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Hampton Roads Chapter

Military Officers Association of America

VCOC QUARTERLY REPORT

1 January – 25 March 2011

I.	Membership:	Regular	Auxiliary	Honorary	Total	Give-Me-10		
						Free	Paid	Life
	As of 1 January:	419	98	2	519	0		
	Gains							
	Losses:	24	13		37			
	As of 25 March :	395	85	2	482			

II. Legislative Affairs: Attached –page 2

III. Public Affairs: Nothing published.

IV. Chapter Vitality: HRC continually works toward meeting evaluation criteria and progress is noted at monthly board meetings.HRC will formally conduct "self –evaluation" soon.

V. Chapter Events: Chapter conducted regular monthly Saturday Breakfast Board meeting which were very productive.

Three luncheon meetings were held:

-21 Jan – Held at Atlantic Shores,VB. Guest speaker was RADM Arthur Johnson, Commander Naval Safety Center.

-25 Feb – Venue was Princess Anne Country Club in VB. Mariner's Museum presented some lessons learned from maritime accidents off our coast.

-25 Mar –At Atlantic Shores again our members were fascinated by a presentation by CW4 Brashear about his father BMCS (Master Diver) Carl Brashear ,"Man of Honor".

In January Chapter members did participate in Storming the Hill –Richmond.

Also in January HRC made financial contributions to "The Virginia Wounded Warrior Program", "The Vets House" of VB and "Pocket Field Pillow" program.

HRC president, CAPT Hollandsworth USN/Ret, had the pleasure of presenting award trophies to JNROTC drill teams at the annual Cavalier Drill Meet.

HRC procured a second memorial wreath to be presented by chapter members during Veterans Day and Memorial Day activities in the City of Chesapeake in addition to Virginia Beach which has been traditional in the past. This should provide more MOAA visibility.

Submitted by:

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Legislative Affairs: During the January - February, Chapter Director of Legislative Affairs, Jack Hillgers, served as legislative liaison to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, members of the Virginia General Assembly, Congressman Scott Rigell's office, and Senator Mark Warner's local office. On 24 February, Jack met with US Senator Webb's Legislative Assistant. Jack organized and directed the 11 January JLC conference involving Virginia's key state legislators, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. He participated in the VCOC "Storming of the Hill" on 24 January. He participated in the Virginia Board of Veterans Services meeting on 10 January, the Veterans Services Foundation Board meetings held on 4 January and 9 March, and the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of Veterans Service Organizations meeting on 23 March along with its legislative planning meeting on 18 March. Additionally he participated in the VCOC Legislative Committee meeting on 17 March and the Governor's legislation signing ceremony at Ft. Lee on 31 March.

Jack was one of the members of the VCOC team that carried out successful support of veterans' legislation during the January - February session of the Virginia General Assembly. He played a key role in starting a Veterans and Military Caucus of interested state Delegates and Senators that should become fully effective in the 2012 legislative session. His constructive relations with influential Delegates and Senators promoted a significant number of legislative initiatives; most proximately the establishment of special treatment procedures for veterans and armed services personnel in the criminal justice system of Virginia.

The Hampton Roads Chapter Legislative Team maintains its six members and participates in the VCOC legislative alert system; VAVET. The 19 members of the General Assembly located in the Chapter's area of responsibility were visited during the General Assembly session regarding veterans legislative objectives. The Team remains active in advocating MOAA national and state legislative issues.



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