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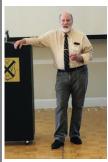


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MOAA SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER BEGINS 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE



On **Thursday 16 January 2020** The Southwest Virginia Chapter of MOAA held its first 2020 membership meeting and lunch at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The guest speaker and program was presented by Dr. Peter F. Coogan Associate Professor of History, Hollins University. Dr. Coogan provided a most interesting and thought provoking presentation on Vietnam and the role played by the politi-



cal and military leadership and their role in the Americanization of the war. It's interesting that today we are hearing the same thing from some military and political leaders about the war in Afghanistan and how the political and military leadership have not been forthright in keeping the American people informed on how we are doing and most importantly what is our end game. This then falls into the different perceptions of counterinsurgency and nation building held in Washington and those held in Vietnam and currently in Afghanistan and the entire Middle East. .



On **Thursday 19 February 2020** the Southwest Virginia Chapter of MOAA held its monthly membership meeting and lunch at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The guest speaker and program was presented by Mr. Gary Crawford a third-generation Washingtonian who attended public schools in the District of Columbia and The



George Washington University majoring in political science. Growing up in our Nation's Capital nourished youthful fascination with history and museums, inspiring lifelong involvement in civic leadership and political activism. Mr. Crawford provided a most interesting and thought provoking presentation titled: "Come Retribution", based on the book by William A. Tidwell, a retired Army brigadier general and CIA intelligence officer. "Come Retribution" is the captivating story of a clandestine code-named operation of the Confederate Secret Service to first pursue victory in the civil war, and then seek vengeance in defeat. With John Wilkes Booth as its agent, the Confederate Secret Service devised a plan of retribution--to seize President Lincoln, hold him hostage, and bring the war-weary North to capitulation. The code word for this stratagem was "Come Retribution. He explained the Confederate decision-making process showing the role played by its military clandestine operations yet the willful, ardent Booth, smarting from the South's loss of the war, took decisive action at Ford's Theater during that spring night in 1865.

President's Corner



It is an honor to have been selected to serve as your president for 2020. It is also a privilege to be able

to work with such a distinguished group of people and to give back to the community. I would like to talk about a few goals for the future which I see as priorities for us. Our board discusses them at every meeting. I want to bring them to the attention of all our members.

Membership: We have been holding steady at a bit over 100 members – a number I believe is fairly good for our Southwest Virginia region, generally sparsely populated and not located near any major military facility. However, it is a popular area for retirees and we have hundreds of potential members in this region based on the listing that MOAA National HQ provides to our chapter. Col. Bob Brown, our membership chair, is putting in place a comprehensive plan to recruit new members. That task is large and I hope we will all assist Bob with his efforts.

<u>Finances</u>: We operate on a thin margin and decide on a monthly basis what we can and cannot afford to do with our limited funds. Recently, we have had to eliminate printing and mailing our

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Clifton R "Buck" Krantz

On Tuesday 10 March 2020 the Smith Mountain Satellite held their March lunch meeting at the Westlake Country Club. A program was presented by Clifton R "Buck" Krantz on the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The first part of his program "Buck" talked about the Purple Heart organization and what that is and does. The second part was about his personal experience in Vietnam leading up to his injury and award of the Purple Heart medal. Rarely does an audience get as personal perspective on the war as Buck

Receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Don Moorman

presented. He stressed that there are many people who had similar ex-

periences and he is just representative of many who served. Clifton "Buck" Krantz was born and raised in Bedford County Virginia. He has been a member of VFW Post 2157 in Bedford since 1969. For his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with V Device for valor. He has volunteered at The National D-Day Memorial for many years and is currently is the Senior Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chapter 1607 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He has obtained sponsorship for 35 Combat Wounded Purple Heart parking signs in and around Bedford and for Purple Heart Community signs on all major roads coming into Bedford. He has been recognized by the Honored Committee in Lynchburg at the 7th Annual Recognition of Community Service on June 29, 2019. He was recently named to the board of The Bedford Boys Tribune Center for finance and management which some of you know is in the Greens Drug Store on Main Street.

20 FEB 2020: 1200

Lunch and Program Hidden Valley CC. Mr. Gary Crawford will present a program on President Abraham Lincoln our 16th President of the United States Board of Directors meeting at 1000.

NOTICE

Due to the coronavirus the 19 March 2020 lunch and meeting and all future gatherings have been cancelled until further notice. We will keep you informed via e-mail when membership meetings will again be scheduled.

