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# **SPEAKERS DIRECTORY**

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The Falcons Landing Chapter of MOAA has established a speaker's bureau. This initiative is in keeping with the chapter's goal of continuing to inform the American public about their military establishment. In particular the chapter would like to share the unique military and government knowledge and expertise of our Falcons Landing residents and especially any in depth knowledge gained by actual participation in historical events. Selected speakers will be made available by the chapter to "general" audiences such as those found in civic service organizations and fraternal organizations. Many of these organizations usually have guest speakers at their monthly meetings. Speakers are also available to educational institutions and any other organization interested in national security and government affairs.

Initially these presentations will only be available in the Fairfax and Loudon County area of Northern Virginia.

The Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veteran's association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and their surviving spouses.

Falcons Landing is a military retirement community, operated by the Air Force Retired Officers Community (AFROC), which welcomes all officers, whether retired or honorably discharged, from all branches of service, as well as, senior-level federal employees, to include spouses and surviving spouses.

We look forward to working with you and providing an outstanding speaker tailored to support your program needs. To schedule one of the attached presentations please contact:

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## Falcons Landing MOAA Chapter Speakers Bureau

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### **Falcons Landing Chapter, Military Officers Association of America**

#### **Speech Title: Vietnam—History, Policy, War**

The speaker describes his service as a Forward Air Controller in the Vietnam War. He then addresses the role history can play in forming national foreign policy. In the Vietnam case, post WWII communist advances in Europe and Asia influenced U.S. military intervention. There was failure to recognize that North Vietnam, while communist, was driven by an historical national struggle for independence – it was not fighting as an extension of Soviet Union or China domination. Arguably, U.S. policy was therefore misguided in overlooking Vietnam's long-standing nationalist objective. A lesson is that an adversary's history can play an important role in assessing and adjusting to his goals, thus potentially avoiding miscalculations leading to armed conflict.

#### **Speaker: Marc S. Barthello, Jr. Colonel, USAF Retired**

Colonel Barthello entered the Air Force in 1952 through its Aviation Cadet program. November 1953, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded his pilot rating. He then trained and qualified as a helicopter pilot. Assignments included : fixed wing and helicopter pilot duties, Fairchild AFB, Washington State; Goose Air Base, Labrador (Canada); Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. From 1965 to 1966 Colonel Barthello served as a Forward Air Controller in Vietnam and is credited with 354 combat air missions. Following Vietnam, he was a full time student at George Washington University, Washington, DC graduating in 1967 with a B.A. in International Affairs. Following assignments were: staff officer, Hq. Tactical Air Command, Hampton VA; Commander, special operations squadron, Hurlbert Field, Florida; Air Staff, the Pentagon, doctrine development and USAF member of NATO Tactical Air Operations Working Group. He then served as commander of the USAF/US Army Air Ground Operations School, Hurlbert Field, Florida. There he initiated joint service battle staff training and realigned the organization to report to the Tactical Air Warfare Center as a complement to its Blue Flag command and control exercises. His next assignment was Assistant, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Hq. USAF Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Colonel Barthello retired from the Air Force in 1983. Awards include: Legion of Merit (4). Bronze Star Medal; Air Medal (13); Air Force Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal;

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. Following his Air Force retirement, Colonel Barthello held executive positions with United Technologies Corporation in Washington and the Republic of Korea. He retired in 1998.

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**Speech Title: Growing Threats, Diminishing Forces**

The speaker will describe the growing military power and the increasing aggressiveness of China and especially Russia, the emerging threat to the U.S., Europe and other nations from ISIS, the unstable situation in the Middle East, and the threat to our country and our Pacific allies from an irrational North Korean government armed with nuclear weapons. He will then discuss the recent and continuing reductions in U.S. military forces resulting from reduced funding for maintaining and modernizing them, and the need for more effective North American defenses against ballistic and cruise missiles. We and our allies need adequate forces, based on threat projections, to deter military and quasi-military actions against us, and should that deterrence fail, to prevail in subsequent combat operations.

