

THE QUADRANT

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Meetings

- 19 June – 0900
- 17 July – 0900
- 21 August – 0900
- 18 September 0900
- 16 October – 0900
- 20 November 0900

VF MOAA BoD Meeting
- 1 August @ 0900

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From the President



Brendan Murphy, CAPT, USN (Ret)

Members,

The spring season is certainly upon us and I'll admit my "spring fever" has been acting up! The Chapter has also been springing back to life with our first "hybrid" virtual and in person meeting at the Freedom Foundation and had a nice walk through the Medal of Honor Grove. Thanks to all of those that joined us in person and on Zoom.

Our "Vets helping Vets" Team, led by John Murphy, had a highly successful couple of outings and raised \$1,000. We will be formalizing the "Vets helping Vets team as a committee. Please contact me or John Murphy if you are interested in being a part of this dynamic team that provides resources to our Veterans in need.

One of MOAA's stated purposes is to mentor midshipmen and cadets. The Chapter Board members have decided that this is a good fit for our Chapter. Ernie Holling has done a wonderful job of reaching out to the ROTC leadership in the area. With meeting/mentoring young cadets and midshipmen in mind, we are planning on hosting an event in September to integrate with the ROTC Unit from Widener University, West Chester University and Villanova University. This will be picnic style event and certainly worth attending!

Please continue to stay safe and support each other and our Chapter mission.

My best regards,

Brendan Murphy



**Accessing the VF Chapter Zoom Meetings Monthly
at 0900 Hours- Dial by your Location:**

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
 - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
 - +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
 - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
 - +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- ** Meeting ID: 971 3411 7960 Passcode: 916296**



**Medal of Honor Grove Freedom Foundation – on
site/zoom Meeting April**

Access Zoom using your internet
browser:
<https://edwardjones.zoom.us/j/97134117960?pwd=3DblDn=Q05qTXdONFd1eDJ3K1J1M2tGQT09>

Dick Dougherty, Bill Matthews, Will Conley, Brendan,
Bob Lion, Frank Brown, Gil Lappano



RUFF RIDE
★ 24-Hour Spin Relay ★

Ruff Ride challenges teams to keep to take turns keeping their assigned bike spinning for 24 consecutive hours. Part festival, part competition - all fun.

Proceeds benefit Team Foster's mission to provide service dogs to injured and disabled Veterans.

June 26-27 Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia



Veterans Helping Veterans

— By John T Murphy, USMC (Ret)

While 2020 was a washout for this program due to the pandemic, several members have been actively supporting the sales of discount coupons in 2021. Ticket sales for Sly Fox exceeded \$1000 this Spring for the Veterans Helping Veterans Program.

We are pleased to acknowledge the new Sly Fox Tavern in Malvern is collaborating with VF MOAA Vets helping Vets Program.

You are welcome and encouraged to use your Sly Fox Discount Coupons at both or either location in Phoenixville and Malvern. Their newest location is Sly Fox Taphouse at the Grove, 20 Liberty Blvd # 100, Malvern, PA 19355



Fellow MOAA member, Stuart Deets, (USAF, Ret) is renewing his support of Veterans helping Veterans Program at the Beaver Creek Tavern in Thorndale. Contact John Murphy for coupons.

MOAA Medal & Scholarship

— By Gil Lappano, USN (Ret)

The MOAA medal was awarded to outstanding cadets and midshipmen at our ROTC and JROTC units this year. Due to the health crisis most awards were done by the Unit CO's or the Military Instructors. Ernie Holling made a virtual presentation at the Widener University Army ROTC ceremony and one in person presentation was made at the Saint Joseph University Air Force ROTC Unit. All recipients received the MOAA medal ribbon and certificate of achievement, signed by CAPT Brendan Murphy, USN (Ret). All of our units are grateful for this award and our efforts to make it happen. They are looking forward to in person awards next year.



