

Virginia Peninsula Chapter (VIPMOAA)

VCOC Quarterly Report

1 April – 30 June

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>
As of 1 January:	293	95	0	388	39*	0	0
Gains:	9	3	0	12			
Losses :	48	16	0	64			
As of 30 June :	254	82	0	336			

* Submitted as of June 9th

Chapter participated in two recruiting activities during the Quarter. Set up “Recruiting” tables at the Langley AFB “Air Show” on May 22-24 and manned a table at the annual Ft Eustis “Retiree Appreciation Day” on Saturday, May 23rd. Results were disappointing as we only signed up 3 new “GMT” members and one new chapter member.

II. Legislative Affairs:

Seven chapter members attended the annual VCOC “Congressional Appreciation” Luncheon in Washington, DC on June 24th.

III. Public Affairs:

VIPMOAA Public Affairs Officer, Melva Mallison, sent news releases to local military (Peninsula Warrior, Casemate) and civilian (Daily Press, Williamsburg Gazette) newspapers on chapter participation in the following: Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia - April (published); Winery Outing Held; ROTC, JROTC awards pictures - April, May, June. Local Officers Briefed on Remotely Controlled Aircraft; Congressional Appreciation Luncheon - 7 VIPMOAA leaders - June. Frankie Gorrell took photos along with Melva at Congressional Luncheon and she sent two to Williamsburg Gazette, while Melva sent news releases on that subject to the other papers. The last Fort Monroe Casemate was published in early June. VCOC Council Crier featured VIPMOAA and other Virginia chapters work with Honor Flight Network. The chapter was also recognized along with the Hampton Roads Chapter in the May issue of the MOAA magazine, *Military Officer* (“Chapter Achievements” section,) for their joint recruiting effort in January at the US Army Reserve 80th Training Command Conference.

IV. Chapter Vitality & Levels of Excellence:

Previously submitted. The chapter has submitted a nomination package for the annual “Levels of Excellence” award.

This past April, the chapter also announced the establishment of new “*Military Service / Educational Scholarship Program*” fund. The fund, which will based on donations, will be used to support Military Community Service organizations such as “Wounded Warrior,” “Operation Homefront,” and the “Armed Services USO” and scholarships to JROTC high school seniors.

V. Most Significant Chapter Event of the Quarter:

Almost 80 chapter members and their guests attended our June Dinner event held at the Langley “Club” (formerly “Officers Club”). Col Willie Brandt, USAF, currently assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff J-5 Directorate, was the featured speaker and discussed the Air Force “Remotely Piloted Aircraft” program. He is especially knowledgeable of the topic since he was the first commander of the unit, 432d Operations Group / 432 Expeditionary Group, at Creech AFB, NV which is responsible for the mission.

It should also be mentioned that 14 chapter members were in Williamsburg on April 30th to help recognize and “send off” World War II veterans participating in the first “Honor Flight” event this year. Chapter members Cdr Fred Malvin, USN-Ret, and his wife, Donna, and Cdr Jack Greenhalgh, USN-Ret also volunteered to be escorts for the trip.

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