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## Inching Closer to a New Normal

After the coronavirus outbreak upended life in the United States, Americans find themselves in an environment that is at once greatly improved and frustratingly familiar. Around three-quarters of U.S. adults now report being fully vaccinated, a critical safeguard against the worst outcomes of a virus that has claimed the lives of more than 1,000,000 citizens. Teens and children as young as 5 are now eligible for vaccines. The national unemployment rate has plummeted from nearly 15% in the tumultuous first weeks of the outbreak to around 4% today. A large majority of K-12 parents report that their kids are back to receiving in-person instruction, and other hallmarks of public life, including sporting events and concerts, are again drawing crowds.

The landscape in other ways remains unsettled. The staggering death toll of the virus continues to rise, with nearly as many Americans lost in the pandemic's second year as in the first, despite the widespread availability of vaccines. The economic recovery has been uneven, with wage gains for many workers offset by the highest inflation rate in four decades and the labor market roiled by the Great Resignation. The nation's political fractures are reflected in near-daily disputes over mask and vaccine rules. And thorny new societal problems have emerged, including alarming increases in murder and fatal drug overdose rates that may be linked to the upheaval caused by the pandemic.

For the public, the sense of optimism that the country might be turning the corner – evident in surveys shortly after the new administration took office and as vaccines became widely available – has given way to weariness and frustration. A majority of Americans now give the current administration negative marks for handling of the outbreak, and ratings for other government leaders and public health officials have tumbled. Amid these criticisms, a growing share of Americans appear ready to move on to a new normal, even as the exact contours of that new normal are hard to discern.

Can we imagine the new normal? As the third year of the U.S. coronavirus outbreak approaches, Americans increasingly appear willing to accept pandemic life as the new reality. Large majorities of adults now say they are comfortable doing a variety of everyday activities, including visiting friends and family inside their home (85%), going to the grocery store (84%), going to a hair salon or barbershop (73%) and eating out in a restaurant (70%).

Among those who have been working from home, a growing share say they would be comfortable returning to their office if it were to reopen soon.

Despite these and other steps toward normalcy, uncertainty abounds in many other aspects of public life.

The pandemic has changed the way millions of Americans do their jobs, raising questions about the future of work. In January, 59% of employed Americans whose job duties could be performed remotely reported that they were still working from home all or most of the time. But unlike earlier in the pandemic, the majority of these workers said they were doing so by choice, not because their workplace was closed or unavailable.

Looming over all of this uncertainty is the possibility that new variants of the coronavirus will emerge and undermine any collective sense of progress. Should that occur, will offices, schools and day care providers again close their doors, complicating life for working parents? Will mask and vaccine mandates snap back into force? Will travel restrictions return? Will the economic recovery be interrupted?

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## President's Corner

Greetings, I hope everyone had a relaxing and wonderful summer break. That said it was good to see those who were able to make our September meeting and I look forward to seeing more of you at our October meeting. While we took a break



from our monthly meetings our board was still busy. We were able to meet with Representative Griffith and Representative Cline to personally make them aware of MOAA Nationals position on the Major Richard Star Act and the Honoring our PACT Act and asking for their support. While Representative Griffith said he was unable to support the PACT Act due to funding concerns. He did state that he would look into the Star Act as he was not aware of that legislation when we met with him in July. While I was unable to meet with Representative Cline, Gary Powers led that delegation and had a productive meeting with him in August. He is supporting both pieces of legislation.

I was also able to attend the MOAA regional leaders' conference in Raleigh N.C. in August. A lot of information was put out on Surviving Spouse programs, Membership programs, and Running a Chapter programs. For me being a fairly new board member it was very informative and helpful. Additionally it is

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always nice to be able to put faces to names both at the national level as well as state council and chapter level.

I also received an email introduction from the Northern Arizona Chapter for one of their members, a former USAF Captain, who is moving to the Blacksburg area. I hope to be able to introduce him to our membership in October as long as he is PCS unpacking and setting up the new homestead complete. If not then in November as he is very interested in attending and meeting our membership.

