

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America

VCOC Quarterly Report, 1 July through 30 September 2011

<u>I. Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total Members</u>	<u>Give - Me - 10</u>
As of 1 January:	265	85	5	355	Free: 98
Gains:	5	0	0	5	Paid: 01
Losses:	15	10	0	25	Life: 00
As of 30 Sept:	255	75	5	335	Total: 99

II. Legislative Affairs: LTC Carroll Towey, the Northern Virginia Legislative Representative met with Mr. Chris Gaspar, the Military Affairs Staffer for Congressman James Moran in late August 2011. They discussed three MOAA and VCOC concerns: the “All Volunteer Force”, the future of the current military retirement system and the need to help veterans find a job. Mr. Gaspar said that Congressman Moran strongly supported all three issues and he would work to gain additional Congressional support.

III. Public Affairs: NOVA has put out several legislative alerts to our members that have an email account. We have covered current military issues at our monthly meetings.

IV. Chapter Vitality and Levels of Excellence:

a. *Levels of Excellence:* NOVA conducted this evaluation in late May, 2011. It indicated that the chapter needs an email point of contact. The NOVA score was 230 points.

b. *Chapter Self-Evaluation:* NOVA conducted this evaluation in early September, 2011 and found that the chapter needs to continue to work on its local public affairs program and to get our email list cleared and posted. The self-evaluation resulted in a score of 64.

V. Chapter Events: The chapter held only one regular meeting and one board meeting during the third quarter. The NOVA Chapter does not meet over the months of July and August. In September we had a presentation on “Militant Islamist Ideology” by CDR Youssef H. Aboul-Enein, an Adjunct Military Professor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and a Special Advisor on Islamist Militancy to the Secretary of Defense.

Submitted by:

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