**Speaker – Arnold W. Braswell, Lt. General, USAF, Retired**

General Braswell graduated from West Point in 1948 and was commissioned in the new U.S. Air Force. He served as a fighter pilot and flew a total of 195 combat missions in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He served with distinction as a force planning staff officer in Air Force Headquarters, in NATO and in the U.S. Joint Staff. He attended the National War College and received an MBA degree from George Washington University. In 1979 he was assigned as Commander of Ninth Air Force and the Air Component Commander of what is now the U.S. Central Command. His last assignment was to the Pacific as Commander of Pacific Air Forces, responsible for combat wings based in Hawaii, Japan, South Korea and The Philippines. During his 35 year career he served for a total of nine years in six foreign countries. He retired from active duty in 1983.

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**Speech Title – A Marine Infantry Officer Succeeds through Education Rather  
than Through Battlefield Success (Education is Important)**

With a high school teacher as a role model, General Brooks learned early about setting a goals. His goal was to attend the United States Naval Academy. He found a way to reach that goal by enlisting in the Marine Corps and passing the Naval Academy entrance exam. During World War II his modified goal was to become a successful Marine. He saw combat in WW II, Korea & Vietnam, alternating combat assignments with high technology research and development assignments. He was the only graduate with all “A’s” at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Navy Radar Course. Later assignments included guided missile development and testing and obtaining a Master’s Degree in Electronics at UCLA. Next was nuclear weapons research at the Defense Atomic Support Agency and Deputy Chief of Staff, Research, Development and Studies, Headquarters, USMC.

**Speaker – Donald H. Brooks, Brigadier General, USMC, Retired**

General Brooks completed one year as an enlisted marine. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Class of 1945, his first duty was with the First Marine Division in Okinawa and China. This was followed by a series of research, development and technology assignments including the Marine Corps Guide Missile Test Unit at Johns Hopkins, Applied Physics Laboratory, Maryland and China Lake, California. Combat duty with First Marine Division in Korea was followed by assignment at the Research Division, Defense Atomic Support Agency. He was again assigned to combat duty with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam. Later assignments included Senior Instructor, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Student, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College, Rome, Italy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Research, Development and Studies, Headquarters, USMC and a final assignment as the Assistant Division Commander Third Marine Division, Okinawa.

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**Speech Title – My Journey Began with the Korean War**

The presentation will take you through the speaker's journey from Seoul, Korea, to Washington, D.C. When the Korean War broke out in 1950, he had barely started his freshman year at prestigious Seoul National University, the only high school graduate from his hometown to pass the rigorous entrance exam. The presentation tells the harrowing escape from Communist-occupied Seoul, trying to make it back to his hometown near Pusan on the southern tip of the Korean Peninsula. It entailed a 250-mile trek south on foot, being strafed by USAF F-86 Sabre jets, evading Communist gunfire, foraging for sweet potatoes in the fields by the roadside, and begging for food from villagers. During the perilous journey, the speaker got separated from a high school buddy who started the trip with him. He never saw or heard from his friend again.

**Speaker – Kenneth O. Cho, Orthopedic Surgeon, Retired**

Dr. Cho spent almost 30 years on the faculty of Georgetown University while in private practice in Washington D.C. The Korean War upended his life, but it also steeled his spirit. Ken Cho eventually finished his medical education in Seoul. In 1958, he was offered an orthopedic fellowship at the University of Minnesota. He moved from freezing Minnesota to comparatively balmy Washington, D.C., completing a chief residency and research fellowship at George Washington University. Then, he joined the faculty of Georgetown University School of Medicine. His scientific paper on "The Reconstruction of the Anterior Cruciate Ligament" became known as the "Cho Procedure" in the orthopedic textbook "Campbell's Operative Orthopedics". His special interest in the knee led him to develop a U.S.patented cruciate ligament surgical drill guide in 1981. After he retired from private practice and Georgetown in 1993, Dr. Cho took a position as Chief of Orthopedics at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, W.V., from which he retired in 2005. He currently volunteers as an orthopedic surgeon at the Arlington Free Clinic.

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**Speech Title - General George C. Marshall in War and Peace**

This presentation will focus on the life of General Marshall in both war and peace with particular emphasis on his home in Leesburg, Virginia and his life in our community. The purpose of the talk is to refresh our memories of the accomplishments of this great American and keep his memory alive in a time when he is being largely forgotten.

