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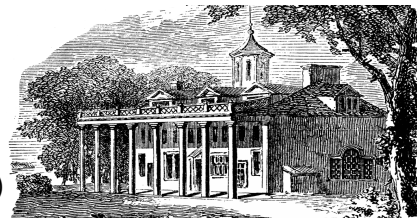
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Awards (2003-2024)



Commander Rex Maddox Scholarship Awarded to Cadet Wagstaff

LCDR Marty Schaller, USN (Ret), JROTC Scholarship Chairman

The Mount Vernon Chapter established the Cmdr Rex Maddox Scholarship to recognize an exceptional Junior ROTC cadet every year. To qualify, a candidate must:

- be in the last year of an ROTC or JROTC program;
- be in good academic standing;
- be of high moral character;
- demonstrate a high degree of loyalty to the unit, school, and country

The scholarship is named for a past Mount Vernon Chapter president who served in the Pacific in World War II as well in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He actively supported Honor Flight and World War II memorial events and contributed generously to both the MOAA and Mount Vernon Chapter scholarship funds.

On 13 May, CDR George Wallace presented the Mount Vernon Scholarship Award to Army JROTC Cadet William Wagstaff of Alexandria City High School in Alexandria, Virginia. William is an outstanding student in all subjects and a recognized leader in his unit. He will be attending VMI and obtaining a commission through the AFROTC Program. (See the May *Despatch* for the same award presented to Cadet Alexander Stroud.)

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Smash on Station



Esteemed Colleagues,

Very similar to last, I always take time to watch and record the Memorial Day concert from the Capital. This was the first year I remember seeing the Commandant of the Marine Corps participate. The stories of the WWII veterans present were gut-wrenching, What brave individuals! This event gave viewers a chance to reflect on the cost of freedom, and I remember the sailors and Marines I knew that have passed. Lest we forget, freedom isn't free, "we all gave some, and some gave all."

As time's arrow continues, Memorial Day gives way to June, the pools have opened and school is almost completed. As Summer approaches children will be enjoying the freedom to play.

May we all come together and enjoy the freedoms made possible by those who came before us and made the ultimate sacrifice for this Great Nation.

We will soon celebrate the 4th of July, the founding of this great country. On the 4th of July 1776 the Second Continental Congress voted to approve the Declaration of Independence. Courageous actions brought about this country and have maintained this great country. On the 4th of July, we celebrate our heritage, our freedom, and our America!

June Observances –

On Thursday, June 6 we Observe D-Day when 160,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, to fight Nazi soldiers in 1944. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which "we will accept nothing less than full victory." June 14 is the 250th birthday of the United States Army, founded in 1775, and is the senior service. Flag Day is also the 14th of June and falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. June 15th we remember all our Fathers and their contributions to our lives. American Eagle Day is celebrated annually on June 20, the first day of summer; the observance commemorates the day in 1782, when the majestic bird was added to the official Seal of the United States.

Final Thoughts:

"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something – for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to. And we have good reason to be hopeful and optimistic."

— Ronald Reagan



Never stop serving our great Nation.

Semper Fidelis,

Smash



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MVC MOAA Legislative Corner

From Virginia Counsel of Chapters (VCOC)

VCOC Advocacy in 2025

Virginia's team consisted of VCOC President Col Diana Kupchella, USAF (Ret), 3rd Vice President Col Monti Zimmer, USA (Ret), Ms. Michele Costello, and MOAA's General Counsel Mr. Doug Sanders. They visited the offices of all Virginia delegation to Congress and conveyed the importance of MOAA's Priorities for 2025:

- The Military Spouse Hiring Act: MOAA urges Congress to add military spouses as target group under Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- Unaccompanied Housing Improvements: MOAA urges Congress to require DoD provide transparency on barracks funding and to empower lawmakers to identify and address these challenges in their districts and states
- Improve Military Health System Access: MOAA urges Congress to pass legislation establishing an MHS digital access assistance platform
- Ending the Wait Report Priorities: MOAA urges Congress to enact legislations to bolster the legal framework for creating presumptive condition
- Caregiver Support Improvement: MOAA urges Congress to pass the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act

Please see the VCOC website for further details. <https://moaavcoc.org/>

Special Announcement: George C. Marshall Veteran Support Golf Tournament

I would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming George C. Marshall Veteran Support Golf Tournament.

The George C Marshall Chapter provides funding to special service projects, assistance and scholarships for local veterans and their families, as well as aid to the state-wide veterans program.

To enable us to support veterans, we will hold our annual golf tournament in September this year. Our goal is to raise a total of \$4,000. From this effort we plan to provide backing to two Junior ROTC programs, provide a GCMC Scholarship to an eligible student from the local area and support a special veteran service project in our local area. We will also continue to provide VVFS with a donation.

