

VETERANS DAY – 11 NOV 2009



Southside Virginia Chapter MOAA members participated in wreath laying ceremony at the Colonial Heights **Veterans Memorial**. Event was hosted by the local American Legion. Delegate Kirk Cox was the guest speaker.

Pictured from left to right are Gary Metzinger, COL, USAF, Ret, Bill Flanagan, COL, USA, Ret, and Bob Barrett, COL, USA, Ret.

Metzinger also represented the Air Force Association. Flanagan and Barrett are active members of the American Legion as well as MOAA.

Photo by LTC Randy Grenier, Ft Lee PAO

Richmond Area Chapter (RACMOAA) President Joe Tarantino, LTC, USA, Ret, and Virginia Council of Chapters MOAA 1st Vice-president (elect) Don Kaiserman, COL, USA, Ret, present the MOAA memorial wreath at the **Virginia War Memorial**. Despite the awful weather about 300 persons, including representatives from more than thirty organizations, were on hand to honor those who have served and currently serve. To conclude the ceremony, CDR Russ Wilson, USN, Ret, of RACMOAA, played "Echo Taps," accompanied by Mr. Tommy South of the volunteer organization "Bugles Across America."



Photo by John Chapman, COL, USA, Ret, of RACMOAA



AT US VP BIDEN'S VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Mt Vernon Chapter President, Lisa Cramer, COL, USA, Ret, chatted with Tammy Duckworth, Maj, Army National Guard (Director of Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs). Duckworth served in Iraq and flew combat missions as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. During a mission in 2004, a rocket-propelled grenade struck the helicopter she co-piloted. She lost both of her legs and partial use of one arm. Major Duckworth declined medical retirement to continue her service in the Army National Guard. She has testified before both the U.S. House and Senate regarding medical care and employment for returning veterans.

Photo by VCOC PAO, Melva Mallison, Maj, USAF, Ret