**Speaker – Thomas Flynn, Rear Admiral, USN, Retired**

Rear Admiral Tom Flynn is a 1956 graduate of Fordham University. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1957. While stationed in Washington, D.C. he attended Georgetown University Law Center as a night student. Upon graduating he became a member of the District of Columbia Bar. He transferred to the JAG Corps and spent the rest of his naval career in various legal billets culminating in his selection for flag rank in 1982. He retired as Judge Advocate General of the Navy in 1986. After retiring from the Navy he served as the Bar Council for the District of Columbia until 1991. He has served as a docent at the Marshall House, the home of General of the Army George C. Marshall for the last seven years. Admiral Flynn's interest in General Marshall began while on a tour of the Netherlands and Belgium in 2003. The guide for the tour was from the Netherlands and spoke from her own personal experience of what the Marshall Plan had meant to her and to her family. One day she passed out literature that showed pictures of Dodona Manor in Leesburg, the home of General and Mrs. George Marshall. The house was being restored and preserved to serve as a museum and the guide was attempting to raise funds for the restoration. After returning home he went to Dodona to take pictures of the house to send to the guide. That began a relationship that continues to this day. He claims that he is the only docent for Dodona recruited in the Netherlands.

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Military Officers Association of America Speech Title – Homeland  
Security, The Key Players, The Need for a Unity of Effort**

As a result of the 9/11 attacks, the national leadership recognized that the defense of the homeland needed a higher and more specific focus. As a result, a new Department of Homeland Security was established. The DOD in response established a new Combatant Command, USNORTHCOM to focus on the homeland. There are, however, a multitude of players who operate in the homeland to respond to natural disasters, as well as possible terrorist attacks. Governors of the states have significant power and authority. The National Guard plays a major role, as does FEMA and other federal agencies. State and local assets to include first responders all come into play. There are many Congressional Committees who have a say. Lieutenant General Hilsman, will discuss the issues we face and the need for a unity of Effort.

**Speaker – William J. Hilsman, Lieutenant General, USA, Retired**

In Bill Hilsman's military career of 30 years he was a leader that brought computers to all aspects of the Army's capabilities. His last assignment as Director of the Defense Communications Agency was a key leadership position in information technology and communications systems. After retirement, Bill was Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of InterDigital Communications Corporation, a pioneer in developing today's digital cellular systems. He is the co-founder and CEO of DTI International, Inc. and an Adjunct Staff Member of the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) specializing in information technologies, cyber security issues, and homeland security related areas. He was also a member of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC), a committee composed of Chief Executive Officers from telecommunications and information systems companies. Bill continues his work today in homeland security and national cyber security issues. His homeland security talk addresses the many different government and private sector organizations who are working to address not only organizations, possible terrorist's actions, but also preparation and response to national disasters.

**Directory of Speeches and Speakers Presented by Falcons Landing Chapter,  
Military Officers Association of America Speech Title – Cyber Security, A  
Critical Part of Our National Security**

A former Secretary of Defense stated that the next Pearl Harbor would in all probability come from a cyber-attack. The Department of Defense (DOD) as well as each of the military services have stood up Cyber Commands. DOD has also established a Cyber Domain to add to the Land, Sea, Air, and Space Domains where we must be prepared to operate. The economic and operational security of the homeland in a cyber-environment is mostly the responsibility of the private sector supported by the Department of Homeland Security. The recent attack at Sony Pictures demonstrates the scope of cyber operations. Lieutenant General Hilsman will discuss the issues we face as a nation as we move even further into a cyber-era.

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### **Falcons Landing Chapter. Military Officers Association of America**

#### **Speech Title: Serving in Vietnam as a Field Artilleryman**

The speaker will describe his experiences as a Battery Executive Officer and Commander in Vietnam from two tours. In the first, he served in a 105mm Artillery Battalion (7<sup>th</sup> Bn, 11<sup>th</sup> FA) at CuChi with various missions in support of 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, 9<sup>th</sup> Inf

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps Region with the 25<sup>th</sup> Inf Div. This will include an airmobile operation into the jungle north of the mountain Nui Bah Dinh. He will also describe how field artillery sets up to fire, occupies new positions, and responsibilities of officers in the battery. The second tour was also in the 3 Corps Region where he served in the Tactical Operations Center of 2 Field Force Artillery and then with an 8inch battalion as it supported the 52 ARVN division as it drove into Cambodia in May of 1970.

