

## MEMBERSHIP – CHAPTER

### **Year of the Chapter**

MOAA initiated a chapter membership drive in October 2008 as part of the Year of the Chapter project as announced by the MOAA Chairman of the Board, Gen. Michael P.C. Carns, USAF, Ret. This was executed by a cover-wrap with post card in the October issue of the *Military Officer* magazine. The cover wrap asked MOAA members who were not already chapter members to send in the post card to become members of their local chapters. MOAA will reimburse chapters \$15 per member after chapters report they have processed the new memberships from the Year of Chapter rosters provided by MOAA. More than 3000 MOAA members responded nationwide to become chapter members. See Dec 2008 edition of this newsletter, *The Council Crier*, for info about other aspects of MOAA's Year of the Chapter which continues this year. You may also check MOAA website at the following link: [http://moaa.org/comm/comm\\_chapters/comm\\_chapters\\_yrofthechapter/index.htm](http://moaa.org/comm/comm_chapters/comm_chapters_yrofthechapter/index.htm)

**325  
NEW VIRGINIA  
CHAPTER MEMBERS**  
Year of the Chapter  
post cards stopped  
the slide of chapter  
membership from a  
low of 3,968 in 2008.  
As of January 31,  
2009, Virginia  
chapters total over  
**4,300 members.**

*/Paul Mehler, LTC, USA, Ret, VCOC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Membership Chair*

### **CHAPTER DUES to VCOC – Under \$1 per member and free for some**

Once again this year (as in 2008), if your chapter is providing a free chapter membership, you need not pay VCOC dues on that member/that year. As decided at our January meeting, this exemption includes Year of Chapter members that were free to member (but paid by MOAA). Chapter dues to VCOC are only 72 cents for regular members and 36 cents for auxiliary members (surviving spouses of deceased officers). Dues are based on chapter membership as of the last day of December and are **due now** to VCOC Treasurer. See bylaws on VCOC website. */LTC J. Pat Green, USA, Ret, VCOC President*

### **NEW VIRGINIA CHAPTER – Under Development in Gainesville area**

The initial meeting of the soon-to-be **Heritage Hunt** chapter took place 17 Feb 2009 in one of the fine buildings of the Heritage Hunt Retirement Community in Gainesville, VA. There were 31 retired officers in attendance - a very good beginning. Heritage Hunt covers a huge area of beautiful homes with a golf course and a beautiful country club with a large ballroom and dining room. More than 1800 families live in this community. They estimate about 100 men and women are MOAA members.



*photo of Clubhouse Pool from Heritage Hunt Website*

Both COL Barry Wright, MOAA Chapter Affairs, and I attended. I gave a well received presentation on VCOC, and Barry talked about the steps they needed to take to become a chapter. After we gave our talks, the group voted unanimously to form a chapter. A small group of 5 volunteered to be the organizing committee with MG Teal, USAF to lead them. It is reasonable to expect that Heritage Hunt will be ready to become a chartered member of MOAA within the next few months. */Paul Mehler, LTC, USA, Ret, VCOC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Membership Chair*