



# CHARLESTON CHAPTER MOAA



## 50th Anniversary Luncheon

Special Guest

Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN-Ret.

National President

Military Officers Association of America

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**  
**50th Anniversary**  
**Charleston Chapter**  
**MOAA**



**1100 Social Hour**

**1200 Presentation of Colors**

**LUNCH**

**1245 GUEST SPEAKER**

**VICE ADMIRAL NORBERT RYAN, USN RET.**  
**President MOAA**

**1300 Awards and Presentations**



# **menu**

## **KABOB DUET**

**Shrimp & Chicken Teriyaki Kabob**

**Julienne Vegetables**

**Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter**

**Coffee and Tea Service**

**Anniversary Cake**



**Vice Admiral Norbert R. Ryan, Jr.,  
United States Navy, Retired  
President Military Officers Association of America**

**Admiral Ryan is a native of Mountainhome, Pennsylvania, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1967. He is also a graduate of George Washington University, with a Master of Science Degree in Personnel Administration, and the Senior Officials in National Security Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.**

**Admiral Ryan was designated a Naval Aviator in 1968, and his numerous operational and sea duty assignments included command at the Squadron and wing level culminating with command of Commander, Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet/Commander, Task Force Twelve (CTF-12).**

**In addition to his operational assignments, Vice Admiral Ryan has also served as Company Officer/ Midshipman Personnel Officer, U.S. Naval Academy; Deputy Executive Assistant/Aide to the Chief of Naval Operations; Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Total Force Programming and Manpower (Pers-5); Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Distribution (Pers-4); and Chief of Legislative Affairs.**

**In November 1999, Admiral Ryan assumed the duties of Chief of Naval Personnel/Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower & Personnel), a position he held until his retirement in August 2002.**

**Among his awards and decorations Admiral Ryan is authorized to wear the Navy Distinguished Service Medal (w/1Gold Star), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (w/3Gold Stars), and the Meritorious Service Medal (9w/2Gold Stars)**

**Admiral Ryan and his wife Judy, have two adult children, and reside in Fairfax Station,.**

# Proclamations

**The following cities and towns have issued proclamations in  
Honor of Charleston Chapter MOAA' s**

**Fiftieth Anniversary**

**Charleston, SC**

**Goose Creek, SC**

**Hanahan, SC**

**Mount Pleasant, SC**

**North Charleston**

**Summerville, SC**

**Some Highlights of the Chapters Service to the Community**

**Future Military Officers Scholarship**

**This years Recipient**

**Cadet Major Adam A. Paul**

**The Citadel**

**Annual Awards to local**

**Colleges, University and High School ROTC and JROTC Students**

**Annual Marine Corp Reserves**

**Toys for Tots Donation**

**In cooperation with T & T Sports**

**Baseballs, Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer balls**

**Award Wining Newsletter**

**Bridge View**



**Award winning Web Site**

**[www.chasmoaa.org](http://www.chasmoaa.org)**



**MOAA Profiles**

**Monthly written history of Chapter member  
Preserving their History for Future Generations**



**1955-2005  
Charleston Chapter MOAA  
Still Serving**



## **In The Beginning**

Back in early 1955, the Charleston area was home to a Naval Base, Navy Shipyard, Naval Ammunition Depot and the Charleston Air Force Base. The Korean War had ended, and this area was considered a backwater military area. The Armed Forces was in the throes of a drawdown. Peace reigned though out the world, the Cold War was still heating up. During this time frame the Congress was looking for ways to cut the budget and of course the Military Retiree was the biggest target for cutbacks. It was in this atmosphere that a group of retired officers got together and form the Retired Officers Association of Charleston, with the immediate goal of joining the National Retired Officers Association (TROA) which had recently allowed the formation and association of local Chapters.

After their initial meetings, Officers were elected and the National TROA was petitioned for admittance of the Charleston Chapter. The local chapter was accepted and a Charter was issued to the Charleston Chapter TROA.

Over the years the Military posture changed dramatically in the Charleston, the Navy's Fleet Ballistic Submarine Force came to Charleston, with the development of POMFLANT Charleston at the Weapons Depot, now a Weapons Station, Submarine Squadron 18, Submarine Flotilla 6 and numerous training facilities. With the growth at the Charleston Naval Base and Weapons Station, the Charleston Air Base expand with the arrival of the C-140's.

During the course of the Vietnam War the military tempo increased drastically expanding the number of ships and squadrons in the area. Through out this period the Charleston Chapter TROA continued to grow and in conjunction with National continued to fight for the benefits promised to our retirees and their survivors.

During the Regan years our military rapidly expanded to meet the needs of the Cold War. After the fall of the Soviet Union, the out look for the Military changed. Our government felt that we no longer needed a large military force to meet it's requirements in this new world atmosphere, thus began a massive reduction of military asset thought the nation and the world. The effect on the Charleston area was dramatic, we witness the closure of the Naval Base and Shipyard, and reduction of missions at the Naval Weapons Station. Through out the Charleston Chapter continued to be active attracting and maintaining a strong membership.

Again times have change, we are now engaged in a world wide war on terrorism! Our Armed Forces are being called upon to fight in distant lands such as Iraq and Afghanistan. This time around the Military is relying heavily on our National Guard and Reserves to meet their needs. We at the local level support our military members 100% and look forward to welcome in to our ranks when they are ready. It is a great feeling to belong to a Chapter that has been around for fifty years that still has as its goal the needs of its members both active and retired. Little did that group of retired officers know what they have started would last these many years.