Sincerely,

Matthew Haag  
 CAPT USN (Ret.)  
 President

**Chapter Receives MOAA Communications Awards For Website and Newsletter**



Chapter President CAPT Matt Haag presenting the MOAA COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award, 5 Star, for the Chapter Website and the MOAA COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award, 4 Star, for the Chapter Newsletter "The Communique" for calendar year 2021 to COL Thomas Dalzell the newsletter editor and for LCDR Klaus Lonitz the chapter webmaster.

**BEHIND THE COLA NUMBERS: WHAT THE LATEST NUMBERS COULD MEAN FOR 2023**

News reports describing ongoing inflation rarely provide more than a percentage or two to coincide with stock images of gas stations. For military retirees, disabled veterans, Social Security recipients, and others whose future buying power depends on a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), this issue requires a deeper dig. MOAA provides the raw material for members to keep track of potential COLA levels via its [COLA Watch page](#), updated monthly. **Stay Informed.** MOAA provides these updates not just for financial planning purposes, but as part of a longstanding commitment to protect the value of military retirement pay. Forty years ago, when faced with skyrocketing inflation, Congress passed multiple pieces of legislation weakening the value of that pay, including the removal of military retirees from the COLA system entirely. Get a recap of the advocacy work that ensued to reverse that policy, including the formation of The Military Coalition, [at this link](#). Follow the latest COLA updates at [MOAA's COLA Watch page](#), via *The MOAA Newsletter* and MOAA.org.

**Southwest Virginia Chapter Members Participate in Carilion-Virginia Tech Medical School Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs)**

Chapter members CAPT Gary Powers, COL Thomas Dalzell, COL Don Sowder, LTC Steven Jamison, LTC Robert Habermann and LTC Dan Karnes volunteer to assist in the application process of selecting applicants for the medical school achieving the goal of having true community involvement in the admission decisions. The MMI is designed to assess communication skills, specifically verbal and nonverbal skills that revolve around a specific scenario.

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Will the pandemic remain a leading fault line in U.S. politics, particularly as the nation approaches a key midterm election? The public, for its part, appears to recognize that a swift return to life as it was before the pandemic is unlikely. Even before the omicron variant tore through the country, a majority of Americans expected that it would be at least a year before their own lives would return to their pre-pandemic normal. That included one-in-five who predicted that their own lives would never get back to the way they were before COVID-19.

For the Southwest Virginia Chapter as we begin a new season of membership meetings in the latter part of 2022 and the first half of 2023 we too are looking forward with optimism coupled with that same sense of weariness and frustration by the lack of participation on the part of the large majority of the membership. With a roster of approximately 128 members we had 19 members attend the 15 September 2022 membership meeting, 11 being Board members. To continue to be a viable organization, membership participation is vital. The officers and Board members put a lot of time and energy into the programs and volunteer activities which keep the organization going. Otherwise the organization will experience burn out and ultimate extinction. It's up to you. Your attendance and participation is the key to OUR future!

**THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATED IN "MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT " 20 AUGUST 2022**

On Saturday 20 August 2022 members of the Southwest Virginia Chapter participated in "MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT" at the Red Sox baseball stadium. Admission was free for veterans and immediate family members, but each were asked to bring one or more canned goods for the veterans pantry. Special meal vouchers were available for \$5.00 including a hot dog, chips and a soft drink.

Membership Chair COL Robert Brown, USA (Ret) set up a special information table at the stadium to promote the Military Officers Association and the Southwest Virginia Chapter. Veterans and their families were provided information on the Military Officers Association and the Southwest Virginia Chapter. Information material and complementary pens were provided by Colonel Brown.



## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER MEMBERS MEET WITH 9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESSMAN MORGAN GRIFFITH

On Friday July 8, 2022 representatives from the Military Officers Association of America, Southwest Virginia Chapter (MOAA SWVA) met with Congressman Morgan Griffith and a member of his staff to discuss MOAA legislative priorities. The SWVA delegation members were Matthew Haag, President, Dan Karnes, Vice President, Robert Habermann, Legislative Affairs, and John Miller, Director. MOAA priorities discussed were the Maj. Richard Star Act which is moving forward as HR 1282 and also



amendment 98 to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Honoring our PACT Act, and while not a MOAA priority at this time ensuring military medical benefits are not being reduced. Congressman Griffith was ready for us and after brief introductions we moved to a conference room and got down to business. We let him know that while the SWVA Chapter has 128 members split between his district and Representative Cline's district, and that many of our members are also members of the American Legion, VFW, AUSA, DAV etc. and that his support would get out to more Veterans than just our group. Congressman Griffith was not aware of what was contained in the Star Act so the delegation informed him this legislation would allow all military retirees to be able to attain concurrent receipt of retired pay and VA benefits if they met the disability requirements. Currently only those members who are retired and served twenty years or more are eligible for concurrent receipt.

Pictured L-R: LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret), CAPT Matt Haag, USN (Ret), 9th District Congressman Morgan Griffith, LTS Bob Habermann, USA (Ret), COL John Miller, USA (Ret).

Congressman Griffith supported this legislation in concept and promised to take a hard look at it. His concerns are the cost, how it will be paid for and what other riders may be attached to the legislation but did agree that concurrent receipt should also be given to those retired for medical or other conditions that resulted in less than twenty years of military service. He did inform the delegation that if it went forward as an amendment to the NDAA he would not vote for it as he has never voted for the NDAA due to language in a specific portion that he strongly disagrees with and has not been able to get taken out of the NDAA. The delegation also asked him about his Nay vote on the PACT act legislation. The PACT Act, which passed, addressed health care and presumption of service connection for Veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service. This legislation covers issues like burn pit exposure, deployment for specific contingency operations and those who served in specific locations on specific dates. He immediately responded that while he supported the concept of the legislation that it was too expensive and felt that the way the current bill was worded that it would extend this coverage not only to those directly involved (he supported that portion of bill) but also anyone attached to the unit (i.e. support or headquarters staffs that may not even be in country) which he believed was not right and would drive up costs. This was also the view of Representative Scott Perry (R PA) and retired Brigadier General. Lastly the delegation asked him for his support to keep our military health care benefits. As we explained, even today if you go to a recruiter's office they will tell you one of the benefits of a military career is you can retire after twenty years at 50% and get health care benefits immediately. He agreed that the Nation has made this promise and we need to keep it. The delegation thanked him for his time to allow us to bring our concerns to him directly.



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## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER MEMBERS MEET WITH 6TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESSMAN BEN CLINE

On Thursday August 4, 2022, MOAA Southwest Virginia Chapter members, Dan Karnes, Steve Jamison and Gary Powers met with U.S. 6th District Congressman Ben Cline and used the opportunity to discuss MOAA legislative priorities related to veterans healthcare and benefits. Gratitude was expressed to Congressman Cline for his support of PACT Act HR3967 providing support for Veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service.



Pictured L-R: LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret), 6th District Congressman Ben Cline, LTC Steve Jamison, USA (Ret) and CAPT Gary Powers, USN (Ret)

support for Veterans exposed to toxic substances during military service. **The Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) act**, which would expand VA access for health conditions related to toxin exposure for up to 3.5 million veterans, is set to become law. The bill would help veterans who suffer from medical conditions as a result of exposure to burn pits — massive holes filled with plastic, rubber and human waste, covered in jet fuel and set on fire — and other hazardous waste materials. There was further discussion concerning **NDAA** and the reasons Congressman Cline did not support. He stated that it was not a clean bill that contained numerous provisions he could not support - the bill authorized \$850 billion (\$82 billion more than last year), fired healthy, qualified service members because they wouldn't be vaccinated, fed troops with woke ideology, and pursued billions in 'green' energy programs. It is his hope that the NDAA will be substantially improved in the Senate before returning to the House for passage, to include Amendment 98, the Major Richard Star Act HR1282 making those veterans that are 50% disabled or more but with less than 20 years of service, eligible for VA disability and Mil Retirement Pay.

