

SECRETARY MUSINGS

As in the past, a **package of information** was mailed in June to each chapter VCOC representative plus VCOC elected and appointed officers containing:

1. Draft minutes of the March VCOC meeting (for approval at the July meeting)
2. Draft AGENDA for the 10 July meeting & sketch map to meeting
3. Updated listing of chapter presidents & designated reps
4. 1st quarter 2009 chapter reports

Chapter Reports due 2 July covering the 2nd Quarter (1 April through 30 June) such that they may be copied for distribution on 10 July. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in getting these reports in on a timely basis.

July Meeting info is on VCOC website and in this newsletter.

/Jim Brown, COL, USA, Ret, VCOC Secretary

TREASURER\$ REPORT Financial statement will be provided at July meeting.

/ Don Harris, CPT, USA, Ret, VCOC Treasurer

AUXILIARY POWER

Don't forget that Auxiliary Members have all the benefits of MOAA membership and may hold MOAA office just as "regular" (officer) members may. Auxiliary members are widows or widowers of officers.

VCOC Auxiliary Liaison, Ms Jackie Peters, is shown With Virginia Delegate, Phil Hamilton, at Hamilton's Veterans Advisory Committee meeting in Newport News Virginia on 14 May 2009. Jackie is the Virginia Peninsula chapter (VIPMOAA) Auxiliary Liaison as well as VCOCs. Other VIPMOAA board members participated in the Veterans Advisory council as well, including chapter president, Jim Pauls, COL, USA Ret. **VIPMOAA will hold a special Auxiliary meeting** in July at Langley Air Force Base.



/ Photo by Mike Hazlewood

PUBLIC AFFAIRS TIP

Your chapter newsletter gets the word out to current members. But don't stop there – send info to local military and civilian papers. Chapter news releases have two roles: **Grab the attention of potential new members and get them to take action** (such as write their legislators, come to a meeting, contribute to the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, join your chapter, check your website). Send stories and photos about legislative advocacy, community contributions and awards your chapter provides or receives. Don't limit news releases to meeting advertisements – brag on the local impact of your chapter. Not every story will be printed, but some will, and reporters will know to call you about veterans issues. */Melva Mallison, Maj, USAF, Ret, VCOC Public Affairs Officer*

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The paper/mailed edition of the Council Crier was not printed by the usual printers, but was copied, last minute. You may notice a difference in paper and printing */Melva Mallison, Maj, USAF, Ret, VCOC Crier Editor*