

Hampton Roads Chapter – MOAA

VCOC QUARTERLY REPORT (4th)  
1 October – 31 December 2022

<b>I. Membership</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Surviving Spouse</b>	<b>Honorary</b>	<b>Total</b>
As of 31 December:	244	47	1	292

Chapter is currently at 99.31% national MOAA members. Conducted numerous personal communications from BOD members to expiring and expired members.

**II. Legislative Affairs:** Chapter Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, Colonel Jack Hilgers, USMC (Ret), participated in a Virginia Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of Veterans Service Organizations' meetings in Richmond on 15 December 2022. The JLC legislative objectives were discussed and prioritized. The Chapter has remained engaged with the JLC on initiatives for the coming legislative session. We will work to support the final proposals once codified.

**III. Community Affairs:** In October the Chapter supported the 22 October, Old Dominion Honor Flight, Mission #3, which departed from the Mariner's Museum in Newport News. Students who supported the Old Dominion Honor Flight had breakfast with the veterans at 0545 with a departure from Newport News at 0630. Our coordination with the Hampton Roads Council of Veteran Organizations resulted in members taking part in Veterans Day activities in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. The Chapter provided support to Toys for Tots at our November luncheon. In addition, we supported the Army and Navy ROTC Departments for their Commissioning Ceremonies in December.

**IV. Levels of Excellence Award Scoring & Chapter Self-Evaluation Status:** HRCMOAA board has decided we will no longer self-nominate for MOAA Levels of Excellence or Communication Awards.

**V. Gold Bars Awarded to Newly Commissioned Senior ROTC Lieutenants:** Gold Bars were presented to newly commissioned military officers in December:

	<b>Old Dominion</b>	<b>Norfolk State</b>
Army	3	3
Navy	9	0
Marine Corps	1	0
Total	13	3

**VI. Most Significant Event(s) of the Quarter:** The chapter held our annual meeting of the membership and election at the November luncheon. This was also our Toys for Tots and ROTC Cadet recognition luncheon. A revised Constitution and By-Laws was adopted by the membership which incorporates the results of the Strategic Reorganization Committee's work during 2022. The Surviving Spouses held a Christmas Tea on December 1. On behalf of the board, the membership and the surviving spouses, the chapter president recognized outgoing Surviving Spouse Liaison and Board Director, Barb Smith, for her many years of service to the chapter and MOAA. Barb is stepping down from our board but will remain active in chapter and surviving spouse activities and events. Our previous luncheon venue has informed us they will reopen for our use starting in February 2023.

**VII. Note from the chapter president:** The topic of VCOC membership was on our agenda for our December board meeting held on December 3, 2022. We had input from several of our current and former board members who have been involved in VCOC over the years. There was a motion and vote regarding HRCMOAA's status with regard to VCOC in 2023 and the result was a decision to hold our chapter's membership in VCOC for calendar year 2023 in abeyance pending an effort to clarify and strengthen the relationship and clearly articulate what VCOC and the member chapters can and will do to the mutual benefit of both. This would include a clear explanation of measurable actions and goals to achieve the vision and strategy described in the VCOC Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

We regret that HRCMOAA will not be joining VCOC for the 2023 calendar year. The HRCMOAA board requests to be kept apprised of any future efforts to address our concerns so that we may re-engage and, pending a positive result from those efforts, reconsider the HRCMOAA board's decision regarding VCOC membership. It is our desire to have that happen early in the calendar year so our absence as a member chapter will be short in duration.

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