

**Mount Vernon 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>
As of 1 Jan:	65	8	73
Gains:	0	0	0
Losses:	0	0	0
As of 30 Jun:	65	8	73
Gains:	0	0	0
Losses:	0	0	0
As of 31 Dec:	65	8	73

II. Legislative Affairs:

- Corresponded with the staffs of Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kane and Congressmen Don Beyer, Gerry Connolly, and Abigail Spanberger on MOAA's Advocacy in Action and 2024 Legislative Priorities.
- Corresponded with State Senator Adam Ebbin and Delegate Elizabeth Bennet-Parker on Joint Service Committee initiatives. The Constitutional Amendment to expand the current tax exemption so that it is available to all surviving spouses of soldiers who are determined by the U.S. Department of Defense to have died in the line of duty, including those who have been killed in action, was passed.

III. Community Affairs:

The Mount Vernon chapter participated in the Wreathes Across America event at the Alexandria National Cemetery.

IV. Levels of Excellence/Communication Awards:

The Mount Vernon Chapter received the 5-Star MOAA Levels of Excellent Award, the COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for Newsletter, and the COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for Website.

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

- The 25 September dinner meeting featured an outstanding presentation by Kris Battles, a Marine Corps Combat Artist, on the roles of Military Combat Artists.
- The 16 November Annual Business Meeting was addressed by guest speaker Col Diana Kupchella, USAF (Ret), Virginia Council of Chapters President, who spoke about the role of the VCOC and how it functions.

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