

**Virginia Peninsula Chapter (VIPMOAA)
VCOC Quarterly Report
1 October – 31 December 2011**

I. Membership:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>“GMT”</u>			
					<u>Free</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Tot</u>
As of 1 January:	293	95	0	388	39	34	1	74
Gains:	27	6	0	33				
Losses:	55	17	0	72				
As of 31 Dec :	265	84	0	349				

1. Gained 14 new members in 4th Qtr to include 8 members as part of MOAA’s new “pre-assign” program.
2. “GMT” stats reflect all submissions thru 12/31/11. We anticipate winning the \$1000 award for our Chapter Category (Cat 9)!

II. Legislative Affairs:

Nothing significant to report for this Quarter.

III. Public Affairs:

In 2011, VIPMOAA averaged more than an article per month published in local news papers. Most are short, with photos, but a full page article previously published in Peninsula Warrior (Fort Eustis/Langley AFB paper) was featured in "best press" display at VCOC biennial meeting (Oct). We have the most success with community newspapers like the town square sections of Daily Press and the Virginia Gazette featuring Williamsburg people and happenings. This quarter we also published two items in the Yorktown Crier. VIPMOAA Public Affairs Officer through Dec 2011, Melva Mallison, has asked to be replaced in 2012. No replacement found as of yet. Items published this quarter, include those listed below*. Additional articles submitted but not published this quarter include Melva's receipt of VCOC Minuteman award, VIPMOAA dozen at VCOC biennial, ROTC unit collected cell phones, December holiday meeting program and donation.

*Published: Photos and short stories about VIPMOAA participation in the VCOC biennial meeting (October) held at Patriots Colony Williamsburg (Gazette); Mary-Hunter Devlin's receipt of Communication Award - VIPMOAA newsletter (Gazette); George Fries received MOAA Leadership Award (Yorktown Crier); Commissioner of Veterans Services speaks to local Officers (Gazette). VIPMOAA participation in Honor Flight (Oct), cell phones for Soldiers - partnering with VPPSA (all in Gazette, plus Daily Press Hampton for Honor Flight), and VPPSA in Yorktown Crier; Virginia 58 stars of Excellence - VIPMOAA is 5-star chapter. (Gazette);

V. Chapter Vitality & Levels of Excellence:

The chapter remains actively engaged in the “Cell Phones For Soldiers” program and has collected over 635 phones so far. 9 chapter members showed up at the “Historic Triangle Community Center” in Williamsburg on Saturday morning, October 22nd, to participate in an “Honor Flight” “Send-Off” ceremony. It was obvious that the veterans who were traveling to Washington, D.C. were deeply moved by all those lining the streets and waving flags as the buses were departing.

V. Most Significant Chapter Event of the Quarter:

Lt. Col. Eric Endries, USA-Ret, the newly appointed Southeast Regional Manager for the Virginia “Wounded Warrior Program,” was the featured speaker at the chapter’s November dinner event held at the Langley Club. Lt. Col. Endries, who is a “wounded warrior,” gave an entertaining and informative presentation on the status of the program and the challenges he is facing reaching out to the veterans in the Southeast Region. The chapter presented a \$150 donation to him following his presentation.

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