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Awards Policy
Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC)
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

I. GENERAL:

This awards policy will apply to awards presented by the Virginia Council of Chapters. Under this policy, no standing Awards Committee is required. The criteria and manner of determining recipients is specified. If necessary, votes from council members may be conducted via electronic mail. This policy will apply until such time as it is superseded or amended by vote of the Council members.

- a. All decisions on awards will be determined by a majority vote of the Council.
- b. All award costs are to be included in the annual budget.

II. MINUTE MAN AWARD (MOAA National Headquarters):

The Minute Man Award has been a VCOC award since 2001. It has traditionally been awarded to a deserving individual at MOAA National Headquarters. This award shall be presented to the individual at MOAA National Headquarters (herein referred to as MOAA HQ) who has demonstrated outstanding consistent support for our Virginia chapters and our military/veterans community. Nominations for this award will be solicited from all council members and are due 14 days prior to the 2nd Quarter VCOC Meeting. This award will normally be presented annually at the Congressional Appreciation Luncheon in Washington, D.C. This is a rotating award with the name of the new awardee affixed to the Minute Man statue. The Mount Vernon Chapter has the responsibility to recover the statue from MOAA HQ and have the new nameplate affixed to the statue.

III. MINUTE MAN AWARD (VCOC):

This award is a statue similar to the statue of the Minute Man Award (National MOAA HQ). It is a rotating award presented every two years. The recipient's name is added to the statue and the same statue is presented to the next recipient. This award is made to an individual who is a member of the Virginia Council of Chapters. It may be awarded to Chapter Representatives, Legislative Representatives, elected officers or appointed officers who serve at the Council level. The presentation will normally be made at the biennial dinner in the odd numbered years. The criteria for this award shall be for the person who has contributed the most to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives

of the Virginia Council of Chapters. Nominations will be solicited from all Council members and are due 14 days prior to the 3rd Quarter VCOC Meeting.

IV. LEGISLATIVE AWARDS:

The VCOC will make awards to legislators at both the national and state level *when warranted*. These awards are reserved for only those legislators who have made truly outstanding contributions affecting our military and veterans' communities. Nominations for "Legislator of the Year" awards at both the national and state level may be recommended by the VCOC Legislative Committee or any chapter. The Legislator of the Year award trophy/symbol will be determined by the Council and may change as funds required and product availability change.

a. National. Awards to congressional legislators, if any, will be presented at the annual Congressional Appreciation Luncheon. The nomination and vote for this award will normally be made at the VCOC meeting prior to the Congressional Appreciation Luncheon in the spring of each year.

b. State. Awards to state legislators, if any, will normally be presented by the chapters with the most constituents in that legislator's district. However, an appropriate VCOC function and venue may also be used.

V. IMPACT AWARDS:

Impact awards for meritorious service to recognize specific contributions by members of the VCOC may be submitted by any VCOC officer or chapter. These types of awards may consist of those certificates of recognition and pins provided by MOAA HQ or other items as determined by the Council. Recommendations for recognition of meritorious service from any council member is encouraged. Awards for "service only" on the VCOC (e.g. so called "end of tour" awards) will not normally be sufficient criteria for an award for meritorious service. Chapters may desire to recognize VCOC service in their chapter awards program.



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