



*You are cordially invited to the Inaugural
RMOA Business Association
Constellation Awards Gala*



"Constellation of Stars"

*On Saturday, the second of May
Two thousand and fifteen at
Six o'clock in the evening*

*The Waterford at Springfield
6715 Commerce Street
Springfield, Virginia*



The RMOA Business Association (RBA) was founded by a group of retired military officers who sought to create synergy amongst its members by leveraging their collective leadership service, business, and life experiences to enhance business and continued opportunities for each other following their military service. RBA has grown and expanded to embrace all military and private sector business leaders who value the experience of our Veterans.

With more than 100 members who represent a broad spectrum of service to businesses and community, RBA has contributed significantly to reaching out to members who seek to continue to serve. Accordingly, we have established the annual RBA Gala Awards Program to recognize standout achievers in RBA and in the business and the community.

The focus of the Awards Gala is to honor personal and organizational excellence of those who have contributed to sustain support for our Veterans' focused goals, with a particular spotlight on Service-Disabled Veteran issues.

RBA members' stories of service and heroism are the fabric of American history, and their contributions to posterity represent the best the nation has to offer. Through the RMOA Business Institute (RBI), we have created a vehicle for entrepreneurs to hitch their wagon to experienced RMOA business owners who volunteer to mentor their new businesses to fruition; there is no classroom substitute for that experience.

To recognize those heroes who have achieved distinction in service, business and life RBA holds an Annual Awards Gala to recognize dedicated members and other organizations who have excelled in upholding the principles of Heroes in Service, Heroes in Business, and Heroes in Life. Amongst a group of men and women to whom we say "Thank you for your service", these awardees stand out. Please join us in recognizing their extraordinary contributions in the following areas:

RBA Member of the Year
RBA Hero in Service Award
RBA Hero in Business Award
RBA Hero in Life Award
RBA New Entrepreneur of the Year Award
RBA Constellation Award
Service Disabled Veteran of the Year Award

RBA Constellation Awards Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

The focus of the Awards Gala is to honor personal and organizational excellence of those who have contributed to sustain support for our Veterans' focused goals, with a particular spotlight on Service-Disabled Veteran issues. As a sponsor of the Gala your company will gain visibility, access and respect among industry peers. Each increasing level of sponsorship offers additional opportunities to build awareness of your brand, promote your products and services and engage with industry professionals you want to reach.

Only a limited number of Gala sponsorship are available, and they are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The levels of engagement and investment vary widely to ensure opportunities will fit all business models and budgets.

Awards Gala Dinner Sponsor - \$15,000

Awards Gala VIP Reception Sponsor - \$10,000

Awards Dinner Table Sponsor - \$2,500

Awards Gala Program Sponsor - \$2,000

Awards Gala Memorabilia Sponsor - \$1,500

In-Kind Sponsorships

To defray costs and provide budget relief for the organization, RBA invites companies/organizations to donate in-kind products for the Gala Dinner. For a list of items and benefits of donation, please contact Sharene A. Cook at rmoaoffice@gmail.com.



The RMOA Business Association (RBA)

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HEROES IN SERVICE – HEROES IN BUSINESS – HEROES IN LIFE



Mr. Dan Akerson
Managing Partner, The Carlyle Group

Our guest speaker is Navy Veteran Mr. Dan Akerson, Vice Chairman of The Carlyle Group of Washington DC and former Chairman and CEO of General Motors. A Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he has led some of America's top corporations, including

GM, MCI, General Instruments, Nextel, and XO Communications. While at The Carlyle Group, he ran the Company's largest private equity fund. Following the economic challenges the nation faced in 2009, he led General Motors in the turnaround that resulted in GM earning record profits and restoring the U.S. automobile industry to global prominence. The son of a Navy WWII Veteran, his roots are in military service and private sector entrepreneurship. A business icon and mentor, a Veteran who has supported our military his entire life, and a strong and committed family man, he is a hero in service, hero in business, and hero in life, and a fitting keynote speaker for the 2015 RBA Constellation Awards Gala.

Remarks by Rear Admiral Anthony Watson, USN, Retired:

"Dan is one of the icons of American business. As one of the members of the leadership team building MCI, he was a key figure responsible for the revolution of the telecomm industry that saw Ma Bell transition into baby bells. He led Nextel into the push-to-talk mobile phone industry. He quintupled the revenues of General Instruments, which at the time made cable set top boxes; eventually bought out by Motorola. He became a Managing Partner of The Carlyle Group. According to a 2014 ranking called the [PEI 300](#) based on capital raised over the last five years, Carlyle was ranked #1 as the largest private equity firm in the world. He was appointed by President Obama to be a member of the GM board He was Chairman and CEO of GM from 2010 to 2013. He sits on the boards of Lockheed Martin and American Express and is currently the Vice Chairman of The Carlyle Group. He is a Navy Veteran, U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1970, where he is a Distinguished Graduate. He also received the 2013 Black Engineer of the Year (BEYA) President's Award for the lifetime work he has done in promoting diversity in corporate America.

He is a classmate, good friend, and the real deal."



RSVP FORM

Please reply no later than April 24, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member & Member Guest(s) _____ x \$75 = _____ Amount Enclosed

Non-Member & Guest(s) _____ x \$85 = _____ Amount Enclosed

Please refer to the Sponsorship Form for Sponsorship Opportunities

Make check payable to "RMOA" and mail to RMOA, P.O. Box 471301, District Heights, MD 20753

Meal Choices:

#1 - Lemon Herb Chicken / #2 - Grilled Salmon w/Basil Cream / #3 - Vegetarian Lasagna

Please list each guest and fill in meal choice.

1. _____ / Meal # _____
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Online Registration is available at www.RMOA.org