

**Hampton Roads Chapter – MOAA
VCOC QUARTERLY REPORT (1st)
1 January – 31 March 2020**

I. Membership	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
As of 1 January:	240	39	1	280
Gains:	39	16	0	55
Losses:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
As of 31 March:	279	55	1	335

Chapter is currently at 95.21% national MOAA members. COVID crisis has cancelled networking socials. Some 30 emails and 15 letters were sent to members whose memberships expired in 2019.

II. Legislative Affairs: HRCMOAA's nominations for Federal and State legislative awards were submitted to VCOC for consideration: Federal - Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) and State - Senator Bryce Reeves (R 17th). Our chapter's legislative chair, CDR Linc Smith, USN (Ret), continues to be extremely active in support of chapter, VCOC and MOAA national legislative agenda and priorities attending numerous events at the state and national level, including the 2020 JLC Storming, JLC Day, meetings with state senators and delegates, a reception in celebration of the repeal of the SBP DIC Offset legislation and numerous other events attended by elected officials and veterans. CDR Smith served as Master of Ceremonies for the Virginia General Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Caucus, Eighth Annual Military Appreciation Night, on 27 February hosted by the Military Caucus and Caucus Co-Chair Senator Bryce Reeves (R-17th) which was attended by multiple Virginia service organization members, elected officials and Veterans, Virginia Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax, Commander, Virginia National Guard Maj. Gen. Tim Williams, USA, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins and Department of Veterans Services Commissioner John Maxwell. On 3 March 2020, CDR Smith represented HRCMOAA during the testimony of MOAA Senior Director, Government Relations CDR Rene Campos, USNR (Ret) at the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and House Veterans Affairs Committee Joint Hearing. Virtual contact and presence with our Virginia delegation continues during the restrictions for personal contact imposed by the coronavirus.

III. Community Affairs: Annual MOAA Scholarship Fund effort continued by meeting the 2019 yearly goal of \$5,000 and moved forward in meeting the remaining balance in 2020 for the five-year total of \$25,000. The Chapter continued to support ROTC/JNROTC units virtually due to CORONAVIRUS -19. HRCMOAA has again supported the NJROTC Cavalier Drill Meet which is a competition between NJROTC units in the Greater Hampton Roads area. The chapter provided the funding for the trophies. On February 1st, our Chapter Community Affairs Chairman presented those trophies to the High School that was named the 2020 NJROTC Navy Regional Champions which again was Green Run High School NJROTC Drill Team. This quarter HRCMOAA also was in preparation for the 2nd quarter Leadership presentations to both the local ROTC and NJROTC cadets and midshipmen. Due to the present social distancing regulations and the closure of the Universities and high schools, this preparation has been delayed and drastically changed. The plans are now to present these medals and certificates remotely. The same type of remote events is being planned for the ROTC Gold Bar presentations for the graduation commissioning's.

IV. Levels of Excellence Award Scoring & Chapter Self-Evaluation Status:

Began assembly of the MOAA 5 Star Award for 2019 and awards for Chapter Print and Online newsletter. Chapter emphasis continues to focus on sustaining and increasing membership, support for legislative issues, and participation in community affairs. Marvin J. Harris award submitted to MOAA HQ for the chapter in February.

V. Gold Bars Awarded to Newly Commissioned Senior ROTC Lieutenants/Ensigns: Gold Bars will be presented virtually by the Staffs of the Army and Navy Senior ROTC Departments. Current projections are:

	<u>Old Dominion</u>	<u>Norfolk State</u>	<u>Virginia Wesleyan</u>
Army	19	7	1
Navy	17	0	0
Marine Corps	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	45	7	1

VI. Most Significant Event(s) of the Quarter: January's Chapter luncheon featured CAPT Lisa Mulligan, Commander Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA, as our guest speaker. All luncheons for both February, March and until further notice have been cancelled due to CORONAVIRUS -19.

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