NOTICE

This is the first newsletter sent to the membership by e-mail. We regret that due to the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to chapter members the leadership decided to use e-mail vice printing and mailing. Copies may be printed from our computer for individuals without e-mail if so notified.

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MOAA SETS KEY GOALS FOR 2020



This will be a tumultuous news year of partisan politics, with the focus on the upcoming presidential election as well as the 33 Senate seats and 435 seats in the House of Representatives up for election.

MOAA will continue to remain decidedly nonpartisan. Our team works with every elected official, seeking positive change for the members of the seven uniformed services, our nation's veterans, and all military families and survivors.

In January, the 116th Congress begins its second session, and MOAA continues to stay focused on our mission. We've spent the past year meeting with members of Congress and their staffs to discuss pay equity, military medicine, survivor benefits, and other issues affecting service-members and veterans and their families. With record-level support during the first session on issues like repealing the "widows tax," it's clear our lawmakers know MOAA will remain equally engaged during the second half.

MOAA's Government Relations staff identified the following eight objectives, which broadly represent priorities with targeted actions (not all inclusive) to address anticipated threats for the coming year. As we continue the fight to sustain benefits, health care, and compensation in support of the uniformed services and their families, we will keep our members informed on progress throughout the year.

"Our team has analyzed issues of benefits and compensation common to servicemembers and veterans and their families and survivors. We plan to clearly communicate specific actions we will undertake this coming year to address concerns across these expansive topics," said Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret), vice president for Government Relations.

"Please be sure to sign up for <u>The MOAA Newsletter</u> online for updates."

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Protect Your Health Care Benefit

Objective: Ensure any changes to the Military Health System sustain military-medical readiness and beneficiary access to top -quality care.

Overview: Access to quality health care is paramount for servicemembers and retirees and their families. MOAA continues to target our advocacy efforts at preserving a strong military medical system and keeping TRICARE effective and affordable for all beneficiaries who earned and rely on these health care benefits. In recent years, servicemembers and retirees have carried the increased burden of paying more for their health care than most people think. The notion that these beneficiaries pay little to nothing for health care provides the fuel to raise TRICARE fees and copayments for lawmakers and administration officials to fund military readiness or other programs not directly related to health care or medical readiness.

[RELATED: Surgeons General Lay Out How Many Health Care Jobs Each Service May Lose in Merger] The government should be doing more to stabilize and improve the TRICARE program and the Military Health System (MHS), rather than disproportionately shifting readiness costs to beneficiaries or enacting cuts to medical billets and health and research programs that provide essential operational support.

Actions:

Prevent disproportional TRICARE fee increases. Stand down efforts to cut military medical billets and efforts to dismantle the MHS. Stop cuts to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, which provides education to uniformed health professionals, scientists, and leaders.

Keep Military Pay and Benefits Strong

Objective: Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector and block erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits. Overview: To support an all-volunteer force (AVF) essential to a strong national defense, our government must consistently provide our service-members with compensation commensurate with their service and sacrifice. Failing to do so has significantly eroded military pay and allowances, and adversely affected recruiting and retention. A steady and benchmarked military pay raise, tied to the Employment Cost Index (ECI) as called for in law, is the more stable approach to ensuring our troops are adequately compensated. Our uniformed services are in a war for talent in a diminish-

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Annual Chapter Dues are \$30.00. Widows (ers) dues are \$15.00. Dues for those new members joining MOAA between 1 July and 31 December are \$20.00. Please mail dues payment to: MOAA, SW Virginia Chapter, P.O. Box 3090, Roanoke, VA 24015-1090

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MOAA SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER EXPANDS AWARDS PROGRAM

MAJ JAMES MILTION ARCHER, JR., USA AWARD

In 2020 the Southwest Virginia Chapter established a new award to recognize a "distinguished" JROTC "senior cadet or midshipman" in the respective schools JROTC program who has demonstrated "superior" military leadership during his/her time in the program. The new award will also be presented to Cadets participating in the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol program completing his/her senior year of high school or home-school equivalent. The new award is the MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award. The award is made possible due to a generous contribution from the Archer Family in memory of their father Major James Milton Archer, Jr., USA. The new award consists of an 8"x10" walnut plaque, \$50 remuneration, and a presentation letter in a certificate folder. Eligibility for the MAJ James Milton Archer, Jr., USA Award, the cadet or midshipman must:

- Be in the last year of the JROTC program, customarily in his/her senior year of high school.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Be of high moral character
- Demonstrate a high order of loyalty to his unit, school, and country.
- Demonstrate superior military leadership.

