



The Salute express



Monthly newsletter of the Portsmouth Area Chapter, an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America, serving Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield and Franklin, Virginia, since 1983. Dinner meetings are held the Second Thursday of each month except July and August.

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Season's Greetings to All



'Tis the season to be jolly and a time to share with great camaraderie. As we prepare for the yuletide season and the New Year, we count our blessings and reminisce the highs and lows of the past year. It is also a time when our thoughts turn the less fortunate. We remember the plight of homeless veterans and the efforts of the Portsmouth Volunteer's for the Homeless, then resolve to bring urgently needed items to our monthly meetings during

the winter sheltering season. Our hearts also compel us to support such programs as the Churchland High School Marine Corps JROTC "Toys for Tots" effort. This win-win program which benefits the community and cadets learn by example in preparation to lead by example as young officers.

We would be remiss if, in the last minute preparation for our Christmas Gala, we did not pause to express our special thanks to [Col Charles Dunne](#), CO Headquarters and Services Battalion, USMC Force Command, Norfolk VA, his Adjutant 1stLt Hagan, and



Cpt Thomas his Logistics officer for being our guests at our November dinner celebrating the Corps' 241st birthday. Cpt Thomas presented a brief history of the Corps and a special birthday message from General Neller. Col Dunne addressed the attendees following the cake cutting. Please take time to watch the video. You will find Col Dunne's presentation both interesting and worthwhile.



Col. Charles Dunne, Commanding Officer Headquarters and Services Battalion, USMC Force Command, Norfolk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Lawrence G Anderson
- Ronald E Fritz
- David H Hornaman
- Harold R Hostetler Jr.
- Bruce G LaLonde
- Irene Wagner

The Salute also thanks CAPT Richard J. Titi, USN (Ret) for the effort he put forth arranging for the cake and speakers. The program changed the normally dull annual business meeting into something memorable.

BRAVO ZULU TO ALL

Chapter Happenings

Dec 07 Pearl Harbor Day	Dec 21 Winter Solstice
Dec 08 PACMOAA GALA	Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 13 National Guard Birthday	Dec 31 New Year's Eve

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DECEMBER DINNER

Our annual **Christmas Gala** will be held on **Thursday, 8 December** at the Hilton Garden Inn (HGI) Ballroom at 5921 Harbour View Boulevard in Northern Suffolk. [LINK TO HGI](#) for an excellent map, GPS information and HGI contacts. Social hour will begin at 1800 with dinner at 1900. Please note the highlighted changes below caused by the season's increased activity and choice of entrée.

MENU

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

Salad with variety dressings

Chicken Cordon Bleu (sauce on the side) with potatoes

or

Sesame Seared Salmon with Bok Choy ginger served with rice

Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Butter

Selection of Desserts at each table

Ice Tea, Coffee, Water

Cost is **\$40.00** (includes tax and gratuity) Please make your reservation no later than **Thursday, 1 December** with Sherry Ferki at 686-4650 or by email at navmed1@cox.net. Come join us for good company, good food and a good time. REMEMBER A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID. **Please specify entrée choice** and any special diet requirements when making your reservation!!

DECEMBER GALA PROGRAM

Our festivities begin at 6PM with an hour of socializing, sharing, and picture taking. LTC Pratt's Marine Corp JROTC students from Church-land High School will be there collecting gifts for the Corps' **"Toys for Tots"** program. **Please bring new unwrapped gifts.** The ages most needed are for 7 to 12 years old as most people tend to bring gifts for younger children. We will also be collecting donations for the **Ports-mouth Volunteers for the Homeless Drop-in Service Center.** This has been done at every meeting since 2011.

The last item to remember during the social hour is to turn your Pollyanna gift over to the official PACMOAA elf, Sherry Ferki I believe, if you are participating in the gift exchange. A long time PACMOAA tradition at the annual Christmas party is buying a small gift for a Pollyanna gift exchange. Remember, gifts are not to exceed the \$10 to \$15 price range. Please mark the untagged gift with the designation "man" or "woman". If all the gentlemen bring a man's gift and the ladies bring woman's gift, the official Christmas elf will have no problems placing



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participant names on the gifts for distribution after Santa arrives. Dinner will be served at 7PM.