The Liberty Bell Scholarship campaign is still underway. To date 24 Valley Forge Chapter MOAA members have donated about \$1800. Thank you very much. This year we received donation from 5 new members and last year we received donations from 7 new members. Prior to the pandemic, 42 members donated \$2800. We are still accepting donations, and they are tax deductible. A thank you will be issued in a few weeks to each donor that will contain the amount of your donation and the required IRS phrase. Once again, thank you, especially during these extraordinary difficult times.



Fellow MOAA member John CT Alexander was hospitalized recently and would appreciate a note, card, good wishes. He is resting at Dunwoody Village, 3500 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19072. His cell is (xxx) 948-7671



Legislative Corner

- By Will Conley, USA (Ret)

According to the May 2021 edition of the **Military Officer**, MOAA is engaging Congress on three issues during the Advocacy in Action (formerly Storming the Hill) campaign this year:

1. Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform
2. Tricare Young Adult Parity
3. Basic Needs Allowance



Detailed information on each of these issues can be found at www.moaa.org/AIA. Letters addressed to top officials in the House of Representative and the Senate covering these issues were included in the April 2021 issue of **Military Officer**. Hope you signed/sent them.

I recently attended a virtual MOAA workshop on Legislative Affairs where the focus was on the current Advocacy in Action initiative. In looking at the road ahead, MOAA sees the following challenges:

- Delay in the President's FY 22 Budget Request
- Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic Relief and future Government spending
- Potential Divisiveness
- Decline of Military experience in Congress

While the budget calls for a 1.7% increase over the FY 21 enacted level and roughly 0.5% behind inflation, disagreement exists on whether it is too much or too little. The lead editorial of the April 19, 2021 edition of the **Wall Street Journal** entitled "Biden's Defense Budget Squeeze" included the synopsis that "More money for the welfare state means less for the Pentagon".

In view of the above, I urge all to carefully study the Advocacy Sections in the monthly Military Officer magazine and the MOAA Weekly Newsletter and support MOAA's efforts to maintain a strong national defense and ensure our nation keeps its commitment to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors.

Membership and Renewal

- By Ernie Holling, USA

New Members: Vance "Carter" Broach, COL USA (Retired), Guillaume LaForest CPT USA (Retired)

Mentoring has been a key item for most of us either being the mentee or mentor. In a review of our by-laws we may now include 3rd and 4 year cadets and midshipmen from the academies and ROTC in our Chapter. The goal is to provide mentioning and fellowship as these people move into an active-duty career or the reserves and national guard with an additional focus on their civilian career. Our first formal session with them is slated for September but in the meanwhile they may join us for Camaraderie breakfasts when they resume.

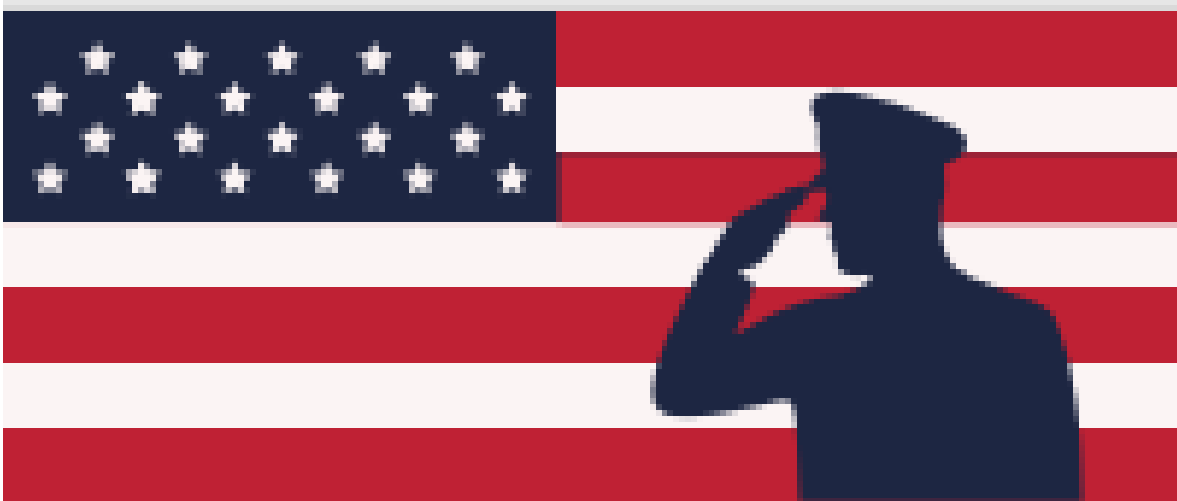
The Dauntless battalion is led by David Gunther, Lieutenant Colonel, Special Forces, Professor & Chair - Department of Military Science & Leadership at Widener, Villanova, West Chester U, Penn State Abington/Brandywine, Neumann, Cheyney, Immaculata, Bryn Mawr. Col. Gunther believe our synergies will provide great benefit to the cadets and midshipmen.