The following awards will continue to be presented each year as has been done in the past.

MOAA JROTC MEDAL AWARDS

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Southwest Virginia Chapter (SWVC), presents the **MOAA JROTC Medal Award** each year to recognize an "**outstanding**" JROTC cadet or midshipman at fifteen high schools in Southwest Virginia in their respective schools JROTC program who demonstrate "**exceptional**" potential for military leadership.

The **MOAA JROTC Medal Award** consists of a red, white, and blue ribbon, which is 1 and 3/8 inches in width along with a bronze disc pendant that is 1 and 5/8 inches in diameter, and a matching service ribbon, a certificate of presentation, and a cer-

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- Be in good academic standing.
- Be of high moral character
- Demonstrate a high order of loyalty to his unit, school, and country.
- Demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership.

MOAA ROTC MEDAL AWARDS

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Southwest Virginia Chapter (SWVC), presents the **MOAA ROTC Medal Award** each year to recognize an "outstanding" ROTC cadet or midshipman at Virginia Tech and Radford University in their respective schools ROTC program who demonstrate "exceptional" potential for military leadership.

The **MOAA ROTC Medal Award** consists of a red, white, and blue ribbon, which is 1 and 3/8 inches in width along with a bronze disc pendant that is 1 and 5/8 inches in diameter, and a matching service ribbon, a certificate of presentation, and a certificate folder. To be eligible for the MOAA ROTC Medal Award, the cadet or midshipman must:

- Be in the next-to-last year of the ROTC program, customarily in his/her junior year at the university.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Be of high moral character.
- Demonstrate a high order of loyalty to his/her unit, school, and country.
- Demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership.



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newsletter, going to email transmission only. This probably does not help us to get our message out to potential members. But, for now, it is a necessary step. Also, we are trying a cost-saving plan for our monthly luncheons by changing from table service to buffet format. We are still able to fully implement our "meat and potatoes" work of scholastic leadership awards, participation in the Renovation Alliance, and support for our national cemeteries, among numerous other activities. Recently, we ensured this continuing level of community participation through a fundraising initiative, and are grateful to the generous members who, through their donations, have kept our chapter activities viable. We will likely continue to use this method in the future as our other sources of income need to be supplemented.

<u>Public Relations</u>: This is vital in order to promote our brand. PR includes our newsletter, the chapter website, press releases, and our Facebook presence. Currently, Col. Tom Dalzell is single-handedly trying to keep all of these functions going. Ideally, we should have individuals cover each of these. Our website expired last year and we are currently working to re-establish it. And this brings me to our next priority.

Volunteerism: We need help. Too many of our tasks are shared by too few members. If you have any interests or special skills, or just want to help, we will find a great place for you. I am looking forward to the future. We do good things in the community. We enjoy great friendships. Our board members are hard-working networkers among themselves, in the entire membership, and in the wider community. We welcome any and all additional participation by members. We need all of you. **Never stop serving**.

Lee M Ensley











<u>LEGISLATIVE MATTERS</u> <u>COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA LEVEL</u>

Summary of 2020 JLC Policy Initiatives

The Virginia General Assembly convened on January 9th for the 2020 Session. The 2020 Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Policy Initiatives for the collective military and veteran community include its status in the following in priority order:

JLC 2020-01 - 2nd Resolution —Personal Property Tax Exemption

Recommendation - That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation, and send to the voters via ballot initiative, creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans..

JLC 2020-02 - Counting Military Absentee Ballots After Election Day

Recommendation - That the General Assembly enact and the Governor sign legislation that directs Virginia registrars receive and count military overseas absentee ballots postmarked on or before election day and which arrive by 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board of Elections meets to certify the results of the election.

<u>JLC 2020-03 - Income Tax Subtraction for Certain</u> <u>Low-Income 100% Disabled Veterans.</u>

Recommendation - That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.

JLC 2020-04 - Virginia National Guard Emergency Response Pay.

Recommendation - That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate budget and legislative support to ensure that all Virginia National Guardsmen are paid at least at the E6 rate when they are called to SAD in emergency situations.

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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

In 2009 the Board of Directors of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America established two Leadership Awards to be presented to ROTC Cadets / Midshipmen at Virginia Tech/Radford University during each academic year. Recipients are to be juniors or who will be starting their final year in the coming fall of the academic year. Each Leadership Award was named after a General Officer who was a member of the Southwest Virginia Chapter.

The first award is The General William B. Rosson Leadership Award and the second award is the Major General Lloyd B. Ramsey Leadership Award.