The Tidewater Concert Band, world famous in Hampton Roads, will be entertaining us during



the evening with seasonal dinner music and a show after dinner. Dancing depends on participation.

PORTSMOUTH VOLUNTEERS for the HOMELESS

We opened our Winter Shelter in November while continuing to provide hot showers and laundry services at our Outreach Service Center. Our clients are in IMMEDIATE NEED of the following items:

Deodorant (Men and Women)
Hair Grease & skin lotion (any size)
Shampoo, Conditioner, & Razors
Hand Sanitizer and Laundry Detergent
Toothbrushes, paste & mouth wash
Men's underwear & T-shirts (M to 3X)
Women's T-shirts & Underwear (size S - XL)
Depends (men and women)
Sanitary napkins / tampons
Rain ponchos

We accept donations at 800 Williamsburg Ave (behind Social Services on the side of the Oasis building) from 8-2pm Monday - Friday. Please give us a call if you have any questions 399-0200.

Thank you PACMOAA for your help and support of the homeless!

Holly Johnson
PVH Outreach Service Center Coordinator



LTC John Pratt, USMC (Ret) and Churchland High School JROTC Cadets at our 2015 Gala collecting toy donations.

Some reminders on 'Toys for Tots' gifts. They should be NEW and NOT gift wrapped. Toys most needed are for children 7 to 12 years of age. I do not prefer toys requiring batteries, particularly special or large numbers of batteries. I favor traditional game packages, especially when several types of games are included. Games are generally not too expensive and can be enjoyed by a wide range of ages. When evaluating games and toys for older children, do not forget that toddlers may also be in the family, so avoid choking hazards. Do not be overwhelmed when facing the mountainous stacks of toys displayed this time of year, just think easy to maintain, durable, serving a wide age range, especially older kids, and safe.



Now on to a report on business news from our annual meeting.

NOVEMBER 2016 PACMOAA MEETING MINUTES REPORTS

President: COL Hal Hostetler

Thanks to all Leadership Team members for all their work over the past 2 years.

1st Vice President/Programs: CDR Ken App

Dec: Christmas party

Jan: Installation of officers: COL Steve Turner, VCOC President and PACMOAA member will speak and perform installation of officers

Suggestions for speakers discussed.

2nd Vice President/membership: LCDR Doll Cherrington

As of 1 January 2011, 114 members

As of 31 December 2015, 84 members

Current membership numbers 77 members, 65 regular with 10 surviving spouses
New members this year: 6 with one old member renewing

Deaths this year: 2

MOAA program focusing on chapters

Recruitment event in the spring if Dooly can get several members to assist. At this time only Dolly and Bettye Hussey

Suggestions: Bring an eligible member to a dinner meeting as your guest

Secretary: MAJ Sherry Ferki - No report.

Treasurer: CDR Hans Sachse unable to attend.

Dolly Cherrington presented his report

Overall status : Expense analysis for 2014 & 2014 with projected budget estimate for 2017 as well as detailed dinner cost analysis for 2016 distributed.

Dinner meetings consistently show a loss - ranging from \$14.24 to \$233.40 (Jan meeting with Color Guard, speaker and his aide.). About \$1200 deficit due to dinners

Even with increased cost for June meeting, dinner would have shown a \$194.20 deficit without the USAA sponsorship with speaker and his wife, 5 scholarship attendees/family, and 8 JROTC guests)

Balance in operating fund : \$5900.00

Balance in scholarship fund: \$3200 (have to keep minimum balance of \$1000)

Audit for 2015 : Ken App - Books balance but need to look at decreasing expenses, especially dinners.

VCOC Rep.: LCDR Dolly Cherrington reported on October meeting and VCOC changes.

COL Steve Turner also spoke.

VCOC looking at consolidating some chapters, currently 18 with one satellite inactive. Smallest chapter in Farmville with 30 members. A handful are robust and growing in Northern VA and Richmond.

Membership decreasing and decreased membership means decreased advocacy efforts!

VA currently most successful state for advocacy with legislators. Congressional luncheon held 32 continuous years in addition to "Storming the Hill".

