

Hampton Roads Chapter Military Officers Association of America VCOC QUARTERLY REPORT

25 March – 27 June 2011

I. Membership:	Regular	Auxiliary	Honorary	Total	Give-Me-10 Free Paid
Life					
As of 1 January :	419	98	2	519	
Gains:					
Losses:	16	7		23	
As of 27 June :	403	91	2	496	52

II. Legislative Affairs: Chapter VCOC Rep and Recording Secretary attended and actively participated in the VCOC Congressional Appreciation Luncheon. Chapter Director of Legislative Affairs, Col Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret) attended Congressman Rigell’s Veterans Town Hall Meeting in May. He also participated in two Virginia Secretary of Veteran’s affairs meetings, five Virginia Dept. of Vet. Affairs board and committee meetings and attended the Virginia Wall of Honor ceremony on 26 May. He also attended the Virginia Bar Association meeting concerning veteran’s judicial procedures. Col Hilgers was active in VCOC Legislative Committee meeting in June and presented HRC initiatives. He also coordinated HRC response to VCOC Legislative Committee’s priority list of objectives and awards recommendations. Legislative activities were reported to chapter members in the Chapter Newsletter and website.

III. Public Affairs: PAO has established a chapter Facebook account (HRCMOAA) and is encouraging member participation. Other than articles sent to VCOC ,our Chapter PAO did submit news releases with pictures to the National MOAA about member participation in a “Gold Bar” Presentation and MOAA Booth at the Joint Warfighting Conference in Virginia Beach. Another release went to the Virginia Pilot about VCOC Virginia Congressional Recognition Luncheon in DC. To date, none have been printed.

IV. Chapter Vitality: HRC self-evaluation was conducted with a score of Excellent. (HRC has not developed a written set of goals for the year but will do so for the next year.)

V. Chapter Events: Chapter conducted regular monthly Saturday Breakfast Board meetings which were very productive.

Regular well-attended luncheon meetings were held. The most unique and educational program was a power point presentation by our Community Affairs Officer, assisted by others , about the multitude of chapter community service activities and noted the many opportunities to volunteer and take an active part.

Seven members participated in Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. HRC also coordinated ROTC and JNROTC color guard units to send off 24 Hampton Road Veterans participating in April 30 Honor Flight Program.

HRC members participated in 9 ROTC/NROTC and JNROTC ceremonies presenting MOAA Leadership awards. (3 universities and 10 high schools). Members also presented “Gold Bars” to 52 newly commissioned officers in two Army ROTC and three NROTC units.

In May, MOAA National sponsored an information /membership booth at the three days Joint Warfighting Conference in Virginia Beach. Several of our members assisted headquarters personnel in manning the booth. We are still waiting for MOAA to inform us of the number of new National members from our efforts - unfortunately no direct benefit to HRC.

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