

## Virginia Peninsula Chapter (VIPMOAA)

### VCOC Quarterly Report

1 July – 30 September 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>
<b>As of 1 January:</b>	293	95	0	<b>388</b>	39*	0	0
Gains:	15	4	0	19			
Losses :	55	17	0	72			
<b>As of 30 Sept :</b>	253	82	0	<b>335</b>			

Using list provided by MOAA, we mailed recruiting material to 22 “non-chapter members” in July and 32 in August to MOAA members who either moved into our chapter area or had changed their address. Have received NO replies as yet! Chapter handed out 60 “GMT” applications to newly commissioned Officers participating in a special “Transportation Officer” commissioning event at the Army Transportation Museum located at Ft Eustis, VA in July. Unfortunately, none have been returned.

#### II. Legislative Affairs:

Chapter continues to support VCOC’s Legislative efforts. Lt. Col. Stan Gorrell, USA-Ret, the chapter’s Legislative Chairman, was scheduled to meet with Sen John Warner (D) in August but had to reschedule to September because of “Hurricane Irene.” Unfortunately, Sen Warner was not available at the time of his visit but he did meet with Warner’s “National Security/military staff.” In addition, Stan met with Sen Warner’s “military outreach” representative in Norfolk on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and had a very productive session.

#### III. Public Affairs:

News releases were submitted and/or published on these subjects:

**July:** 6 July *Williamsburg Gazette* published Stan Gorrell with Rob Wittman Award at VCOC Congressional Luncheon. (Submitted in June)

**Aug:** Full page article in *Peninsula Warrior* (Fort Eustis/Langley AFB weekly paper) about VIPMOAA chapter members’ attendance at the Ft Monroe concert event, “Music Under The Stars.” The article also included two photos and info about the chapter’s September meeting. There was a large group photo in the *Gazette* and smaller photos in different “Community Town Square” sections of *Daily Press* (different photos identifying people from the different communities).

**Sep:** *Williamsburg Gazette* published article about VIPMOAA’S partnering with a Williamsburg Realtor in support of the “Cell Phones for Soldiers” collection effort the chapter is participating in. Additional “Cell Phone for Soldiers” article submitted but not yet published in other papers. Two other recent articles: Yorktown Officer receives Award from Military Officers Association (ROTC Chair George Fries) & Commissioner of Veterans Services speaks to local officers (submitted not yet published).

#### V. Chapter Vitality & Levels of Excellence:

The chapter was recognized as a “5 Star” Chapter for 2010 which is the eighth consecutive year it has been recognized for that award! The chapter remains actively engaged in the “Cell Phones For Soldiers” program and has collected 223 phones so far. We are participating with the Navy Federal Credit Union (along with the Hampton Roads Chapter) in this effort and have put collection boxes in all of their offices in our chapter area.

#### V. Most Significant Chapter Event of the Quarter:

68 chapter members and their guests attended a Chapter Luncheon held at Patriots Colony on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Guest speaker was Paul Galanti, Commissioner of Veterans Services, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Over 50 chapter members and their guests from the Hampton Roads, Portsmouth, and Virginia Peninsula chapters met at the Chamberlin on July 17<sup>th</sup> located on Ft Monroe for “Sunday Brunch.” (Several members of the Hampton Roads Chapter who planned to attend were unable to make it because of an accident in the infamous “Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.”) The VIPMOAA and Portsmouth chapters have been meeting “informally” for the last several years for “Sunday Brunch” at Ft Monroe and this is the first year the Hampton Roads Chapter participated.

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