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SWVA Chapter represents MOAA at Roanoke's Eighth Annual Virginia Veterans Day Parade

With sunny weather despite the frigid temperatures, Saturday, November 11, 2017 marked the eighth annual 2017 Virginia Veterans Parade in downtown Roanoke, Virginia. Organized by the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council, the parade features marching bands, military and community organizations all honoring U.S. military veterans throughout the region. The official parade list showed over 100 organizations taking part with most of them being military and veterans groups.

Participating in this event again were members of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Military Officer's Association of America riding appropriately enough in a vintage 1948 Navy Shore Patrol Jeep. Chapter members CDR Mike Leigh, USN (Ret), CPT Larry Johnson, USAR (fmr) and CAPT Gary Powers, USN (Ret) were honored by the appreciative flag-waving and applauding crowds while small children rendered heartfelt salutes. The televised event also offered the opportunity to highlight the local and national MOAA organization and its dedication to protecting the rights of military service members and their families.



Participating in the 2016 Virginia Veterans Day Parade were CDR Mike Leigh, USN (Ret), CPT Larry Johnson USAR (fmr) and CAPT Gary Powers, USN (Ret) driving his vintage 1948 Navy Shore Patrol Jeep.

