

TWO NEW CHAPTERS:



Heritage Hunt located in Gainesville, Virginia. This chapter will consist of members who live in the Heritage Hunt Retirement Community – a closed-in community with beautiful new homes, a golf course, and a country club with an excellent dining room. This chapter is already organized with officers and bylaws. At a 16 June meeting in Gainesville, the soon-to-be Heritage Hunt Chapter approved their by-laws and elected their officers and directors with about 40 members in attendance. They will be submitting their application for MOAA Charter affiliation this month.



Falcons Landing located in Potomac Falls, Virginia. This chapter will consist of members who live in the Falcons Landing Retirement Community - a premier closed-in retirement community owned and operated by the Air Force Retired Officers Community. Officers from all the services are eligible to live in this community. This chapter is organized with a set of officers and bylaws and has about 100 members already.

It is expected that **both will be chartered by MOAA in September 2009**, bringing the VCOC to a total of 18 chapters.

The graphics above are from the websites of the retirement communities

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VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL – Status of Naming Opportunity

It appears VCOC has fallen short of hitting the \$25,000 requirement for a "NAMING OPPORTUNITY" i.e. naming a room of the Education Center for MOAA. It would be a shame to miss this opportunity to leave a **lasting legacy** to our VCOC MOAA and our membership. I will attempt to see what I might be able to achieve in gaining some type of VCOC "naming" so our contributions and efforts are not lost.

At a meeting with Del Kirk Cox, on 11 May 2009 related to a number of military legislative issues, Jon Hatfield of the Virginia War Memorial (VWM) informed attendees that the construction plans for the Education Center were "on target" and construction was to start in August and be completed within 13 months and the Center to open in the Fall of 2010. Mr. Hatfield added that while construction costs were covered by private funding and funding by the Virginia General Assembly, additional funding would be required to cover FF&E (Furniture, Fixture and Equipment) costs estimated at \$500,000. VCOC members and Chapters may wish to consider making contributions to cover these added costs to make the Center operational. Please indicate on your contribution YOUR NAME and your MOAA CHAPTER NAME. Your contributions here might assist in my above cited "Naming" effort.

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