BUSINESS ITEMS ADDRESSED

1. Election – Election committee of MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret) Immediate Past Pres and Sec., Chair of Nominations Committee and Bettye Hussey, Board member counted 31 ballots and they unanimously elected the ballot as presented. Congratulation to new Leadership Team.
2. New Directory will come out via email and regular mail soon and will have regular updates
3. Five Star Level of Excellence earned for 6th year in a row!! MOAA membership is very IMPORTANT as 98% MOAA membership is required to maintain five stars!
4. Updated bylaws voted on last November will finally come out via email and regular mail by the first of the year.
5. Scholarship awards

Recipient receives ½ of award 1st semester of school (money is sent to the school) if he/she is enrolled in ROTC program.

Recipient receives 2nd half of award (sent to the school) for the 2nd semester of school if he/she is still enrolled in an ROTC program

Continued support of scholarship program

with donations allows PACMOAA to award -
2 scholarships/year. -

6. Reminder on Portsmouth Volunteers for the -
Homeless - See attachment for new list of -
needs of homeless

7. CAPT Gordan Van Hook, MOAA Board -
member, discussed changes at MOAA -
headquarters.

- Cost cutting with bottom up review. Mem-
bership decreasing (was 400,000, currently
394,000)
- Decreased National Staff
- MOAA no longer funding JROTC medals
and certificates
MOAA will continue membership reim-
bursement for chapter. More MOAA mem-
bers needed!!

**Secretary: COL Harold R. Hostetler, Jr.,
USA (Ret) - Hal**
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Treasurer: CDR Hans Sachse, USN (Ret)
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**Immediate Past President: COL Harold R.
Hostetler, Jr., USA (Ret) - Hal**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Through December 2017

Mrs. Bettye Hussey, Surviving Spouse
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CWO4 Whitney Jones, USCG (Ret)
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Through December 2018

LT COL James Stephan, USAF (Ret) - Jim
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Lt Col Robert A. Steorts, USAF (Ret) - Bob
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COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain

LT COL Robert A. Steorts, USAF (Ret)
info under Board of Directors

Audit Committee

CDR Kenneth App, USN (Ret) info above

CWO4 Whitney Jones, USCG (Ret) info above

**MEET THE 2017
PACMOAA LEADERSHIP TEAM**

President: MAJ Sherry D. Ferki, USA (Ret)
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1st VP: CDR Kenneth App, USN (Ret) - Ken
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**2nd VP: LCDR Dolores A. Cherrington, USN
(Ret) - Dolly**

Programs

CDR Kenneth App, USN (Ret) see info above

Arrangements

MAJ Sherry D. Ferki, USA (Ret) info above

Hospitality Co Chairs

CAPT James Fticsar, USN (Ret) - Jim



LTC Shirley Barker, USAR (Ret)

Newsletter/Website

Gordon M. Nelson, COL, USA (Ret)

Budget /Finance

CDR Hans Sachse, USN (Ret) see info above

VCOC Representative

LCDR Dolores A. Cherrington, USN (Ret)

Historian

LT COL Robert A. Steorts, USAF (Ret)

Membership

LCDR Dolores A. Cherrington, USN (Ret)

Legislative

CWO3 Karl Wilson, USA (Ret)

Assistant Legislative Rep.: Vacant

Personal Affairs Officer

MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA (Ret)

Public Affairs Officer Vacant

Scholarship Committee

MAJ Sherry D. Ferki, USA Chair

CAPT Robert C. Parker, JR., USN

LCDR Lynn M. Terry, USN

LtCol Robert Steorts, USAF

CDR Margaret Cicirelli, USCG (Ret.)

CDR Scott Dickinson, USN (Ret)

Leg. Rep. CWO4 Karl Wilson:

JLC meets on 14 Dec to set up Legislative agenda for 2017.

Reviewed VA Delegates and Senators elected.

25 and 26 January next VCOC meeting and "Storming the Hill"

Thoughts on Life From a Grandmother to Granddaughter

#1 Death is the number one killer in the world.

#2 Life is sexually transmitted.

#3 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Give a man the internet and he won't bother you for weeks at a time.



Merry Christmas to all
and to all a goodnight.

THAT'S A WRAP FOR DECEMBER