

VCOC Membership Report  
2ndQtr. 1 April-30 June 2020

I. Chapter Membership: 17 Chapters with CSV Chapter disbanding 1 Jan 2020.

<u>Chapter</u> <u>Comments</u>	<u>31 Mar</u>	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>30 June</u>	
Central Virginia	203	0	19	184	
Falcons Landing	191	0	3	188	
Geo. C. Marshall	119	0	1	118	
Hampton Roads report	353		0		No
Heritage	67	0	4	63	
Heritage Hunt report	123 (31 Dec)				No
Mt. Vernon	229	1	0	230	
Northern Neck report	37 (31 Dec)				No
Northern Virginia Piedmont report	123 30 (31 Dec)	0	13	110	Satellite No
Portsmouth Area	74	4	0	77	
Potomac report	70 (31 Mar)				No
Richmond	390	0	48	342	
Shenandoah Valley					Inactive
Southside	85	0	1	84	
Southwest	104	3	0	107	
<u>Virginia Peninsula</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>274</u>	
Totals: (if no chg at chptrs not reported)	2435	8	139	1887	

II. Analysis and Summary:

a. 82% of chapters submitted VCOC membership reports this quarter, slightly better than last quarter.

b. With reinstatement of the VCOC dues this year, the membership numbers are the most accurate they have been in 5 yrs. I would recommend continuing this policy so VCOC gets the most accurate numbers at least annually if all chapters do not submit their quarterly reports.

c. Chapter losses strongly outnumber gains this quarter because of COVID-19 and no meetings/recruiting events, thus no MOAA recruiting award this quarter. I would recommend that chapters continue attempting to recruit new members during this Corona

virus lock-down as more people are at home. I would also suggest that VCOC not think about doing any recruiting awards until 2021.

d. All Chapters contacted to submit a report.

e. All Chapters need to give updated membership reports via their roster protocol. Please contact me or MOAA if you need any assistance.

f. **Total Chapter Membership in VCOC:** 2485 in 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. 2020, 1887 in 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. A significant drop in membership of **25%**. What can we do about that **DROP?**

### III. Most Significant Chapter Activities:

a. Central Virginia: Chapter signed and delivered all the award certificates to University of Virginia ROTC and Orange County H.S. JROTC, updated data membership, and conducted monthly meetings via teleconferencing.

b. Falcons Landing: Virtual meetings.

c. Geo. C. Marshall: Chapter scholarship via video presented to Rockbridge Cty. H.S. student, laid a wreath at Lexington Veterans Plaza on Memorial Day, and held meetings via Zoom.

d. Hampton Roads: No report.

e. Heritage: None reported.

f. Heritage Hunt: No report.

g. Mt. Vernon: Chapter awarded 3 ROTC/JROTC scholarships.

h. Northern Neck: Sent an email to their Chapter President, but he never replied.

i. Northern Virginia: None. All activities suspended because of COVID-19.

j. Piedmont: No report.

k. Portsmouth Area: All monthly meetings held via Zoom. LOE's submitted. JROTC/Scholarship awards awarded.

l. Potomac: Sent an email to Chapter Pres., but no reply. No Chapter Rep.

m. Richmond: Chapter awarded 2 ROTC Mel Drisko scholarships.

n. Shenandoah Valley: Chapter Rep. LTC Wm. Melvin told me that they were working with MOAA to disband the chapter.

o. Southside: Sarah Roper Memorial Scholarships & Grants have been awarded to 10 H.S. students. Other award ceremonies were canceled due to COVID-19; photos of recipients were submitted to the local newspapers.

p. Southwest: Chapter members placed a memorial wreath at Lee Plaza in Roanoke.

q. Virginia Peninsula: None with COVID-19.

IV. Chapter Press Releases: No major announcements with Corona virus lock-down.

V. Total Chapters reporting this quarter: 14 of 17.

VI. Last Word

It is with sincere regret that I must tender my resignation as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP VCOC Membership Chair effective 17 July 2020 due to family health issues with my dear mother. I have enjoyed my 5yr. tenure in this position, made many friends, and always appreciated the ability to serve in VCOC.

I will continue to serve in my chapter as the VCOC Representative.

Sincerely,

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