#### **Speaker: Max W Johnson, Colonel, US Army (Retired)**

Colonel Johnson enlisted as a Private in the Army and attended USMA Prep School in 1959. He then attended West Point and graduated in 1964 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of Field Artillery. He attended Airborne and Ranger Training and then was assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Hawaii to the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. He deployed with the Division to Vietnam in 1966 where he served as Battery Executive Officer and Battery Commander. He was wounded in aerial flight and received the Air Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart. He was then assigned to VII Corps Artillery and returned to Vietnam in 1969 where he served in the Cambodian incursion in 1970. After attending the University of Virginia, he received the Master of Science in Physics and then went to the Physics Department at West Point where he taught for 3 years. He then went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was a Battery Commander of a Pershing Battery. After attending the Command and General Staff College, he did testing of Army systems at Fort Hood, Texas. He then commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 32 Field Artillery (Lance) in Hanau, Germany. After that he had staff assignments on the Army staff, Army Material Command, and Office of Secretary of Defense in weapons acquisition. He retired from the Army in 1992. He then taught physics at Herndon High School for 17 years. He finally retired in 2009.

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#### **Speech Title - Options Available to be Commissioned as an Officer in the Armed Forces**

The presentation will describe three major options/sources that senior high school students can pursue in obtaining a commission as an officer in the US Armed Forces. Option One will highlight the academic requirements and admissions process to enter of the federal academies, including the US Military Academy, US Naval Academy, US Air Force Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, and the US Merchant Marine Academy. This option will include a discussion of academic, medical and physical qualifications, as well as general requirements needed for admission. Option Two will identify the six senior military colleges as approved by the Department of Defense, with emphasis on two of the colleges located in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Tech and Virginia Military Institute. The Third Option will list the private and public universities in Virginia that offer ROTC programs, including Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps Option. ROTC Scholarships and military commitments will also be addressed. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer period.

#### **Speaker - Robert F. Manning, Colonel, USA, Retired**

Colonel Manning graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1966. He served in the Army for 26 years and retired as a Colonel in 1992. During his Army career he held numerous leadership and management positions in the communications and foreign area specialties. Significant job assignments included: Commanding Officer at the company, battalion and brigade organizational levels; senior level staff officer at the Department of the Army and Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; United States Liaison Officer to the German Army for communications; principal United States representative to the Japanese Minister of Defense for command, control and communications; and several assignments as an instructor and education and training officer. He was assigned for a total of 11 years in four overseas areas, including Germany, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. While on active duty he obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from Virginia Tech and graduated from the Command and General Staff College and National Defense University. Upon his military retirement, he continued his education and was awarded a Master of Education from Marymount University. After receiving his teaching certification from the Commonwealth of Virginia, he pursued a career teaching US History and US Government at the public and private middle and high school levels. His last assignment was as a Principal of Linton Hall School, in Bristow, Virginia.

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**Speech Title – Air Force Hurricane Reconnaissance**

The presentation will describe the mechanisms that drive the birth, growth and death of tropical cyclones including Atlantic hurricanes and Pacific typhoons. Air Force storm reconnaissance began in World War II and continues today with the 53<sup>rd</sup> “Hurricane Hunters”. How these operational missions evolved and changed with the advent of good weather satellite coverage will be discussed as well as our improved understanding of the worldwide distribution of tropical cyclones. The important and unique contribution of continued Air Force aircraft hurricane reconnaissance to improved forecasts will be discussed. A typical Air Force hurricane reconnaissance mission will be described as well as how those missions have evolved with improved technology. The presentation will conclude with the demonstration of a dropsonde and a question and answer period.

