

**Portsmouth Area Chapter of MOAA  
VCOC 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report 2023  
October 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023**

<b>I.     <u>Membership:</u></b>	<b><u>Regular</u></b>	<b><u>Surviving Spouse</u></b>	<b><u>Honorary</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
As of 1 October 2023	52	13	0	65
Losses	0	0	0	0
Gains	3	0	0	3
As of 31 December 2023	55	13	0	68

**II.     Legislative Affairs:**

- a. **Numerous emails** sent to members per contacting legislators on Federal Legislative issues as well as updates in each monthly newsletter on Federal and/or Virginia legislative issues.

**III.    Community Affairs:**

- a. **CAPT Bruce LaLonde**, PACMOAA President, attended the October and November 2023 Portsmouth Mayors Military Affairs Committee Meetings.
- b. **Three PACMOAA Members, CAPT Bruce LaLonde, COL Hal Hostetler, and COL Irv Lindley** attended the City of Portsmouth Veteran’s Day Event on Nov 11, 2023
- c. **CAPT Bruce LaLonde:** Guest Speaker for the Portsmouth Catholic Regional School Veterans Day Event, Nov 13, 2023; attended Univ of Tennessee Veteran’s Alumni Recognition Event Nov 17, 2023; and Placed Flags on Veteran’s Graves at Portsmouth Catholic Cemetery on Day of Remembrance Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **3 PACMOAA Members, MAJ Ferki, CAPT Chenault, and Cpt Jones**, attended the Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Lake Prince Woods.
- e. **MAJ Sherry Ferki** gave an update on the Legislative Issues from MOAA, and State Level at the Lake Prince Woods Veterans Meetings in October and December.
- f. **PACMOAA Members** attended 2 car washes held by Churchland HS MCJROTC Cadets to raise funds for MCJROTC activities.
- g. **PACMOAA Members** contributed needed supplies to the Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless especially during the December PACMOAA Christmas Gala.
- h. **PACMOAA Members** contributed toys for the USMCR TOYS FOR TOTS program in December at the Christmas Gala.

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

None this Quarter

**V.     Gold Bars Awarded to Newly commissioned ROTC Officers:**

- a. None. PACMOAA has no programs in this area.

**VI.    Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter:**

1. **Held 3 in person Meetings:**
  - A. **October 12, 2023 Steve Zollos, CEO of the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia (SSSEVA)** gave a briefing on the Area Agency on Aging.
  - B. **November 9, 2023 PACMOAA Annual Business Meeting.** Election of new Officers and Leadership Reports to Membership.
  - C. **PACMOAA Annual Christmas Gala** with the Tidewater Concert Band, USMCJROTC Cadets

attending for TOYS for TOTS collection program, and Collections for the Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless.

2. **CAPT Bruce LaLonde, PACMOAA President, CDR Ken App, PACMOAA VCOC Rep, MAJ Sherry Ferki, VCOC Surviving Spouse Liaison, and Mrs. Mary Snyder, Surviving Spouse, PACMOAA Assistant Legislative VCOC Rep, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter VCOC Biennial Luncheon Virtual Meeting.** CDR App attended in person. Mrs. Snyder attended the Business Meeting virtually only.
  - A. **At the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Biennial Remembrance Memorial, CDR Ken App Read the names of the Member's and spouses who have passed since October 2021.**
  - B. **MAJ Sherry Ferki was Awarded The MOAA President's Award from MOAA President, LTG BK Kelly, for her continued and outstanding Leadership.**
  - C. **CDR Ken App was Presented the MOAA Leadership Award from LTG BK Kelly, for his Leadership and Perseverance in the COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Competition resulting in 33 Chapters Nationwide upgraded to a 5 Star Award, from a 4 Star Award.**
  - D. **MAJ Sherry Ferki, USA was elected and sworn in as the new VCOC Treasurer. CDR Ken App was appointed to the new Finance Committee and CAPT Bruce LaLonde will serve as an advisor to the Committee.**
3. **CAPT Bruce LaLonde** attended the virtual MOAA Chapter Roundtable in October and **MAJ Sherry Ferki** in November.
4. **MAJ Sherry Ferki** attended the MUSNAVC (MOAA Uninformed Services Nurse Advocate Virtual Chapter) meetings in October and November and the MOAA State Legislative Forum also in October.

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