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**SW MOAA CHAPTER MEMBER JOAN WASHBURN
COORDINATES BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS VETERANS
APPRECIATION RECEPTION AT SALEM RED SOX GAME**

The Brain Injury Services of SWVA's (BISSWVA) held a Veterans Appreciation Reception on July 29th at the Military Appreciation Night Salem Red Sox baseball game at Lewis-Gale Field, Salem Civic Center Area, Salem, VA. It was a superb event all coordinated by Mrs. Joan B. Washburn, State VCOC Board, Surviving Spouse Representative and SW MOAA Chapter member.

BISSWVA is an organization that helps brain injury survivors and their families in Southwest Virginia to make a positive, measurable difference in survivors' abilities to fulfill their service potential and optimize their reintegration into their families and communities.

Special guest speakers were Major General James Archer and Brigadier General Lapthe (L.T.) Flora who honored veterans, particularly those who had sustained brain injuries. Over 80 attendees and dignitaries were present, including; Virginia State Senator John Edwards, Commonwealth's Attorney, Colonel Tom Bowers, Salem Mayor Randy Foley and Roanoke City Councilman Bill Bestpitch. Members from the MOAA SW Virginia Chapter included; Jim Flynn, Bill Gore, Steve Jamison, Jim Karlen, Dan Karnes and Gary Powers.



Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) in attendance at the Veterans Appreciation Reception at the Salem Red Sox game included (l-r) Gary Powers, James Archer, Jim Flynn, Joan Washburn, Bill Gore, Dan Karnes, Steve Jamison and Lapthe Flora



Virginia State Senator John Edwards and MOAA Southwest Virginia Chapter President, LTC James Flynn, USA (Ret)