closest facilities to CVC MOAA for ID Card Renewal are the **JAG School** on the UVA Campus and **Rivanna Station** on North Rt 29. Both sites will answer the phone but will request you make appointments online at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>. To use that web site, search for "Appointments" and enter preferred date range and time range and at least 25 miles "Distance" and enter "Search." Both locations below should come up. Select one and "Schedule an Appointment." A calendar will appear showing either "No Appointments" or "Appointment Available" for each date. At the time of this writing, both sites had available appointments 4 to 6 weeks out.

JAG Legal Ctr & School, Charlottesville
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(434) 971-3288

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2055 Boulders Rd. Building Number 2020 VCC
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(434) 951-4792

Cardholders with questions regarding their ID, or facing trouble with the online renewal or appointment process, can contact DMDC at (800) 538-9552. If applicable, be ready to provide an online application number and any error messages received.

SURVIVING SPOUSE CORNER:

Surviving Spouse Corner: Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Policies

By: Roy Yenchsky



National statistics show that 70% of Americans will need some level of long-term care, which can be a range of services and support to meet your personal care needs. Some long-term care might be considered non-medical or custodial care.

The insurance industry definition of long-term care is when you cannot perform two of the six activities of daily living: toileting, transferring, eating, dressing, bathing, and continence. Significant cognitive impairment might also result in the need for long-term care.

The cost of long-term care will vary depending on where you live. You will need to research the cost of long-term care for your local area. Levels of care might include an Alzheimer's disease/dementia care unit, nursing home care, assisted living, in-home care, and adult day care. In many parts of the country, the cost can be over \$100,000 a year.

The basic cost of a long-term care insurance policy is determined by your age and any health issues you might have as well as decisions you select for coverage. These might include daily benefit, home care, benefit period, lifetime benefit, and elimination period, which are all part of the basic premium. Generally, the younger you are when you buy a policy, the lower your premium will be. However, depending on the policy, the premium might not be guaranteed, and the insurance company might increase the premium.

Adding to the complexity of long-term care insurance policies are the numerous "riders" (options) available. Every rider you choose will increase the premium cost but will also add an enhanced overall benefit. Some, but not all, of the riders available might include: percentage benefit increase, spousal shared care, waiver of premium, spousal survivorship, international benefit, cost-of-living adjustment, nursing care, non-forfeiture, shortened benefit, and paid-up benefits. The premiums you pay for a qualified long-term care insurance policy might be included as part of your medical expenses if you itemize deductions on Schedule A on your IRS form 1040 instead of taking the standard deduction. A long-term care insurance policy also gives you choices as to what facility you use or if you choose to stay in your home and have home health care. The long-term care insurance industry is continuing to evolve with new and enhanced products, such as providing a death benefit if you never use it for long-term care and guaranteed fixed premiums.

Consult with an Elder Law Attorney and a trusted financial advisor when doing your research. But please, discuss this with your spouse and plan now.



Gail Barber, Carolyn Still and Lucy Johnson greet luncheon attendees



Pat Kelly and Guest Speaker Jim Sofka wait to take their seats

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 our last update, we highlighted the early work of the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) in preparing for the 2026 General Assembly. Those efforts prompted your legislative committee to reach out to state representatives Amy Laufer (55th House District) and Katrina Callsen (54th House District) to seek their support for a top MOAA and JLC priority for 2026—to expand § 58.1-322.02 (Virginia Taxable Income) to include veterans of the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This initiative calls for delivering the same state income tax exclusion benefits provided to veterans of the armed forces. Federal law currently defines eight uniformed services of the U.S. Government—five within DoD (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Space Force), the Coast Guard (Homeland Security), and two additional—USPHS and NOAA. Like the other services, USPHS and NOAA are uniformed and deployable worldwide.

In addition to the USPHS/NOAA initiative, the JLC met on 18 June and voted to add two additional priorities to the 2026 agenda:

1. Establish a grant to provide financial assistance for textbooks and course materials for student veterans, strengthening their educational outcomes, and aligning Virginia with neighboring states that already offer veteran-specific education benefits to student veterans. The objective is to provide up to \$1,000 per year per eligible student veterans who are (1) enrolled currently in a degree, certificate, or vocational program at an accredited Virginia institution; (2) verifiable by a school certifying official (SCO) at their institution; and (3) can demonstrate prior military service via a DD-214 or equivalent document. Program cost is estimated at \$11M (to benefit approximately 11,000 student veterans).

2. Make information on veteran suicide (death certificates, medical certifications, and data from investigations available to perform reviews, analysis, and obtain data on the quantity, common causes, and methods of suicide used among military members, veterans, and their families. The current Governor's Challenge is now developing a Suicide Mortality Review (SMR) process, and this initiative would emphasize timely data availability for detailed review and analysis by that process. Department of Veteran Services (DVS) would then be required to provide annual updates to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office as well as statewide outreach to promote suicide prevention and awareness.

Thus, the JLC is currently planning to move forward with three agenda items going into the 2026 Session. The JLC may elect to add more initiatives during the upcoming meeting on 18 September (last year the JLC had five items on the priority list).