MajGen Lloyd B. Ramsey

The Leadership Awards were established to recognize the recipient's academic, community service and leadership qualities that demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership while a member of the Virginia Tech/Radford University ROTC Program. Each Leadership Award consists of an appropriate framed award certificate and a \$500 monetary award. Criteria and application formats were coordinated through the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and the three ROTC units. The Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units at Virginia Tech and the Army ROTC unit at Radford University shall submit no more than two (2) nominations each for the leadership awards. The two nominations are to be made and approved by the respective heads of the ROTC units for endorsement and forwarding.

The Southwest Virginia Chapter Leadership Award Selection Committee select the two (2) Leadership Award recipients from the eight (8) nominations submitted.

The Southwest Virginia Chapter Leadership Award program is administrated by the Chapter Awards Chair under the direction of LTC Robert Habermann, USA (Ret).

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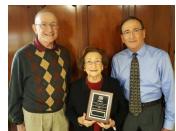
The family of James Milton Archer, Jr. wanted to honor their father James Milton Archer, Jr. for his love of country and for his patriotism. To accomplish this they established a James Milton Archer, Jr. Award through the Military Officers Association of America, Southwest Virginia Chapter to recognize a JROTC "senior cadet or midshipman" in the respective schools JROTC program who has demonstrated "**superior**" military leadership during his/her time in the program. The award consists of an 8"x10" walnut plaque, \$50 remuneration, and a presentation letter in a certificate folder.

James Milton Archer, Jr. was born in Saltville, Virginia in 1921. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) graduating in 1942 with a degree in Business Administration. While at VPI he was a distinguished member of the Corps of Cadets and upon graduation was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He entered active service in June 1942 and was assigned a designation as a Supply Officer. He served honorably during World War II in the Rhineland campaign and awarded several decorations and citations. He was released from active duty in 1946. In 1959 he moved his family to the Roanoke Valley where he and his family purchased the Blue Ridge Beverage Company. The Company has been under the direct ownership of the Archer family since 1959. The family has owned and managed the company since that time growing from a handful of employees to over 475 employees today. James Milton Archer, Jr. was a proud and patriotic American and passionate advocate for the military, VPI and family. He has two sons MG Jim Archer, USA (Ret) and COL Bob Archer, USA (Ret) both members of SWVA Chapter of MOAA. James Milton Archer, Jr. passed away in 1972 leaving his wife and six children to build his legacy and memory.









Major General Jim Archer, Mrs. Regine Archer, Col Bob Archer with the MAJ JAMES MILTION ARCHER, JR., USA AWARD

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recruiting pool, and maintaining pay, allowances, and improving quality-of-life programs and benefits are critical to national security.

[RELATED: Rising Costs, Dwindling Recruit Numbers, Increasing Demands May Bring Back the Military Draft]

Actions:

Ensure pay raises match the annual ECI index increase. Protect housing allowances from programmatic changes that penalize military-to-military married couples and those with children. Improve Defense Finance and Accounting Service quality and timeliness of support, and reduce existing backlog in services. Protect commissary and exchange benefits and dividends which support military quality- of-life programs. Approve flexible spending accounts for servicemembers in line with civilian employer programs.

Support Military Families

Objective: Protect family support programs, and ensure military-provided services (housing, PCS, child care) are affordable, readily available, and meet quality standards.

Overview: Programs and services for military and veteran families are often the first to see cuts to staffing, quality, and availability when government funding becomes tight. These benefits are essential to ensure servicemembers are squared away and can focus on the mission. Additionally, military spouses play a vital role in a servicemember's decision to stay in the military. When DoD prioritizes people first, it can retain a mission ready all-volunteer force.

Actions:

Improve comprehensive housing reform and accountability Improve accountability of contract movers and claims during PCS moves. Create incentives to increase quality child care provider accessibility and capacity options. Include military spouses as a target group for the Work Opportunity Tax. Credit and improve occupational licensure transitions. Preserve Parole in Place and improve paths to citizenship for servicemembers and families.

Concurrent Receipt for All Retirees

Objective: End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees. **Overview:** Since 2004, Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments authorized the concurrent receipt of retirement pay and disability pay for those who retired with a rating over 50% by the VA. Unfortunately, those who retired with less than a 50% rating from the VA and those who did not reach the 20-year mark and were medically retired under Chapter 61 do not receive the compensation they deserve. Incremental improvements to concurrent receipt that include Chapter 61 retirees and those retired with a 40% rating is the next step to extending concurrent receipt to military retirees.