As we celebrate our Golden Anniversary, we must pause and look back to those pioneers that had the foresight to band together and form what we now know as the Charleston Chapter, Military Officers Association of America. Lets all of us active duty, retired and auxiliary members strive to keep this chapter going another fifty years.

# CHARLESTON CHAPTER MOAA

## PAST PRESIDENTS

1955	LTC Austin T. Quick, USA
1956	CAPT A. S. Johnson, USN
1957	RADM R. E. Srison, USN
1958	COL M.R. King, USAF
1959	BG J. R. Burns, USA
1960	CAPT A. W. Eldred, USN
1961	MG George Honnen, USA
1962	CAPT W. A. Zobel, USN
1963	COL J.W. Weeks, USA
1964	CDR M. R. Mowry, USN
1965	LTC J. W. Califf, USA
1966	CDR C. E. Kuhlman,, USNR
1967	CDR R. B. Folson, USNR
1968-1970	LTC J. Hugh Davis Sr., USA
1971	COL George M. Hargraves, USAR
1972	CAPT John A. Cummings, USNR
1973	COL E. J. Berryhill, USAF
1974	COL. A. O. Atkinson, USA
1975	LTCOL Frank Finn, USAF
1976	LCDR Clifford O. Lines, USN
1977	COL Sam Galbreath, USAF
1978	COL Dallas Wade, USA
1979	MAJ Bailey Morrow, USA
1980	CWO John Phillips, USN
1981	COL Byron Long, USAF
1982	CAPT Vincent J. Mitchell, USCG
1983	LCDR Louis G. Eschenberg, USN
1984	COL Robert J. Belteau, USA
1985	LTCOL Forrest E. Ott, USAF
1986	LCDR Hoyt Kiser, USN
1987	LTC Hubert H. Attaway, USA
1988	COL James S. Kinney, USAF
1989	CDR John F. Duffy, USN
1990	COL Joseph T Breunig, USA
1991	LTCOL James B. Hester, USAF
1992	LTJG Arva S. Alexander, USCG
1993	COL Henry J. Radcliffe, USMC
1994	CDR Gordon B. Hobgood Jr., USN
1995-1996	Col Howard Stammerjohn, USAF
1997-1998	COL Gerald W. Musselman, USAF
1999-2000	COL Edward J. Burns, III, USAF
2001-2002	CDR Donald A. Lovelace, USN
2003-2004	COL Halbert R. Smart, USAF

Current President  
COL Josiah W. Fuller, USA

# Charleston Chapter MOAA Living Past Presidents



**Butch Fuller**  
President



**Rudy Smart**  
Past President



**Bailey Morrow**  
1979



**John Phillips**  
1982



**Robert J. Belteau**  
1984



**Forrest Ott**  
1985



**Hoyt Kiser, Jr.**  
1986



**Arva Alexander**  
1992



**Henry Radcliff**  
1993



**Gordon Hobgood, Jr.**  
1994



**Gerald Musselman**  
1995-1996



**Howard Stammerjohn**  
1997-1998



**Edward J. Burns, Jr.**  
1999-2000



**Donald Lovelace**  
2001-2002

# Charleston Chapter MOAA, s Robert J. Lahm Award



**Cliff Lines, Lcdr, USN, Ret.**  
First Recipient of the  
Lahm Award



**Robert J. Lahm Award**



The Robert J. Lahm Award has been established to honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Lahm, USAF, Retired, who made many significant contributions of his time to both the Community and the Charleston Chapter MOAA. The Award recognizes the efforts of an individual in providing outstanding service to the Charleston community and the Charleston Chapter MOAA. LTCOL Lahm served as the Chapters Secretary from 1997 to 2003.2005

## Board Members and Representative



**Butch Fuller**  
President



**Rudy Smart**  
Past President



**Al Smith**  
2nd Vice President

**Clinton Nolen**  
Secretary

**Ed Knowles**  
Treasurer

**Virginia Chinnes**  
Hospitality



**Tom Loftain**  
Awards



**Roy Corderman**  
Personal Affairs



**John Nolan**  
Legislative



**Cliff Abbey**  
TOPS/Publicity



**Bill Meisburger**  
Editor



**Henry Lovelady**  
Chaplain



**In Loving Memory of my husband LtCol Tedd Griffith, USAF  
1931 2004**

**Butch and Berneice  
Together many happy years**

**Spec-4 Joseph S. Meisburger  
173rd Airborne Brigade  
1947-1967  
Vietnam**



**Many thanks to Goose Creek High School,  
Army JROTC, for providing the Color Guard for  
Our National flag and Chapter flag during our  
Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration .**

**Army JROTC Cadet  
Steven Worley William Willcott**



**In Loving memory of my husband,  
Ben Chinnnes  
Virginia Chinnnes**

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**Michael J. Heitzler, Ed.D.  
Mayor, City of Goose Creek, SC signing Proclamation Declaring  
MILITARY OFFICERS RECOGNITION DAY  
20 May 2005  
Cliff Abbey, Al Smith, Rudy Smart, Bill Meisburger**

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