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SAVE THE DATE

George C. Marshall Chapter MOAA
Veteran Support Golf Tournament
July 18, 2025

REGISTRATION



Call the Lexington Golf and Country Club
Pro Shop at 540-463-3542

Captain's Choice - \$100 Per Person – Shotgun Start at 1 PM



MVC-MOAA 2025 Events-Calendar

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DATE	LOCATION	EVENT / SPEAKER / TOPIC
Wed. Jun 11 7pm	Virtual	BOD Meeting: Coordinate dinner for September meeting.
Fri. Jul 18 1pm	Lexington Golf & Country Club	George C. Marshall Veteran Support Golf Tournament. See Page 5 for details.
Wed. Sep3 7pm-9pm	Virtual	BOD Meeting: Appoint Nomination Cmte for Nov Officer election; need volunteers for Ft. Belvoir Retirees Activities Day in Sep; confirm speakers.
Wed. Sep24 (Tentative) 6pm-9pm	TBD	Dinner. Speaker TBD. <i>Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6-7pm. Buffet served at 7pm, Speaker at 8pm.</i>
Wed. Oct1 7pm-9pm	Virtual	BOD Meeting. 4 th QTR VCOC report; Legislative Cmte proposes Natl objectives;
Fri. Oct 24 8 am-1pm	Wells Field House, 1814 Goethals Rd, Ft Belvoir	Fort Belvoir Annual Retiree Appreciation Day
Sat. Nov15 11am-1pm	Glory Days 3141 Duke St Alexandria Commons Shopping Mall	Lunch/Brunch. Annual Business Meeting. Speaker TBD. <i>Lunch served at 11:30am. Officer Installation and Speaker to follow.</i>
Sat. Dec13 (Tentative) 9:30am-3pm	Alexandria Natl Cemetery; Social	 Wreath Laying  Holiday Social This is becoming an annual tradition for the Mount Vernon Chapter. Please join us for the annual Wreaths Across America day at Alexandria National Cemetery. We will be joining veterans from local VSOs, Boy Scouts, various military affiliated youth organizations, and numerous supporters from around the community. Following the wreath laying, we will conduct our holiday social at a place to be determined.

Golf Tournament cont. from 4

The golf tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 18 at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. Tee-off time will be at 1 PM. As in previous years, we have prizes for the men's and women's teams as well as closest to the pin and longest drive. There will also be raffle prizes. All these are presented following the buffet which is served at the end of the tournament. Again, I would like to let you know how delighted we would be to have you join us for the tournament. I will be glad to follow up with you on questions you might have regarding the tournament and your visit.

Bill Kozak, George C. Marshall Chapter, (571) 358-5378

MVC Presented MOAA Medals to Local JROTC Cadets

MAJ Peter Chen, USA (Ret), Despatch Editor

The MOAA Junior ROTC (JROTC) awards program recognizes outstanding cadets or midshipmen in their next-to-last year in the program who has demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership. The presentation of an MOAA ROTC/JROTC medal is an excellent way for us as a chapter to gain exposure in our community and, at the same time, foster a positive military recognition among the youth of the community. The medals are awarded by a local chapter and not the national organization. The program is entirely voluntary, and no chapter is obligated to give awards. To be eligible for an award, a candidate must:

- be in the next-to-last year of an ROTC or JROTC program
- be in good academic standing;
- be of high moral character;
- demonstrate a high degree of loyalty to the unit, school, and country; and
- demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership.

MOAA Medals are usually presented to one junior at each awarding school who is selected by their leaders to assume a higher leadership role during their senior year.



Col Yurovich presented the MOAA Medal to Cadet Emily Amoosand at Edison High School.

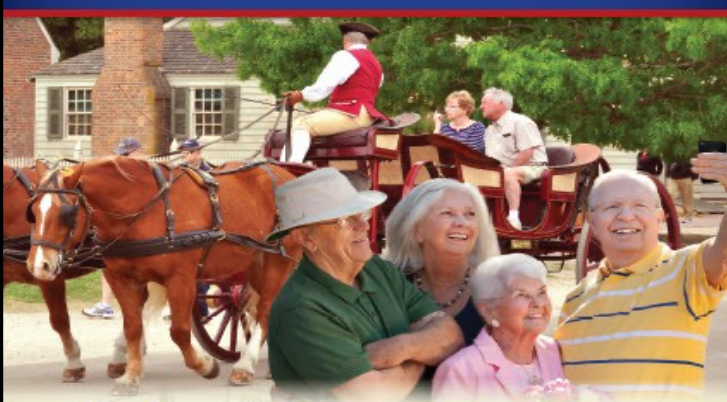


CDR Wallace presented the MOAA Medal to Cadet Tyler Frye of Lake Braddock High School



Pictures from the Herndon High School. MOAA Medal presented to Cadet LCDR Madison Laske.

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