



## MECMOAA Board & Membership

As I step into this leadership role, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the membership and the MECMOAA Board for granting me the opportunity to further develop the Military Officer Community in the region. Through the years, MOAA has fostered a place of friendship and service, supporting and mentoring ROTC students and other Veteran related affairs resources and programs in our network and beyond. As MECMOAA's incoming President I look forward to building on that foundation and moving our initiatives forward.

Through this last program year, MECMOAA has hosted some key events that have differentiated our chapter among those in the surrounding area. Specifically, we witnessed an incredible turnout for our fundraiser run for the dogs etc.; the organization pivoted to accommodate the demands of a changing global environment in the midst of a pandemic, to inform, communicate, support, guide and direct each other in a collaborative, safe environment.

In addition to expanding our chapter, we look forward to improving the association's professional development offerings, engaging with the broader community, and becoming the leading resource of all things MOAA. During my tenure, our chapter will also change the delivery of programs, aiming to incorporate a combination of virtual, in-person, and social networking engagements. As we navigate the ever-evolving work domain, the Board and myself remain committed to delivering a world-class experience to those who serve.

As we enter the new program year, I encourage anyone wishing to provide feedback, suggestions, or simply to learn more about MECMOAA to contact me at [johnlase@aol.com](mailto:johnlase@aol.com) Thank you for your involvement, interest, leadership, and support of our Mission and Vision. I look forward to serving you in the coming years.

Sincerely,

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