

**Central Virginia Chapter
2nd Semi-Annual Report
1 July 2024 – 31 December 2024**

| <u>I. Membership:</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Surviving Spouse</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| As of 31 Dec 2024: | 98 (includes 5 Exempt) | 19 (includes 2 Exempt) | 117 |
| Gains: | | | |
| Losses: | CDR Mary P. Batchellor, USN; Dr. White M. Wallenborn, USAF, LTC Bert Page, USA Ret. (All Deceased) | | |

II. Legislative Affairs:

- Advocacy in Action
- Other – Chapter engagement for the VMSDEP restoration by the State legislatures.
- CVC’s Joint Leadership Council (JLC) members, John Down and Dan Moy, contacted house members Katrina Callsen (54th), Amy Laufer (55th), and Tom Garrett (56th), as well as Sen. John McGuire (10th) to request fall meetings prior to the January 2025 Virginia Legislative Session.

III. Community Affairs:

- JROTC Involvement
- ROTC Gold-Bar Program
- Other:
 - Chapter President Captain John Warnecke, USN (Ret), presented the CVC MOAA commemorative wreath at the Albemarle County American Legion Veteran’s Day Ceremony.
 - Chapter Member COL James O’Kelley, USMC (Ret), was the keynote speaker at the Ablemarle County American Legion Veteran’s Day Ceremony.
 - Dr. Carolyn Still, CVC MOAA Membership Director, starred again in her annual and charitable performance as the *University of Virginia Witch-on-the-Lawn*, donating her time and resources. She, in conjunction with the UVA Women’s Club, purchased and delivered over \$600 in Halloween candy for the annual UVA Halloween event.
 - Dr. Still, in November and December, led a food collection drive for the New Directions Womens’ Shelter holiday meals.

IV. Levels of Excellence/Communication Awards:

V. Significant Chapter Events (Speakers, social activities, etc.):

Central Virginia Chapter returned from summer hiatus with a highly attended (58) and well received September presentation by the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, GEN Richard Myers, USAF (Retired).

October's luncheon featured Dr. Michael Dickens speaking on "Predicting Presidential Disabilities and Modern Medical Advances".

October also saw the 4th Annual Charlottesville Military Service Awards, featuring COL Jonathan E. Velasquez, National Programs Manager at the University of Virginia Office of Research Security.

There was no Chapter luncheon in November.

December saw the hosting of the Chapter's Holiday luncheon and featuring the wonderful Albemarle High School Choir to sing a melody of holiday songs and always culminating with the Service Songs.

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