

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America

VCOC Quarterly Report, 1 October through 31 December 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:	0	0	0	0	Paid: 01
Losses:	15	17	0	32	Life: 00
As of 30 Sept:	250	68	5	323	Total: 99

II. Legislative Affairs: Capt Ed Lawton, USAF, Ret., the Northern Virginia Legislative Representative, met with Mr. Chris Gaspar, the Military Affairs Staffer for Congressman James Moran in late October 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. LTC Towey, the Associate Legislative Representative, met with Senator Webb’s staff about MOAA’s concerns about Congress revising the current military retirement plan.

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 three meetings and three board meeting during the fourth quarter. In October we had a presentation on President James Monroe by Mr. Dennis Bigelow, an historical rein-actor. In November Mr. Alan Misenheimer, former Foreign Service Officer, provide us with an update on the “Arab Spring” events in the Mideast and in December we had our annual wrap-up meeting and Christmas Party.

Submitted by:

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