To target mentioning candidates a questionnaire addressing service and civilian skills is being developed for circulation to our members allowing us to provide options to the aspiring officers. I am sure we will all welcome this next generation of leaders to our ranks and engagements.

We continue to seek new members so if you know someone who served please ask them to meet with us at our next breakfast (hopefully in June) and consider expanding our ranks. If you belong to another military organization, please reach out to the members to work with us.

I do have MOAA members who do not list E-Mail and if you are available to give them a call let me know and I will send along some contacts for help in recruiting them.





VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER
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COMARADARIE

BREAKFAST



SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2021

FREE PARKING | BUFFET BREAKFAST

DONATIONS
 \$50

Rich Lake
 800 Swater Drive
 Malvern, PA 19355

9:00 To
 10:30

www.ValleyForgeMOAA.org

Continuing to Serve

COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants Observed





Fraternity

The Comaraderie monthly breakfast afford us the opportunity to enjoy teaming and sharing our continue goal to Serve.

Mentoring

2021 marks the resumption of our monthly breakfasts while also framing the beginning of our mentoring program with Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program conducted in area colleges and universities. The Dauntless Battalion will join with us in September 2021 to begin the program and start direct work supporting the military and civilian goals of the cadets and midshipmen.

Membership

The key to success in all our programs and activities is membership. Each of use is committed to grow the Valley Forge Chapter. The Membership Committee is charged with that activity but each of us can bring new members to the team by simply reaching out and inviting others to join the team. Certainly, I became engaged due to invitations from two members. If each of us invited one person a year to a Camaraderie Breakfast or quarterly meeting and one-in\$four joined, we could increase our membership by 25 people. That's a larger team to work Veterans Helping Veterans, maintain memorial sites, and funding scholarships. Let's make it happen.

If you have time to help - let us know! If you have a prospect who would like to chat about membership please refer them to Membership@ValleyForgeMOAA.org

Liberty Bell Scholarships

The Awards Committee conducts the Liberty Bell Scholarship Competition. The Valley Forge Chapter, MOAA awards one ROTC scholarship (\$1500) and one JROTC grant (\$500) each year. At each level we invite the winning competitor and one instructor and one guest to our Christmas luncheon. We buy them meals, we present them trophies and checks, and we invite them to address the assembled members briefly. They have survived a serious selection process to arrive at our Liberty Bell luncheon.

Veterans Helping Veterans

The Veterans Helping Veterans Program was conceived in 2017 by Laurence (Steve) Moore, a disabled Army Captain who died in 2019 (Agent Orange exposure) and John Murphy. Embracing their passion for assisting Veterans, Steve and John conceptualized and implemented a program in collaboration with local restaurants to offer discounts to "ticket holders" on food purchased at their establishments. Tickets were sold in the community and to members for approximately \$20.00-25.00 offering a 10-20% discount depending on the venue and frequency of visits. All proceeds go to support Veteran Activities. The money collected provided financial support to sponsor events for Veterans at the Coatesville and Spring City PA VA in our local community. The sponsored programs provided camaraderie and storytelling among VF MOAA members and local veterans who attended a Phillies game, putt putt golf, picnics and ice cream socials hosted by the MOAA. The program continues!!

Join us in camaraderie and fellowship and continue to Serve!
Invite a Friend!!

