

**Virginia Peninsula Chapter (VIPMOAA)
 VCOC Quarterly Report
 1 October – 31 December 2010**

<u>I. Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>“GMT”</u>
As of 1 January:	293	95	0	388	0
Gains:	27	3	0	30	
Losses :	39	12			
As of 31 December:	281	86	0	367	80*

* 74 “Free” / 5 “Paid” / 1 “Life Conversion”: Tied for First Place in Chapter Category with Northern Virginia Chapter for total recruited. Led Category for “Free” memberships and was third with total number of “Paid” memberships.

II. Legislative Affairs:

(1) Made a “pro-active” effort to get the word out about the “Real Estate Tax” Amendment issue to include sending posters and “flyers” for the various Retirement facilities in the area. (2) Del. Robin Abbott (D-93) attended the chapter luncheon on November 18th and addressed the attendees. (3) Col. Jim Pauls, USAF-Ret, chapter president, attended a JLC-sponsored “Hampton Roads Legislative Forum” on November 19th with State Legislators from the Hampton Roads area on November 19th at the OMNI hotel in Newport News, VA. (4) The chapter has begun preparations for the VCOC “Storming” event in January. Chapter Board members have been assigned specific legislators to contact and legislative “objective” information packages have been prepared to send to them prior to the start of the 2011 Legislative session.

III. Public Affairs:

Continued to submit articles to the *Daily Press*, the (Williamsburg) *Gazette*, the Langley AFB-Ft Eustis weekly newspaper, *Peninsula Warrior*, and the Ft Monroe *Casemate* newspaper. Articles submitted and/or published this quarter include **OCT**: articles and pictures about VIPMOAA members supporting the “Honor Flight” event; the chapter’s 40th Anniversary celebration; Vote Yes on “100% Disabled” Real Estate Tax Constitutional Amendment. (not published, but three chapter-member “Letters to the Editor” about the tax issue were published in the *Daily Press*.) **NOV**: Article related to passage of “tax relief for 100% Disabled Vets.” Advanced notice about upcoming chapter events is generally sent to the “Community Activity” section editors of the various publications as well.

IV. Chapter Vitality & Levels of Excellence:

“Self-Evaluation”: Overall “score” of 65 for an “Outstanding” rating. Prime area of concern is, again, recruiting and retention. “Level of Excellence”: Chapter was recognized as a “5 Star” chapter for the seventh consecutive year in 2010. Fully expect to garner that same recognition again in 2011!

V. Most Significant Chapter Event of the Quarter:

Chapter held its annual “Business Meeting” in November. The chapter elected new officers, Del Robin Abbott attended,, and 13 chapter members were specially recognized for their contributions over the years. 3 received the MOAA “*Chairman’s Award*,” 3 received the MOAA “*President’s Award*,” 5 received the MOAA “*Leadership Award*,” and 2 were presented with a “*Certificate of Merit*.”

Added Note: Am saddened to also note that the chapter’s VCOC Representative for the last two years, Capt Roland Carr, USN-Ret, died on December 12th, 2010.

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