The 18 June meeting also highlighted the tireless work DVS is performing across the Commonwealth. DVS personnel reported having submitted nearly 18,000 veteran benefits claims, with 7,000 of that number filed since January 1st of this year. In six months, DVS logged 76,745 veteran discussions through in-person visits, phone calls, and emails. Additionally, the Veterans Education, Transition and Employment (VETE) team supported significant growth of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP), a 10% increase over last year.

My thanks to John Down, our MOAA representative to the JLC, who attended the 18 June meeting and provided a detailed readout of the business items covered.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at any time for questions concerning MOAA's engagement efforts. You can contact me at danmoy@mac.com.

Best,
Dan



ROTC LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Steve Hiss, CVC ROTC Liaison

Chapter history: Southside Virginia Chapter encompasses the 6 counties south of Richmond and is sun-setting due to lack of membership, but they have a quandary. Chapter has a \$450,000+ endowment...what do to with the funds? MOAA National wanted the funds, but chapter leadership decided "the funds were raised in Virginia and will remain in Virginia."

Scholarship funding and history: In 1976, Caroline Roper willed 49 acres of land to the chapter with the intent of establishing a retirement community for military members and their spouses. After years of attempting to establish that community, the chapter decided it wasn't possible, so they sold the land for \$350,000 and established a fund to support high school and college students, as well as local charities. Between 1997 and 2024, the chapter donated over \$300,000 to Roper Memorial Scholarships recipients, Ft. Lee and local community organizations, and the Army Quartermaster Foundation. However, during this time, the chapter wisely invested the funds and accumulated more than \$450,000 which remains. **During the past year, the Southside Chapter's Board decided to contribute \$340,000 to create the ROTC Legacy Scholarship program, and will also donate \$120,000 to Southside veterans and charitable organizations to close out the chapter charter by the end of 2025.**

Southside ROTC Legacy Scholarship: So...why am I telling you all this? Because our chapter's role in the ROTC Legacy Scholarship Program is to distribute scholarships to cadets and midshipmen at UVA, JMU, and Liberty University. To that end, the Southside Chapter has donated \$100,000, which the UVA Fund matched with a \$50,000 contribution, to support UVA and JMU students; as well as \$50,000 to Liberty to support their students. Each year, the respective ROTC Detachment Commanders will select cadets/midshipmen - one from each of the 5 Services, to receive a \$1,000 scholarship (which can be increased based on inflation) and our chapter will present these scholarships at the annual Joint ROTC Awards Ceremony held each April. As an additional note, the Southside Chapter also contributed \$190,000 to other Virginia universities that have ROTC units.

Certificate of Recognition: We owe a debt of gratitude to retired U.S. Army COL Victoria Revilla, the long-time Southside Chapter President, and Col Jason Bell, the retiring Air Force ROTC Commander here at UVA, for working with UVA and Liberty to develop the respective memorandums of understanding creating these scholarships. John and I met with Victoria and the ROTC Commanders this past Monday to sign the MOUs. And, as a completely unexpected surprise, COL Revilla presented us with this certificate of appreciation...and a \$5,000 contribution to our chapter in recognition for our support in establishing the ROTC Legacy Scholarship Program. (See picture above)



George Forschler Obituary

Brigadier General George P.A. Forschler, USAF (Ret.), passed away on July 30, 2025. He leaves behind a legacy of service to his country, both in and out of uniform. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Reserve Affairs), he was responsible for shaping policies affecting the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Civil Air Patrol, and also oversaw the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee. His military career spanned decades and earned him numerous honors.

Born in Gross-Umstadt, Germany, BG Forschler immigrated to the United States and pursued higher education at the College of Idaho, graduating in 1960 with a degree in pre-law and political science. He began his military career in the Army National Guard and later transitioned to the Air Force Reserve, where he was commissioned in 1958. He attended the Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and Livingston University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Law degree in 1982.

He ran for Congress in Idaho in 1976 and went on to serve as a special advisory roles to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force and the four Presidents. He served as president of Ponderosa Inns National Franchise Company and later founded Forschler and Associates; a firm focused on international technology partnership.

Deeply involved in civic life, BG Forschler was a member of the Military Officer's Association (Central Virginia Chapter) as well as a 32nd degree Shriner, a life member of multiple other veteran and intelligence organizations. He held leadership roles in numerous community and national boards. He served as a Trustee and Chair of Development for the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the College of Idaho in 2010.

He was a committed Christian and always devoted himself to service in the churches that he attended. BG Forschler is survived by his wife, Susan Van Hook Forschler and their four children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be remembered as a tireless public servant, a respected leader, a proud American and a devoted family man. A graveside funeral service honoring his life was held on 6 August 2025 at Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery in Keswick.

LUNCHEON MEETING RESERVATION FORM
Thursday, 25 September 2025

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

Charlottesville Police Department K-9 Unit Demonstration

*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 is picnic casual - leave the coats and ties at home.***



Picnic Menu

Field Green Salad

BBQ Chicken

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Rolls

Bread pudding



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 September 2025.

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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 19 September 2025
via email (warneckeja@comcast.net) or phone (434) 981-8554.



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