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SOUTHWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Southwest Virginia (SWVA) Chapter participated in the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the downtown Roanoke War Memorial in Lee Plaza held on Monday, May 30. MOAA SWVA Chapter Officer, LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret), who also serves as President of the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council, was the Master of Ceremonies.

MOAA Chapter Officers, LTC Jim Flynn, USA (Ret), LTC John Wagner, USA (Ret) and LTC Karnes placed a wreath to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War along with the Memorial Day Wreath placed by Roanoke Mayor, David Bowers and LTC Karnes. MOAA SWVA members in attendance also included LTC Bill Gore, USAR (Ret) and Captain Gary Powers, USN (Ret).

Founded in 1962, the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council brings together some 20 area veterans service organizations to better serve veterans causes, including the MOAA SWVA Chapter. Erected in 1982, the Roanoke Valley War Memorial are marble monuments dedicated to the memory of WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam War Dead and contains the names of those residents who made the ultimate sacrifice.



(Placing the Vietnam Memorial Wreath at Lee Plaza in downtown Roanoke during the Memorial Day Ceremony are MOAA members LTC John Wagner, USA (Ret), LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret), with LTC James Flynn, USA (Ret) standing at attention. Standing in the left background is Roanoke's Mayor, the Honorable David Bowers).



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(MOAA SWVA Chapter members in attendance at the Roanoke Memorial Day Ceremony included L-R; LTC Jim Flynn, USA (Ret), LTC John Wagner, USA (Ret), CAPT Gary Powers, USN (Ret) and LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret). Not pictured is LTC Bill Gore, USAR (Ret)).