Congressman Cline stated that he would be further reviewing the matter. More on the major issues discussed garnered from the Congressman's web site:

**NDAA** Making sure we have the best trained and equipped military in the world is paramount to ensuring America is prepared for 21<sup>st</sup>-century warfare and to advancing our interests abroad. While there were numerous provisions in the bill I could support, I could not support the overall package. The bill authorized \$850 billion — \$82 billion more than last year's NDAA — fired healthy, qualified service members because they won't get vaccinated, force-fed our troops woke ideology, and pursued billions in 'green' energy programs. It is my hope that the NDAA will be substantially improved in the Senate and come back to the House for final passage in a form that makes America and our troops safer.

**The PACT Act:** Throughout American history, but especially in the post-9/11 era, service members and Veterans suffered prolonged exposure to dangerous toxic substances such as from burn pits that destroyed trash, medical and human waste, chemicals, and fuel. Those who were stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan have been particularly affected by this issue. Of the hundreds of thousands of service members who have suffered these exposures, far too many have become sick and passed away once they returned home. To help address this issue, I was proud to join over 40 Veteran Service Organizations to cosponsor and vote for the bipartisan *Honoring our PACT Act of 2021*. The legislation takes several actions to support the millions of Veterans exposed to toxins while serving our country. Further, a provision I fought for in the bill was included, which will expand the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) workforce by enhancing VA hiring practices and incentives to better recruit and retain health care professionals, and strengthen Veteran access to quality VA health care, especially in rural areas like ours.

**Access for Veterans to Records Act of 2022:** An issue Sixth District Veterans have consistently brought to my attention is the need to streamline and expedite military records. I was pleased to support and that the House passed the *Access for Veterans to Records Act*, which requires the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to submit a plan to address the backlog of record requests at the National Personnel Records Center to the relevant Congressional committees within 60 days.

**MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF MOAA PARTICIPATED IN “BRAIN INJURY SERVICES OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA” APPRECIATION EVENT CELEBRATING BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES SATURDAY “ 20 AUGUST 2022**

Members of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of MOAA participated as Host Committee members of the annual “Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia” appreciation event celebrating brain injury survivors and their families on Saturday 20 August 2022 at the Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium. A complementary picnic was provided and a program presented by Mr. Alan Fabian, Market President & CEO Lewis Gale Regional Health System.



Please join the Host Committee for an

**Appreciation Event Celebrating Veterans, Brain Injury Survivors and their Families**

featuring Guest Speaker

**Alan Fabian**  
Market President & CEO LewisGale Regional Health System



Alan Fabian was appointed LewisGale Regional Health System market president and LewisGale Medical Center chief executive officer in April 2022. Fabian has been with HCA Healthcare for more than 26 years, serving in senior leadership roles in several Louisiana hospitals and since 2013 as CEO of LewisGale Hospital Montgomery in Blacksburg.

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(L-R): City of Salem Mayor Renee Turk, City of Salem Councilman Randy Foley, Brain Injury Services of SWVA Executive Director Jodi Judge, Delegate Joe McNamara, Lewis Gale Market President Alan Fabian, and Senator David Suetterlein.



Keynote speaker Lewis Gale Market President Alan Fabian and Salem Red Sox mascot “MUGGSY”

## UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) INTEGRATED PILOT PROGRAM SYSTEMS (IPP PROGRAM)

The Southwest Virginia Chapter (SWVC) of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) held its first membership and lunch meeting on Thursday 15 September 2022 at 1200 hours at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The Program was presented by Ms. Christine Tysor of the Mid Atlantic Aviation Partnership (MAAP) on the research to get to a point where drones can safely integrate into the National Air Space. The Virginia Tech Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership and the Center for Injury Biomechanics enabled the university to become the first organization to have test methods accepted by the FAA to demonstrate compliance with key regulations for drone flights over people.



Ms. Tysor is the BEYOND (Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Integration Pilot Program (IPP) Program Manager at the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership (MAAP) at Virginia Tech. BEYOND is an FAA program with the ultimate goal to foster innovation and advance the safe integration of UAS into the national airspace system (NAS) through beyond visual line-of-sight operations by rule. She is charged with assisting her team in developing concepts of operation, identifying and mitigating risks of those operations and submitting safety cases to the FAA with the participating

industry partners in order to achieve the industry partner's business use cases requiring waivers to current Part 107 operations.

