

Richmond Area Chapter  
VCOC 2024 Report  
1 Jan – 31 December 2024

## **I. Membership**

As of 30 June 2024, total active chapter membership was 205 paid and 4 honorary. The paid membership breakdown included 179 military and 26 surviving spouse members. As of 31 December, total active membership was 204 paid and 4 honorary for a total of 208 members.

## **II. Legislative Affairs**

Our Advocacy in Action included our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Legislative Forum. It was conducted via morning and afternoon zooms. Presenters for each JLC initiative were RACMOAA board members. We had an excellent turnout of state legislators and JLC personnel.

## **III. Public Affairs**

Thanks to our new Publicity Chair MAJ Nahm, we are getting publicity in several local publications.

## **IV. Awards**

RAC-MOAA was again awarded the 5-Star MOAA Levels of Excellent Award, the COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for the RAC-MOAA Newsletter, and the COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for the RAC-MOAA Website. Board member LtCol Curt Powell USMC Ret was awarded Veteran of the Year by the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District by Congresswomen Jennifer McClellan.

## **V. ROTC/JROTC Awards**

We look forward to continuing supporting our 25 area high schools and six colleges after the holidays.

## **VI. Significant Chapter Events**

In September we hosted a member meeting and luncheon at the Virginia War Memorial. Our guest speaker was Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veteran Services Steven Combs, who provided an overview of DVS services and highlighted recent initiatives. The luncheon and presentation concluded with guided tours of the VWM.

In November we hosted a member meeting and lunch buffet. The guest speaker was Jim Triesler. Jim is an award-winning educator who serves as the Director of Education for the Virginia War Memorial and as Historian for the National Battle of the Bulge Association.

In December we held our signature annual event – our Gala – at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Holiday decoration, music and a gourmet buffet were included. Our featured program speaker was RACMOAA member Paul Willard, MAJ, USAF, Ret.

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