

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

43 Stars of Excellence (up from 39 last year)

for Nine Virginia Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
Congratulations to Virginia Council of Chapters' (VCOC's) winners in MOAA's Levels of Excellence (LOE) competition for excellence in 2009.



FOUR-star Awards (2): Heritage Hunt & Southwest Virginia chapters

FIVE-star Awards (7):

ACT NOW to earn your chapter LOE Award for 2010 (in 2011). Chapters compete against standards, not against each other. VCOC quarterly reports can help track progress.

**George C. Marshall
Hampton Roads
Mount Vernon
Potomac
Richmond Area
Southside Virginia
Virginia Peninsula**

VCOC president & presidents of chapters winning 2009 Levels of Excellence Awards will be invited to attend MOAA's Annual Meeting 14-16 Nov 2010. An Excellence Awards presentation (of flag streamers dated 2010) will be held at the MOAA annual meeting at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington. MOAA provides lodging and meals for winning council & chapter presidents and their spouses.

/ provided by VCOC 2nd & 3rd VPs

Charity Golf Tournament for Virginia Wounded Warrior Program

The **George C. Marshall Chapter's** (GCMC's) **Second Annual** Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) proved to be the 'pot of gold at the end of the rainbow' Aug 9th.

One hundred nineteen golfers participated at the Lexington Golf And Country Club including players from as far away as Washington, DC, Richmond, and Norfolk. Col **Barry Wright**, USA, Ret, of MOAA Council & Chapter Affairs noted "It was an absolutely great event with a fantastic turnout. **GCMC continues to be an excellent model for other chapters** who want to run similar events." It is anticipated that, after expenses, **over \$12,000** will be given to the VWWP at an upcoming chapter luncheon.

Fifty sponsors contributed \$100 to \$1,000. GCMC is particularly appreciative of the \$1,000 Major Sponsors led by the **Richmond Area Chapter** of MOAA, RADON Corporation, and HDT Engineered Technologies (formerly known as Base X Corp.). Sponsors were recognized with posters throughout the golf course and a half-page newspaper ad.

Prior to the 'shotgun start', GCMC President, LtCol Bob Hopkins, USAF, Ret, thanked participants and introduced four club members all of whom were awarded Purple Hearts for wounds received in Vietnam and who are residents of Rockbridge County, thus illustrating that Virginia's wounded warriors are everywhere among us.

/Ross Schmoll, Col, USAF, Ret, GCMC MOAA Public Affairs



Purple Heart Recipients, pictured.
From Left Retired officers: Col. James N. Joyner, USA, former Commandant of Cadets at Virginia Military Institute. Col. Michael Bissell, USA, Commandant of Cadets for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton - a Brigadier General in the Virginia Militia. Major General Thomas H. Tait, USA, founder of Lexington's George C. Marshall Chapter, MOAA. Lt. Col. Wallace E. Fogo, USMC, veteran of WW II, Korea and Vietnam, a long time Rockbridge County real estate broker.



Joyner, Bissell, Tait, Fogo

Above: LtCol **Bob Hopkins**, USAF, Ret, President of GCMC MOAA, addressed golfers. Hopkins reported "Not only did the turn-out maximize the entire golf course, it also was a fun event with a nice barbeque lunch and approximately \$1,000 in prizes. The golf format was Captain's Choice but one feature made it most interesting. That was the ability to purchase unlimited extra strokes or "mulligans" for \$5 each. One foursome used 7 mulligans to try to make a six foot putt and missed every one. Bad for them but \$35 more for the VWWP."

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