

**SUBMIT NEWS RELEASE about Your Chapter.** Whether you use the VCOC templates or write your own, please submit news releases to local papers (military and civilian). “I have found if we can give them a photo - and some quotes - it is always more likely that it will be printed” said VCOC Immediate Past President, COL Bill Flanagan, USA, Ret. COL Flanagan also notes that a **human interest story** with a local name & face is most likely to be published.

Let prospective members know what your chapter is doing in your community.

MOAA website has **story ideas** at [http://moaa.org/multimedia/multimedia\\_ideas.htm](http://moaa.org/multimedia/multimedia_ideas.htm)

Here are examples of a variety of ways Virginia local papers published info about VCOC MOAA “Storming Richmond” on 26 Jan 2009.

/ Melva Mallison, Maj, USAF, Ret  
VCOC 3<sup>rd</sup> VP & PAO

## In the news

**Williamsburg Daily Press**, 6 Feb 2009

► Retired Army Col. **Ernie Hinojosa** of Williamsburg met members of the General Assembly to gain support for



**HINOJOSA**

veterans disability claims, education of military children, burial vaults at state veterans cemeteries, family relief funds, 100 percent-disabled veterans’ property tax help and homeless-veteran services.

Hinojosa traveled to Richmond with the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Correction at right – Frank Duckett is from Williamsburg



*Daily Press*,  
**Hampton**  
Town Square section,  
6 Feb 2009

## Military officers storm capitol for support

Military Officers Association of America, MOAA, leaders from Virginia visited Richmond on Jan. 26 to capture support for veterans disability claims, education of military children, burial vaults at state veterans cemeteries, family relief funds, 100 percent disabled vets property tax and homeless veteran services. This was the 12th-annual Virginia MOAA Day at the General Assembly. Fifty-one Virginia MOAA leaders participated. Pictured, Sen. John C. Miller hears from Air Force retired colonels Jim Pauls, VP MOAA president, and Don Klovestad, VIP MOAA legislative committee member, both of Hampton, concerning legislative priorities for Virginia military, veterans and their families. PHOTO COURTESY OF MOAA

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**Newport News**  
*Daily Press*



## Courting support for veterans

Leaders of the Military Officers Association of America recently visited the General Assembly in Richmond. They were seeking support for veterans disability claims, education of military children, burial vaults at state veterans cemeteries, family relief funds, 100 percent disabled vets property tax, and homeless veteran services. This was the 12th year that Virginia MOAA representatives visited the state capitol. Shown are six of the 51 participants, from left: Melva Mallison, Blair Smith, both of Newport News; Ernie Hinojosa of Williamsburg; Jim Pauls, Don Klovestad and Frank Duckett, all of Hampton. PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN VERMILLION