

LEGISLATIVE REPS FROM VIRGINIA CHAPTERS

Virginia Council of Chapters legislative reps meet quarterly and email frequently – working legislative issues at national and state level from a Virginia point-of-view.



Lisa Meunier, CAPT, USN, Ret, is shown speaking to Legislative Reps from Virginia MOAA chapters about the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Photo taken during the legislative break-out session of the 10 July 2009 VCOC MOAA meeting at the George C. Marshall Museum.

Photo by Bob Mallison

VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL

CONSTRUCTION IS A “GO”!!!

The long-awaited construction at one of Virginia’s most respected landmarks to our military - the VIRGINIA WAR MEMORIAL (VWM) - is underway. The construction is a tribute to ALL who contributed to the Paul and Phyllis **Galanti Education Center** (Paul is a MOAA member and a key person on Richmond Area Chapter’s Legislative Committee). More than **\$18,000 was contributed by MOAA chapters, members and families**. While my goals for MOAA were higher, we can all be proud that our contributions have made this essential facility a reality with a mission to educate our youth on how our freedoms have been protected by those who served in uniform.

On behalf of the Trustees and staff at the VWM, may I express sincere appreciation to our MOAA contributors and like many in the military, I look forward to the official **opening of the Center in the fall of 2010**. I’m sure it will be an event to remember by members of the military community in the Commonwealth, as it is truly a state landmark to all Virginians and our Virginia military family.

FUND-RAISING CONTINUES!!

One of the VCOC/JLC 2010 State Legislative Objectives is to gain General Assembly support for an estimated \$1 million required for FF&E (Furniture Fixtures and Expenses) -including much needed added staff personnel) to carry out the mission of the VWM. If you have yet to make a contribution- NOW MAY BE THE TIME!! And for those who have already given, “you may wish to dig a little deeper”, now that the Education Center is a REALITY!!

Please send donations to: Harry Warner at the VWM, 621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220-6504. Please indicate on your contribution YOUR NAME, CHAPTER NAME and that you are a MOAA member.

Thanks again for supporting the VWM and honoring our MOAA friends Paul and Phyllis Galanti for their service and sacrifices over the years.

Also see **Virginia Projects** section of VCOC website:
VirginiaMOAA.com
VWM Web Site is <http://www.vawarmemorial.org/>



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