**Speaker – Richard F. Picanso, Colonel, USAF, Retired**

Colonel Picanso completed over 30 years’ service in the United States Air Force. He earned a BS in physics from Lowell Technological Institute, completed the Air Force Basic Meteorology Program at New York University, and a master’s degree from Saint Louis University. His assignments included Wing Weather Officer, 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing (SAC), Westover AFB, MA and 4133<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Wing (SAC), Anderson AFB, Guam; Aerial Reconnaissance Weather Officer, 54<sup>th</sup> Weather Reconnaissance Squadron “Typhoon Chasers”, Anderson AFB, Guam, with over 740 hours and 48 penetrations into full strength Pacific typhoons; Assistant Chief, Aerial Reconnaissance Coordination Atlantic Hurricanes (CARCAH), National Hurricane Center, Miami, FL; Staff Meteorologist, HQ Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, MD; Chief Requirements and Planning, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP), Los Angeles AFB, CA; Air Force Representative, Joint Environmental Satellite Coordinating Group (JESCG) and Acquisition Manager DMSP, HQ USAF, The Pentagon, Washington, DC; and a number of senior program manager positions.

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### **Speech Title – The Iran Hostage Rescue: An Insiders Commentary**

The speaker will cover the very close hold planning in the Joint Staff of a military option for the rescue of staff members of our embassy in Teheran, held by Iranian militants, after the fall of the Shah in 1979. President Carter asked the Department of Defense to prepare options to gain the release of our hostages if diplomacy failed. As the Assistant to Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, he became involved in reviewing the military options put forth by the Joint Staff. As a member of the Deputies Group of the National Security Council he became the focal point for the determination of specific military options. He also was the substantive conduit to the White House on all matters related to the military option. The challenges and opportunities he will cover include: finding type and numbers of helicopters and crews suitable for such a mission, the limitations because of the presence of Soviet satellites, getting access to bases in Egypt and finding a suitable desert area in Iran to serve as operating base, getting Farsi speaking US military personnel into Iran covertly to organize actual ground rescue operations by Delta Force, the forecast of dust storms between the aircraft carrier and Desert One, the loss of three out of eight helicopters while in route to Desert One, and the media, public and Congressional fallout.

#### **Speaker – John S. Pustay, PhD, Lieutenant General, USAF, Retired**

General Pustay completed a long and distinguished career in the United States Air Force in a number of critically important intelligence, strategic planning and politically sensitive policy positions. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, earned a master's degree in political science from San Francisco State University and a PhD from the University of Denver. His early intelligence officer assignments led to assignment as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters USAF. He later served on the faculty of the US Air Force Academy and as a White House Fellow served as Military Assistant to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Later assignments included temporary duty in Southeast Asia and command of the Keesler AFB, Technical Training Center. As a Lt. General he served as the Assistant to the Chairman, JCS and completed his Air Force career as President of the National Defense University.

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**Speech Title – Where is Russia Headed under Putin’s Leadership?**

General Pustay had the privilege of representing the United States to the Soviet Union and then Russia via military and political meetings. After retirement, he was a member of the US Senate’s Nunn-Lugar delegation which sought to insure adequate protection of existing Russian strategic nuclear systems and creation of confidence and security measures between the US and USSR militaries, which would reduce automatic suspicion and distrust between the two nations. Through those negotiations he got a “reading”, a “feeling”, of the pulse of the mid to high level Soviet and Russian officials with whom he dealt, during the Brezhnev, Gorbachev and Yelsin administrations. Then later, as a tourist, he acquired impressions of how life had changed for Russians, during the Putin period. He observed the transition from authoritarian Communism to bumbling attempts to establish a democratic-capitalist government and society to authoritarian “democracy” under the autocrat, Putin. He will discuss the current threat posed by Russia today and Putin’s aspirations. He will then analyze the strategies being presently pursued by Russia to weaken the West and reassert Moscow on the world stage as an equal to the US super power and considerably ahead of the rapidly growing power of China.

