

## **VIRGINIA WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM**

On **April 10, 2009**, Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced the award of **\$1.7 million in grants** to support veterans and members of the Virginia National Guard and Reserves not on active duty who are suffering from combat-related head injuries and stress disorders. The funding is provided by the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) through coalitions of Community Service Boards (CSB). Five regions received grants; Northwestern Virginia, Northern Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Central and Southside Virginia, and Tidewater.

Though a very new program, VWWP served over 100 veterans and their families before the grants were awarded. Services included assisting with medical and behavioral healthcare issues, connections to the Veterans Administration (VA) and CSBs, prevention of hospitalization, financial assistance, advocacy for obtaining VA benefits and support with the appeals process, finding shelter or housing, behavioral healthcare counseling and support for a student veterans organization. In support of these and future activities, VWWP has drawn on \$15,000 of donated funds to provide support including provision of gas cards, bus vouchers, food and phone cards to those eligible.

The MOAA Virginia Council of Chapters, that supported the establishment of VWWP and associated fundraising, is encouraging 100% participation of its Virginia chapters in the fundraising endeavor. Six of the 16 Chapters have made contributions and one other has pledged to donate. In support of fundraising, the George C. Marshall Chapter held its second annual "Armed Forces Clay Target Shoot" on May 16, 2009. VCOG is looking for all chapters, who have not as yet contributed, to do so soon.

**For more information** see the VCOG website VirginiaMOAA.com (VWWP is in the "Virginia Projects" section) or contact the VWWP Foundation via **COL Jack Hilgers**, USMC, Ret, at the Virginia Department of Veteran Services (804) 382-3715 or (757) 481-4164.



### **Contribution/Pledge of Support**

Please provide the following info for contributions or when making a pledge.

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**MOAA** (list the Virginia chapter): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* OR

\_\_ PLEDGE AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* (Check payable to: "Virginia Veterans Services Foundation" For :VWWP")

**Mail to:** Virginia Veterans Services Foundation (For: VWWP)  
900 East Main Street, Ground Floor, Richmond VA 23219

VIPMOAA hosted CAPT Catherine Wilson, USN, Ret, at April 2009 dinner meeting at Fort Eustis and provided a contribution check. Members were encouraged to give personal donations as well. Pictured from Left are CAPT John Corcoran, USNR, Ret (chapter programs chair); COL Jim Pauls, USAF, Ret, (chapter president); Catherine Wilson, Executive Directory VWWP; Ken Rich, Regional Director – Hampton Office VWWP.