

## **2010 MEMBERSHIP & CHAPTER AFFAIRS**

I salute LTC Paul Mehler for his outstanding efforts as VCOC's Membership/Chapter Affairs chairman these past six years - what a superbly outstanding job he has done. It will be a challenge to follow in his trailblazing footsteps. Here are some important Membership/Chapter Affairs notes for 2010:

- **Give-Me-10 Program 2010** - Information and recruiting packages will be mailed by MOAA to chapter presidents during December 2009. Please review them carefully as there will be changes, including basing more rewards on paid memberships.
- **Gold Bar Program 2010** - Each Virginia chapter is asked to forward estimated requirements for "gold bars" and certificates for all 2010 presentations to CDR John Baumgarten at [jabaumgarten@prodigy.net](mailto:jabaumgarten@prodigy.net) **NLT 31 December 2009** with: chapter name; e-mail, telephone, name, and mailing address of your chapter's Gold Bar point-of-contact; and the colleges or universities where the presentations will be made.
- **Quarterly Chapter Reports 2010** - Planning is underway to develop a uniform, one-page chapter report format for use by all Virginia chapters for 2010 and beyond. It is intended such reports will be composed, submitted and distributed "electronically," to reduce paperwork and mailing. Details and procedures for the reports will be discussed at the 8 January 2010 VCOC meeting. (End of 2009 reports are handled in the usual way.)

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### **VCOC 3<sup>rd</sup> VP 2010 – 2011**

#### **CDR John Baumgarten Chairs VCOC Membership/Chapter Affairs**



CDR John Baumgarten of the Richmond Area Chapter, will relieve LTC Paul Mehler as the VCOC Membership/Chapter Affairs chairman on 1 January 2010. CDR Baumgarten joined MOAA in 1992 while on active duty, and became Secretary of RAC-MOAA when he retired in 1994. He served as chapter Secretary and Membership Chairman from 1994 - 2003, when he became chapter President. In 2002, he assumed the new position as the chapter's Director of Member Services, and also became Newsletter Editor upon the death of COL Mel Drisko.

CDR Baumgarten has also been the webmaster for the chapter since 1998. He served a second term as chapter President in 2008, during RAC-MOAA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. He is also a member of the chapter's Legislative Affairs Committee. He worked closely with LTC Mehler and the MOAA national staff on the Give-Me-10 Program since its inception in 2005 and looks forward to applying his many years of chapter management and recruiting experience to his new VCOC position.