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### **Speech Title: The Humorous Side of a Marine Corps Career**

The speaker describes actual humorous events in his Marine Corps 37 year career, showing that life in the service is not all blood, sweat and tears. Beginning with his enlistment as a Private in January, 1951, he proceeds through a series of humorous events from Pfc to Sgt, culminating in October, 1952, when he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant at the age of 20. His Lieutenant to Colonel years include a number of incidents beginning at Camp Pendleton, California and progressing to Japan and Korea. Also included is his time as an exchange officer with the British Royal Marines. The talk ends with him as a Colonel saying to the Commandant of the Marine Corps – “Yes sir!”

### **Speaker—W. H. Rice, Major General, USMC, Retired**

General Rice was born in Baltimore, Maryland on 7 February, 1932. After graduating from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. At the age of 20, having reached the rank of Sergeant, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps and served in a variety of command and staff billets throughout his 37 year career, to include: Commanding Officer, “O” Company, 43 Commando, British Royal Marines, Plymouth, England; Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, 8<sup>th</sup> & I, Washington, D.C.; Commanding General, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Brigade, Kaneohe, Hawaii; Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; and Director of the Joint Special Operational Agency. He also served as the Inspector General of the Marine Corps.

He was a graduate of the Air War College; the Marine Corps Command and Staff College; the US Army’s Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder, and Special Forces’ Officer Courses; the US Navy’s Underwater Swimmer’s School, and the Norwegian Snow Warfare Course.

General Rice served in both the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam. His awards include: the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with “V”, the Bronze Star Medal with “V”, two Meritorious Service Medals, and a Joint Commendation Medal.

## **Directory of Speeches and Speakers Presented by Falcons Landing Chapter, Military Officers Association of America Speech Title – Vietnam War in Retrospect**

This presentation will begin with the rationale for the United States involvement in Vietnam and our advisory role under Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy. During the administration of President Johnson and the command of General Westmoreland, troop strength grew incrementally to over one half million men pursuing an attrition strategy, which proved fruitless. The 1968 TET offensive by the North Vietnamese was a military disaster for North Vietnam but a propaganda victory which lost President Johnson popular support. The speaker, who commanded an armored cavalry troop in the months before and after TET, will share his experience in battle. Shortly after TET General Abrams replaced General Westmoreland and immediately changed to a “Vietnamization” strategy. However, given the loss of public and congressional support, US forces were drastically reduced and negotiations undertaken leading to the Paris Peace Accord. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of lessons for subsequent national leaders followed by a question and answer session.

### **Speaker – Peter Scott, Colonel, USA, Retired**

Colonel Scott was commissioned through the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire in 1960. He served for twenty-six years in multiple assignments as an armored unit commander, including two tours in Vietnam, and as a program manager. During that time he earned a master’s degree in industrial engineering and graduated from senior service school at the Army War College. Upon retirement from the Army, Colonel Scott worked in the defense industry as a program director and general manager of a production division manufacturing self-propelled howitzers.

## **Directory of Speeches and Speakers Presented by Falcons Landing Chapter, Military Officers Association of America Speech Title – An Introduction to the U.S. Intelligence Community**

Colonel Schue will describe the Mission, Purpose and Organization of the United States Intelligence Community. Intelligence Community Functions will be defined including Requirements generation, Tasking procedures, Collection, Processing, Exploitation and Dissemination. He will identify the Customers of the Intelligence Community and address Some Current Issues include Intent vs. Capabilities, Timeliness and Transparency. Finally, he will take questions.

### **Speaker – Howard K. Schue, Colonel, USAF, Retired**

Colonel Schue has over fifty years' experience in the intelligence, space, defense, and aerospace sectors. As an Air Force officer, he served in various positions in the nation's military space intelligence program, and as a member of the Intelligence Community Staff of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) in Washington, D.C. He also served in the CIA, as a senior executive in the Martin Marietta Corporation and at AT&T, and as CEO of Technology Strategies & Alliances (TS&A), a defense industry consulting company. He is a 1964 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and holds a Master's degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been a member of, or chaired, a number of Presidential, Congressional, and Intelligence Community commissions, panels, and task forces. He was a member of the DCI's Reviews of the India-Pakistan Nuclear Tests, and the investigation of the intelligence implications of the Wen Ho Lee case. He has served as a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, and on several Defense Science Board studies. He is a Director of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a non-partisan think tank in Washington, DC, and is still actively involved in Intelligence Community activities.

