



News Release

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THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the Nation's largest Military Officers Association. Founded in 1929, MOAA is dedicated to preserving the earned entitlements and benefits of members of the uniformed services, retirees and their families, and to promoting National Defense.

The National Headquarters of MOAA is located in Washington, D.C. and represents the membership to the White House, Congress, the Department of Defense and other government agencies. MOAA has been instrumental in winning important victories from expanding lifetime health care benefits to championing significant pay raises for military personnel.

A chartered affiliate of MOAA, the Southwest Virginia Chapter (SWVC), is an autonomous and self-supporting Chapter of MOAA and represents more than 265 officers, widows and widowers representing all seven uniformed services in all officer grades throughout Southwest Virginia. Chapter members are able to speak up about local issues and influence local and state governments. Chapter membership offers opportunities for lasting friendships, camaraderie and networking with other officers who share common concerns and aspirations.

MOAA and the SWVC offers its members with an array of resources and programs listed as follows:

- A. MOAA offers membership to officers from every branch of service including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families and represents their interests at every stage of their careers.
- B. MOAA lobbies State and National elected officials to preserve the earned entitlements and benefits of members of the uniformed services, retirees and their families.

C. MOAA provides programs and resources for career planning, transition to a second career, benefits counseling, college scholarships and loans, financial planning tools, group insurance plans, exclusive savings and retirement benefits.

D. The SWVC, through its various committees, provides a wide range of programs and activities throughout the year in support of the community and its membership including;

1. A monthly lunch or social event for members, spouses and guests including a short program on a topic of interest.

2. Through its Legislative Committee the SWVC is deeply involved in promoting State and National legislation in the interest of all military personnel, their dependents and survivors.

3. The Personal Affairs Committee is available on call to provide information to members and survivors on their entitlements and to help members and survivors in the submission of inquiries, applications and claims to governmental agencies.

4. A quarterly newsletter is mailed to each member containing interesting and useful information on MOAA, the SWVC chapter activities and other items of interest on entitlements and benefits to members of the uniformed services, retirees, their families and survivors.

5. The Chapter undertakes numerous community service projects in support of service members, veterans and their families including support of the Military Family Support Center, Rebuilding Together Roanoke, the Salem VA Medical Center, the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council.

6. The Chapter supports 19 area high schools and both Virginia Tech and Radford University in presenting the annual MOAA JROTC/ROTC Medal awards to distinguished JROTC/ROTC Cadets/Midshipmen.

7. The Chapter supports Virginia Tech and Radford University in presenting sets of "Gold Bars" to newly commissioned officers.

8. The Chapter established two Leadership Awards presented annually to rising juniors in the Virginia Tech and Radford University ROTC programs. The awards are in honor of General William B. Rosson USA (Ret) and Major General Lloyd B. Ramsey USA (Ret) and include a cash award, an appropriate framed award certificate.