



### ***President's Message July 2022***

Hello, Halifax Area Chapter MOAA Members. I wanted to send a Chapter update to the membership because there are lots of Chapter activities ongoing throughout the summer.

Our last Chapter Luncheon Meeting before our summer break in May was outstanding. The Chapter presented the Chapter's Outstanding Support to Veterans Award to Sparton, an Elbit Systems of America Company, De Leon Springs, FL. The luncheon was well attended and average luncheon attendance for the first 5 months of the year is up to 48 and attendance continues to grow. This growth is a result of the luncheon speakers being first-rate and the luncheon venue at the Halifax River Yacht Club equally so.

Kathleen and I attended the Florida Council of Chapters Annual Convention in West Palm Beach, FL in early June. It was a good opportunity to meet with other Florida Chapter leaders and compare notes on the successes and challenges our Chapters face. At the Awards Dinner, I accepted the National Communications Award for 2021 for our Chapter. This 5-star award recognizes that your Chapter is doing an excellent job with our OC newsletter, our website, and social media.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Billie Krueger and her Surviving Spouse Team have been working on this October's Luncheon Meeting that will spotlight surviving spouses and the Chapter's Surviving Spouse Program. Our Chapter recognizes and honors our Chapter Surviving Spouses at our monthly meetings.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Krueger is also hard at work confirming the guest speakers for our Luncheon Meetings for the rest of this year starting with the September luncheon.

The Chapter's BOD will again reach out to all Chapter members this summer to check in and connect with our members and update them on Chapter activities.

Finally, our Chapter membership continues to grow. Last year the Chapter's goal was 10 new members and 15 were recruited. This year's membership goal was increased to 15 and through the first 5 months of the year, 16 new members have been recruited. So, in the last year and a half 31 new members were recruited into our Chapter. My request to each of you is that as you meet folks this summer and if they are eligible to join our Chapter encourage them to join us and contact a BOD member for more information.

Enjoy a safe summer and see you at the September Luncheon.

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