

SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This will be my last input to the Council Crier as the VCOC Secretary and I say thank you to all who have assisted me in the performance of this job for the past four years. During that period the normal secretarial duties have been accomplished and in addition there have been many other projects to include: Revised VCOC Articles of Incorporation and VCOC Bylaws; Developing and updating a VCOC Directory; and creating a list of chapter zip codes. These activities had the single purpose of **building and strengthening** the VCOC through **effective communications and information sharing**. Thanks again to all. Please provide this same level of support to my successor, Colonel Jim Rose.



As the VCOC Secretary through 31 December 2009 I will be collecting the 4th Quarter **Chapter Reports of the 18 VCOC Chapters** in Virginia. These reports are due to me on or before **31 December 2009** via e-Mail (Jim@HokieJim.com) or Snail Mail and I will prepare the summary package for distribution at the 8 January VCOC meeting, which starts at 10 AM at Fort Lee Quartermaster Museum. Go in the Main Gate and turn left at the first street and the Museum will be on your left. More information on the meeting will be available at the VCOC web site. A mailing around 8 December to 2009 & 2010 VCOC Officers and Chapter Representatives will include a copy of the draft Minutes of the 9 October 2009 meeting.

Attendance notifications for this January meeting should be sent to Colonel Rose (jjimrose1@Verizon.net) by the end of December 2009.

Finally, I would like to provide Colonel Rose with an accurate VCOC Directory. Thus, I ask that all **chapters provide a list of their 2010 Officers** to me by 31 December. Thanks.

/Jim Brown, COL, USA, Ret, VCOC Secretary 2006-2009

NEW SECRETARY – JIM ROSE

Drafted on 15 Feb 1951, Colonel James (Jim) T. Rose, Jr. is a mustang, having graduated from “The Benning School for Boys” of The Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, GA. He served as a rifle platoon leader and Battalion Communications officer in the 504th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC. Released from active duty Oct 1953, he attended Richmond Professional Institute (now VCU), and joined the 80th INF Div (USAR) in 1954. Avoiding assignments in any logistics position (someone told him early on that “once an S4, always an S4”) he rose through Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels in Operations, Executive Officer, and Command Positions until 1971 when he was made G3 of the 80th Div (TNG). In 1973 the 80th Maneuver Training Command (MTC) was activated and he was made S3 (an O6 position). Subsequently he served as Chief of the Infantry Team, and XO, then command of the MTC. He retired in July 1982.

Concurrent with his civilian occupation and reserve duties, Rose served as President of the Richmond chapter of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), and in 1979 was elected President of the Department of Virginia, ROA.

In Jul 2001, Jim turned over his Real Estate Appraisal business to his son and fully retired from earning income. In the fall of 2001 someone found out about his recently freed-up time and asked him to take a job in the **Richmond Area Chapter** He was the Treasurer through 2008, is a Director-at-Large, and is now **your VCOC Secretary for 2010-2011**.



Jim Rose, with wife, Jean, at a chapter meeting.
Photo courtesy of Jim Rose

