

## MOAA EXCELLENCE AWARDS – 39 VIRGINIA STARS!

MOAA announced the winners of 2008 excellence awards: Virginia's Northern Neck chapter received a 4-star award. Seven Virginia chapters received 5-star awards: **George C. Marshall, Hampton Roads, Mt Vernon, Potomac, Richmond, Southside Virginia, and Virginia Peninsula.** Impressive indeed! Winning chapter presidents are invited to MOAA's Annual Chapter Awards dinner/meeting in San Diego CA Oct 23-24.



*/from July MOAA Call to Action*

## AUXILIARY POWER

Soooo, this is MOAA's "**Year of the Chapter**"! Let's look at the makeup of a chapter. If your chapter is anything like mine, (Virginia Peninsula – VIPMOAA) the auxiliary members represent one third of the membership. As an auxiliary member you have the opportunity to **support chapter activities and legislative agenda.** You can serve in chapter elective or volunteer positions. Soooo, what are you doing to help? We helped our husbands during their careers by being supportive wives. We are veteran "multi-taskers" with a lot of real life experience that we can put to good use in our chapters – and our Virginia Council of Chapters.

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The MOAA lobbyists do a tremendous job fighting for our benefits each and every day. We must help that support by **writing letters to our congressmen** on issues that affect our everyday lives, i.e., decreases in Medicare funding since that will ultimately affect our TRICARE for Life out-of-pocket expenses, in addition to concerns with TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Prime, and in general all military healthcare. Please be aware that even though the Senate has approved the end of the SBP-DIC offset, it has yet to be funded and approved by the House. There are many other issues of equal importance, **let's get involved!**

In 2004, MOAA's board of directors established the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC). Since then it has been the committee's goal to establish an **auxiliary liaison in every chapter.** Please avail your chapter of your ability to serve.

Additionally, you may continue to be updated by visiting the military **survivor spouses section of MOAA's Web Base.** Go to [www.moaa.org/survivors](http://www.moaa.org/survivors) then select the topic you are interested in. The link will also take you to another page that will display everything MOAA has to offer in that category.

When you receive your MOAA chapter and Council newsletters, review the positions available and offer to serve. It's not up to our spouses now, it's up to us!!!

*/ Ms. Jackie Peters, VCOC Auxiliary Liaison*



**AUXILIARY  
THE HEART OF MOAA**

Refer to the next page for an article with photo about Jackie's participation in a recent Auxiliary Luncheon.

Please send stories and photos about your chapter Auxiliary Member contributions for inclusion in the VCOC website and future editions of *The Council Crier*.