

## Central Virginia Legislative Caucus (state)

### Forum to be Held by Richmond Area Chapter 30 Sep 2010 at Virginia War Memorial

RAC/MOAA will host members of the General Assembly (GA) that form the Central Virginia Legislative Caucus. The chapter is also inviting Joint Leadership Council (JLC) sponsors of Priority Legislative Objectives (PLO's). JLC sponsors are responsible for position papers and obtaining patrons, so should be the most knowledgeable. VCOC Legislative Chair, Col Don Kaiserman, USA, Ret plans to cover this topic at VCOC Legislative meeting, 16 Sept, and suggest other Virginia chapters consider similar forums, possibly with several chapters collectively running a forum. "The RAC/MOAA forum has been well received by GA attendees and provides a great kick-off for VCOC & JLC Legislative programs" said Kaiserman, who is Vice President of the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC), as well as an active member of RAC/MOAA. Kaiserman will discuss results of the 2010 "RAC/MOAA Forum" at the October VCOC meeting. / provided by VCOC PAO

## NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**2010** Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) National Legislative Objectives adopted in January are working their way through the legislative process. FY2011 Defense Authorization Bill S 3454 is pending in the Senate. HR 5136 passed the House in May. FY2011 Appropriations Bills are in committee phase.



ISSUE	SENATE (S.3454)	HOUSE (H.R. 5136)	MOAA POSITION*
<b>Support Strong Defense Budget**</b>	Base is 3.6% of GDP. With OCO*** it is 4.6% of GDP	Base is 3.6% of GDP. With OCO*** it is 4.6% of GDP	Not included in current report
<b>Increase size of Ground Forces</b>	Matches increases in FY2011 budget request.	Matches increases in FY2011 budget request.	Not included in current report
<b>Congress not DoD to Control TRICARE Fees</b>	Bar TRICARE Standard in-patient fee increase for FY 2011	Prohibit TRICARE Prime, Standard, and pharmacy increases for FY 2011	Support House provision
<b>Survivor Benefit Plan/ Dependency &amp; Indemnity Compensation offset</b>	Sen. Bill Nelson is expected to introduce an amendment to repeal the offset	Extend Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance to qualifying "forgotten widows".	Support Senate amendment and House provision.
<b>Concurrent Receipt</b>	Majority Leader Harry Reid is expected to introduce an amendment similar to H.R. 4213	Separate bill H.R. 4213 would extend to severely disabled medical retirees with less than 20 years	Support H.R. 4213 as next step toward phasing out the VA offset for all disabled retirees

\* As reported in August 2010 issue of "Military Officer"

\*\* Although there are internal differences the base and OCO match the submitted budget.

\*\*\* Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)

**2011** VCOC legislative issues will be addressed at VCOC Legislative Committee meeting September 16, 2010 (for presentation to VCOC at October meeting). Agenda will include:

- Status on 2010 objectives
- Proposed MOAA 2010 Resolutions as reported in the August 2010 *Military Officer*
- Effects of various efforts to reduce Defense spending
- Draft initial 2011 objectives



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/ VCOC Legislative Committee Vice Chair for National Legislation: Stu Williams, COL, USA, Ret

## NEXT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 16 Sep 2010

The VCOC Legislative Committee will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, 16 September at the **Virginia Housing Authority Building** (adjacent to the Virginia War Memorial). All VCOC Legislative Reps, or one of their alternates are requested to attend for full representation of our 18 Chapters. Major items include development of the 2011 National Objectives, planning to support passage of the Constitutional Amendment, and completion of the carry-over items from the last meeting. All alternate Legislative Reps are welcome. Please **notify Don Kaiserman, by 9 September** if you plan to attend.



/ VCOC Legislative Committee Vice Chair, John Clickener, LTC, USMC, Ret