### What is the BEYOND Program?

The BEYOND program, overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation and administered by the Federal Aviation Administration, will advance the safe integration of drones into the national airspace by targeting three key challenges:

- Moving towards repeatable, scalable, and economically viable Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations for high-demand applications;
- Identifying and quantifying the economic and societal benefits of drone integration through analysis of real-world commercial operations;
- Understanding and addressing public concerns through robust, data-oriented community engagement.

The program, announced in October 2020, is slated to run for four years and will build on the success of the UAS Integration Pilot Program (IPP). The IPP provided a framework for state, local, and tribal governments to collaborate with companies and the regulator to facilitate more complex drone operations. It was responsible for unique new operations and generated data on both operational safety and community sentiment that will form the basis for the next phase of drone integration under BEYOND. The nine public-private teams which completed the IPP, including Virginia's, will continue their work in the BEYOND program.

### The Virginia Team:

Virginia's BEYOND team is led by the Commonwealth's Center for Innovative Technology (CIT); MAAP directs its operations. With commercial partners Wing, State Farm®, and Dominion Energy, MAAP and CIT are focused on enabling advanced drone operations in three key areas: package delivery, post-event damage assessment, and linear infrastructure inspection. The team won a spot in the IPP in 2016 following a competitive selection process; their work during the program led to the first nationwide waiver for operations over people and beyond visual line of sight and the launch of the first residential drone-delivery service in the U.S.



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Test methods for drones to help put a critical rule for safe flights over people into practice.



Large scale research effort on drone traffic management will answer a critical need in a growing industry –package delivery; linear infrastructure inspection; post event damage assessment.



Chapter President CAPT Matt Haag presenting a cup with the Chapter logo to Ms. Christine Tysor in appreciation for her very interesting program on drone safety.





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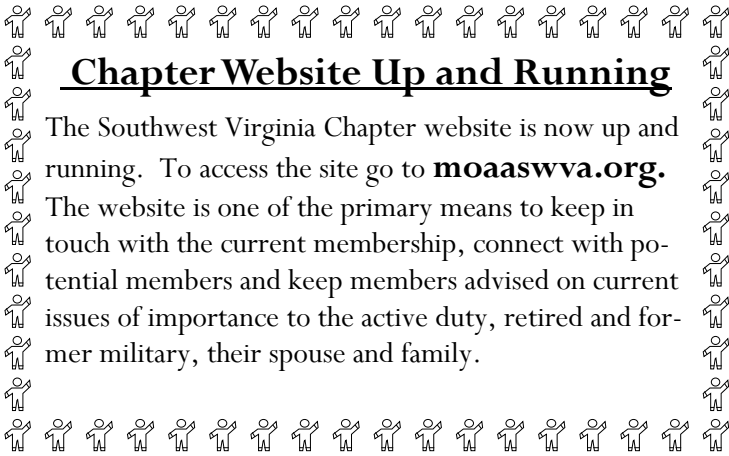
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For more information and instructions on how to transfer your securities to the MOAA Scholarship Fund or The MOAA Foundation, email our Development office at [development@moaa.org](mailto:development@moaa.org) or call (800) 234-6622.



**Chapter Website Up and Running**

The Southwest Virginia Chapter website is now up and running. To access the site go to **moaaswva.org**. The website is one of the primary means to keep in touch with the current membership, connect with potential members and keep members advised on current issues of importance to the active duty, retired and former military, their spouse and family.

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**UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS**

**20 October 2022** – Major General Randall Fullhart, USAF (Ret) on the status of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets; the Corps of Cadets Leadership Development Program; and status of the Corps of Cadets facility construction program.

**17 November 2022** – Board of Directors meeting. Program by Mr. Christopher Roberts, City of Roanoke Coordinator, Youth and Gang Violence Prevention. The program is designed to drive solutions to youth and gang violence.

**15 December 2022** – Program TBD – Swearing in of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors for 2023.

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**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**  
**as of 30 June 2022**

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 Total Members 128  
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