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#### **Speech Title: The Supreme Court of the United States**

The presentation provides an overview of how the Court selects and decides cases. It includes an analysis of significant recent decisions pertaining to freedom of speech, freedom of religion, criminal law, affirmative action in school admissions, and separation of powers. In addition, it will cover judicial ideologies known as “living Constitution” and “original intent.” Media coverage of the Court, personalities of the Justices, and some “inside stories” will also be presented.

#### **Speaker – William K. Suter, Major General, JAGC, USA, Retired**

Bill Suter was the Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1991 to 2013. He was the nineteenth person to hold that position. Previously he was a career Army Judge Advocate. He served in numerous positions of responsibility around the world, including Chief Appellate Judge; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of U.S. Army Vietnam; Staff Judge Advocate of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division; Commandant of the Judge Advocate General’s School; and the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

After retiring from the Supreme Court, he served for two years as a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution.

He is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and the Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended Trinity on a basketball scholarship and Tulane on an academic scholarship. He was on the Tulane Law Review board of editors and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He is a graduate of the Judge Advocate General’s School Graduate Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He is the recipient of the KY Society of Washington 2014 Henry Clay Distinguished Kentuckian Award, and the Tulane Law Review 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was named the 2013 Lawyer of the Year by the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. He has been awarded six honorary doctor of laws degrees.

He is a frequent lecturer at law schools, bar association meetings, and civic functions. His hobbies include travel, fishing, bird watching, reading, and gardening. He is married to Jeanie Suter, a retired teacher. They have two children and five grandchildren.

## **Directory of Speakers presented by**

### **Falcons Landing Chapter, Military Officers of America**

#### **Speech Title: A Voyage “Across the Top of the World”**

In 2013, mostly as a result of global warming, Crystal Cruises determined that the year-round sea ice in the waters of extreme northern Canada now breaks up sufficiently in mid-summer to permit their largest cruise ship, the *Crystal Serenity*, to transit the storied Northwest Passage. Crystal planned a 32-day expedition to do this in 2016 for the first time and again in 2017 – both expeditions beginning in Seward, Alaska, and ending in New York City. Phil Walsh and Jay Weides (both from Falcons Landing in Potomac Falls, Virginia) were passengers on the August 15<sup>th</sup>–September 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 expedition. Phil will present the story of their memorable voyage “Across the Top of the World” with numerous personal pictures and a movie made by Crystal Cruises’ professional photographers.

#### **Speaker—Philip J. Walsh, Colonel, USMC Retired**

Phil Walsh grew up in northern New Jersey, enlisted in the Marine Corps upon graduation from high school in 1956, and married the late Judith Ann Walsh (Schaefer) of Wauwatosa, WI upon graduation from Marquette University in 1962. Phil and Judy were married for 51 years at the time of Judy’s death in 2014. Judy was also a graduate of Marquette University in dental hygiene and was a life-long dental hygienist and consummate crafts person. Phil has four children, 10 grandchildren, and one greatgrandchild. He holds degrees in civil engineering (Marquette University), electrical engineering (Naval Postgraduate School), and systems management (University of Southern California). Phil retired from active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1990 in the grade of colonel and has worked at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) continuously since. He currently resides at the Falcons Landing military retirement community in Potomac Falls, Virginia. Phil enjoys hiking, golf, tennis, music and home audio technology, cars, travel, and Washington Nationals baseball.

Phil is currently a Senior Project Leader at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) in Alexandria, VA. After spending 34 years in the U.S. Marine Corps in operational communications, signals intelligence, Marine Corps and joint Service C3I program planning, systems acquisition, and program management assignments, he has performed analytical work at IDA in these and related fields since 1990. He has led a number of IDA studies on a variety of C4ISR-related topics including requirements analysis, system architecture and program assessments, system-of-systems modeling and performance analysis, targeting support for strike and maneuver warfare; net-centric systems implementation; joint C2 capability needs and solutions analysis, development program analyses of alternatives (AoAs), service oriented architecture (SOA) implementation, and electronic warfare capability needs and system solutions.