[RELATED: <u>Understanding Concurrent Receipt</u>] Actions:

Approve concurrent receipt for Chapter 61 retirees. Approve concurrent receipt for service-connected disabled retirees rated 40% and below.

Support the Total Force

Objective: Achieve equity of benefits, protections, and administrative support for Guard/Reserve members consistent with their active duty counterparts.

Overview: National Guard and Reserve troops are an essential part of America's national defense strategy. Over the past two decades, they have been used in an operational capacity, constantly serving on domestic and international missions to help protect our country. Despite conducting the same duties as their active duty counterparts, they are not receiving the same credit for their active time. To support our servicemembers in reserve components, changes must be made to reflect the total force mentality.

[RELATED: Report Outlines Steps to Help National Guard and Reserve Families]

Actions:

Eliminate Guard/Reserve retirement pay processing delays Ensure timely health care benefit for Guard/Reserve retirees Expand Military Lending Act protections and support. Expand GI Bill parity for their service.

Better, Faster DoD/VA Services

Objective: Ensure timely access to service-earned benefits, and resist proposals to erode foundational services delivered through the VA and DoD.

Overview: MOAA believes in promoting national recognition and understanding of military service and how health care and benefits are earned through service in uniform, which are qualitatively different from "entitlement" or "social welfare" programs. While we recognize the fiscal pressures Congress is under, MOAA considers it our obligation as a leadership organization to do what is right for veterans and their families, and to do all we can to make them as whole as possible as they live out their lives once they take off the uniform. As such, we oppose decisions that erode foundational services and benefits delivered through the VA and DoD or decisions that degrade health care and benefits. The honor, dignity, and respect of a veteran at the time of their burial is an essential component to these benefits, so resources should be provided to meet the demand of those seeking burials at cemeteries across the nation.

[Related: Arlington FAQs: What You Need to Know About Proposed Changes to Burial Eligibility]

Actions:

Enhance suicide prevention programs and access to behavioral health care Assure appropriate health care and benefits for service-connected exposures. Strengthen and preserve support services for servicewomen and women veterans. Improve wounded warrior and caregiver programs Implement the VA MISSION Act and identify legislative improvements Preserve earned military-veteran burial benefits.

<u>Strengthen and Support All Uniformed Services</u>

Objective: Support legislation, policies, and programs to enable the seven uniformed services to recruit, retain, and manage personnel. **Overview:** During a 35-day government shutdown in January 2019, servicemembers of the Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and NOAA worked without pay. To sustain all services' ability to perform missions critical to national security, lapses in appropriations or budget concerns should not affect earned compensation and benefits. Additionally, federal statutes that support the armed forces' ability to grow and maintain their force should apply equally

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across the uniformed services, depending on mission needs. The morale, welfare, and readiness of servicemembers are negatively affected by incidents of sexual harassment and assault. To foster a culture of trust with servicemembers, there must not only be confidence in the chain of command that it is safe to report a sexual assault or incident of harassment, but also the assurance that servicemembers see immediate administrative and legal justice.

Actions:

Sustain continuous and timely appropriations for whole of government Ensure the continuity of pay and benefits during lapses in appropriations Ensure authorizations and appropriations for the Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and NOAA Corps to meet expanding mission needs.

Ensure implementation of sexual harassment and assault reporting programs through expanded protection of the safe to report program, and strengthen deterrence measures for sexual harassment prevention through command administrative actions for substantiated sexual harassment investigations.





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JLC 2020-05 - Tax Credits for Employers who Hire VNG and Reserves.

Recommendation - That the Governor and General Assembly approve Tax credits for employers of National Guard members and selfemployed National Guard members..

JLC 2020-06 - Microloans for Veterans Program (MVP).

Recommendation - That the Governor and General Assembly provide an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 in FY20 and \$1,000,000 in FY21 for the Microloan for Veterans Program fund...

Letters of Support

In 2019, the JLC voted to show support for four issues via letters of support rather than inclusion in the formal list of policy initiatives.

- 1. Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and Their Families.
- 2. Funding for new Care Centers in biennial budget.
- 3. Commonwealth Connect-Universal Broadband Access for Virginians. .
- 4. Virginia National Guard Scholarship.

Each letter will be posted to the JLC website after submission to the Governor and Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairshttps://

www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-councilveterans-service-organizations.

- Future Program Schedule -Archer Family Honors Family Patriarch Awards Program -MOAA Southwest Virginia Chapter expands -MOAA Sets Key Goals for 2020 2020 meeting schedule -MOAA Southwest Virginia Chapter begins

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