Welcome New Members

Anniversaries

Business Community Mourns More on Affordable Care

General Assembly Incumbent Evaluations

Business Rating:

The legislator’s score based on Virginia FREE evaluations of incumbent performance in the 2012 General Assembly session. 100 point scale. (60 is average)

State Percentage:

The percentage of votes cast by the legislator in support of incumbent performance on business-related issues in the 2012 General Assembly session.

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Honing Our Military

The Chamber hosted its 13th Annual Virginia Beach Armed Forces Luncheon on July 7 at the Shifting Sands Club at Gurnet Point Amuse in Virginia Beach. This event honored local military personnel serving in the armed forces, and respect for the military. By program, Captain Robert Gut, U.S. Commanding Officer, NAS Oceana, and Virginia Beach Mayor William Johnson welcomed participants.

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Dr. Shuai believes that the need for military recognition at the state level?

The next luncheon in the series will be held on September 21, featuring guest speaker was Dr. Tony Atwater, President of Norfolk Virginia Commonwealth University.

In August 16, the Chamber held its Military Recognition Reception at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, honoring more than 100 military personnel from local commands. The service members were joined at the reception by their families, military leadership, elected officials, and businesses and women from the region. The event’s guest speaker was Rear Adm. Tony Alves, President of Norfolk State University.

The purpose of hundreds of troops, Cato was called. “The father of military medicine.” Dr. M. Health Care and recreation. In a popular destination for military base, and veterans throughout the U.S., Edgar Cayce Centers in Virginia Beach, Va., a headquarters for Hampton Roads, Virginia, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance and Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

TRUSTEE PROFILES

As of August 21, the Annual Campaign has raised – $806,792. The campaign concludes on August 26. Volunteers enjoy lunch, awards and raffles while learning about the latest developments of the Campaign.

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Virginia currently has a tax code that is an antiquated and poorly constructed system of federal and state that limits economic development. Recently, the Commonwealth Economic and Analysis Firm showed that by changing the Commonwealth’s sales tax structure in a way to focus on the business community and create 100% sales tax revenue from retail sales, it would generate new revenue of $90 billion. The new sales tax revenue could then be used to reduce the Business Personal Property (BPOL) tax, which is currently imposed on machinery and tool, and merchants’ capital taxes, how much can sales tax be lowered to remain revenue neutral as it relates to double taxation on certain sales, fair treatment across state lines, and federal government, and long held tradition in exempting sales tax rate. He followed up by explaining that removing all exemptions is unrealistic and will encounter issues such as double taxation on certain sales, fair treatment across state lines, constitutional issues in having intermediate commerce and federal government, and long held tradition in exempting church and nonprofits groups. 

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Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance; Dr. Tony Atwater; and Steve Geis, USN, Commanding Officer, NAS Oceana, and Virginia Members of the military. During the program, Captain Robert Station Oceana (NAS Oceana), and Dam Neck Annex. This awards luncheon extended recognition from the business Sands Club on Dam Neck Annex in Virginia Beach. This event was followed by a question-and-answer session. The service members were joined at the reception by many thanks to sponsors: USA Discounters (Presenting Sponsor); Chmura’s Vice Chair; Senator Gooch; Dr. Xiaobing Shuai and Susan Blackman with Willcox & Savage, PC); Chamber’s Vice Chair; Senator Gooch; Dr. Xiaobing Shuai and Susan Blackman with Willcox & Savage, PC); Chamber’s Vice Chair; Senator Gooch; Dr. Xiaobing Shuai and Susan Blackman with Willcox & Savage, PC)
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CHAMBER CORNER

Shirley Core joined the Chamber in July as the Business Development Manager. Shirley graduated from Virginia State University with a B.A. in Business Management. Before Shirley joined the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, she was currently pursuing her Business Administration Degree at Tidewater Community College.

Magalee Cummins began as Municipal Coordinator in July. Magalee is a Virginia native who recently received her Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Virginia. Magalee is currently completing her Broadband Certification with the Center for Community and Economic Development.

In June, Tan Horneberger began serving as the Manager of Education. Prior to accepting the position, Tan was very involved as a Chamber Ambassador for the Chamber’s GO! (Get Out and Grow) program. Tan is currently an Information Technology Manager for a large national company. Tan is currently working on completing his undergraduate degree in Information Technology Management at Old Dominion University.

Bonnee Moore joined the Chamber in July as the Community Programs Manager. Bonnee comes to the Chamber from a family business where she held various management roles, including Human Resources. Bonnee is currently completing her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and plans to complete her graduate degree in Spring of 2013.

Welcome New Members

Members who are experts in their field have the opportunity to make connections with other professionals through the Chamber’s Education Series. The Education Series offers up-to-date and practical information on a variety of topics, with the goal of helping members make informed decisions that will benefit their businesses.

New American Mortgage
218-C Magnolia Dr.
Norfolk, VA 23518

Constantz Consulting
410 E. 28th St.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Hogge Law
1305 E. 29th St.
Norfolk, VA 23517

Decorating Den Interiors
300 E. Whiting St.
Norfolk, VA 23517

Braye-Gonzalez & Associates, P.C.
2026 E. Broad St., Suite 205
Norfolk, VA 23517

B & T Kitchens and Baths
500 E. Main St., Suite 200
Norfolk, VA 23510

Leadership and Sales Academy
1305 E. 29th St.
Norfolk, VA 23517

AT&T - Portsmouth Blvd., Chesapeake
3198 Portsmouth Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Stay Furniture Grippers
3001 E. Airline Hwy.
Norfolk, VA 23502

NovoNail
302 W. 49th St.
Norfolk, VA 23508

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Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses that have celebrated milestone membership anniversaries from May 2012 – July 2012.

25 YEARS

20 YEARS

15 YEARS

10 YEARS

8 YEARS

4 YEARS

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Woodbridge, VA 22192

Skyscraper HVAC Services, Inc.
2154 Peninsula Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Sandbridge Tree Service, Inc.
6615-A Southview Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

DSSA, LLC
1017 S. 27th St.
Norfolk, VA 23503

20 YEARS

Drew Harkey has been working at the Hampton Road Chamber of Commerce since March 2011. Drew has been involved with the Chamber in several capacities, including assisting in the Business Development Department and the membership department. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 2011. Prior to working at the Chamber, Drew interned for the Virginia General Assembly and the National Republican Congressional Committee.

The Hampton Roads Chamber is a recipient in the 2011 American Chambers of Commerce/UNICEF Small Business Award for Commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility. The awardees were selected based on a combination of corporate social responsibility initiatives, design and work. The UNICEF award recognizes the broader standards and accomplishments of these companies. The award honors 12 companies for their exemplary commitment to corporate social responsibility initiatives that demonstrate leadership, commitment, and achievement in the area of social, environmental, and economic sustainability. All ten of the winning companies achieved this recognition in collaboration with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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