

GOLD BARS

In a May 12, 2009 ceremony at VMI, more than 120 cadets from the Virginia Military Institute, Southern Virginia University and The Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at Mary Baldwin College were recognized for earning commissions through their respective ROTC programs.



Receiving their Lieutenant's bars and a complimentary one-year membership in MOAA were VWIL Cadet Christina M. Diette from Bath, NY, who is being commissioned in the Marine Corps and Virginia Military Institute Cadet Albert C. Young III from Falls Church, VA, who is commissioning in the Air Force. Presenting the awards were Lt. Col. (USAF-Ret.) Bob Hopkins, President of the **George C. Marshall Chapter**, and Col. (USAF-Ret.) Ross Schmoll, Chapter Public Affairs Officer.



The **Southwest Virginia Chapter** provided gold bars at the **Virginia Tech** commissioning ceremony 15 May 2009. Pictured are 2nd Lieutenant Floyd J. Usry USMCR and Ensign Justin M. Chalkley, USNR receiving gold bars from the Professor of Naval Science at Virginia Tech, Thomas Rubenstein, USN



Piedmont chapter participated in the 19 April commissioning ceremony at **Fort Pickett**. Attending were Piedmont MOAA Vice-president Col. Duane Benton, USAF, Ret, Board members Capt. Ron Pyle USN, Ret and Capt. Joe Williams USAF, Ret and Public Relations Representative Mrs. Joyce Williams. Col. Benton presented the candidates with MOAA certificates and gold bars in recognition of their new rank in the **Army National Guard**.

Pictured: COL Duane Benton, USAF, Ret and new 2nd Lieutenants Troy Catterton, Jeffrey Jardine and Keith Agee



COL James Smith, USA, Ret. of the **Hampton Roads chapter** (HRCMOAA) is shown presenting gold bars and a MOAA One-year membership to 2LT Shawntae Woodhouse on May 8. Shawntai graduated from **Norfolk State University** with a BS Degree and was commissioned in the **US Army**.

These photos, supplied by Virginia chapters of MOAA, represent just a few of the gold bars given out throughout the state. Chapters are encouraged to send additional photos and captions for the VCOC website.