

**Richmond Area Chapter  
VCOC 2022 Q2 Report  
Apr-Jun 2022**

I. Membership

As of June 29, total paid chapter membership was 251. The membership breakdown includes 221 military and 30 surviving spouse members.

II. Legislative Affairs

The chapter actively participated in VCOC 2022 MOAA Advocacy in Action. Chapter members presented and discussed the three top MOAA legislative priorities with the offices of Representatives McEachin, Spanberger, and Wittman. Reports and photos were submitted to VCOC and MOAA.

III. Public Affairs

On May 18th, the chapter held a Member Dinner Meeting and Annual JROTC Night at Meadowbrook Country Club. This year the chapter received and reviewed two nominations for our chapter's Mel Drisko Leader-Scholar Award from the following individuals:

- Cadet Dimick D. Sides from Mechanicsville High School NJROTC - Senior Instructor, CDR Peter T. Greenwald, USN (Ret)
- Cadet Ethan F. Henry from James River High School NJROTC - Senior Instructor, LT Brad LaFontaine, USN (Ret)

Both individuals were currently serving as Commanding Officers for their respective JROTC units and had outstanding academic records and glowing letters of recommendation.

Cadet Sides accepted a nomination to the VMI Class of 2026 and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Cadet Henry earned an academic scholarship to Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA, and plans to major in Nursing. He will be a member of the Moravian University ROTC, one of the 11 institutions that make up the Army ROTC Steel Battalion Program hosted at Lehigh University.

Cadet Henry was present at the dinner meeting to receive recognition and his Award Certificate and \$1000 check with his family and Senior Instructor. Attendees enjoyed hearing from the winner and members of his family including his grandfather, MAJ Harry Roye, a chapter member.

Cadet Sides received his Award Certificate and \$1000 check presented by RACMOAA the same night at his high school's award ceremony.

IV. Awards

Our chapter received the MOAA Level of Excellence Award for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

V. ROTC/JROTC Awards

In addition to the two Leader-Scholar Awards mentioned above, efforts continued to maintain communications with our 25 Richmond area high schools and award JROTC Medals to rising seniors in school award ceremonies. Due to scheduling challenges, a couple school medals will be awarded to identified recipients in the Fall.

VI. Significant Chapter Events

The JROTC Award Program efforts were the most significant chapter events in Q2 2022.

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