

VCOC Membership Report
1st Qtr. 1 Jan-31 Mar 2020

I. Chapter Membership: 17 Chapters with CSV Chapter disbanding 1 Jan 2020.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>31 Dec</u>	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>31 Mar</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Central Shenandoah Valley	39				Disbanded 1 Jan 2020
Central Virginia	199	4	0	203	
Falcons Landing	191	0	3	188	
Geo. C. Marshall	119	1	2	118	
Hampton Roads	280	55	0	353	
Heritage	65	3	1	67	
Heritage Hunt	123			(123)	No report
Mt. Vernon	229	0	0	229	
Northern Neck	37			(37)	No report
Northern Virginia	123	0	0	123	
Piedmont	30			(30)	No report
Portsmouth Area	70	3	0	73	
Potomac	70	1	2	69	
Richmond	390	0	2	388	
Shenandoah Valley					No report
Southside	95	0	10	85	
Southwest	99	6	1	104	
<u>Virginia Peninsula</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>274</u>	
Totals:	2435	73	23	2485 (if no chg at chptrs not reported)	

II. Analysis and Summary:

a. 76.4% of chapters submitted VCOC membership reports this quarter—better than usual, 50%-60% over the past several years.

b. With reinstatement of the VCOC dues this year, the membership numbers are the most accurate they have been in 6 yrs. I would recommend continuing this policy so VCOC gets the most accurate numbers at least annually if all chapters do not submit their quarterly reports.

c. Chapter gains outnumber losses overall, but this is mainly the result of the large gain at the Hampton Roads Chapter; otherwise, there would be a net loss of 5 beyond the loss of 39 from the Central Shenandoah Chapter disbandment. I would recommend that chapters continue attempting to recruit new members during this Corona virus lock-down as more people are at home. I have noticed a sizable increase local membership in my own chapter with additional members in April. Almost double new members for us this quarter—a record over the last 10 yrs. I would like to know if other chapters are also experiencing an increase.

III. Most Significant Chapter Activities:

- a. Central Virginia: Presentation about Frank Peregro, WWII Medal of Honor recipient and Charlottesville native, VCOC nominations of Congressman Rigglesman and State Senator Reeves for Legislators-of-the-Year Awards and a GAIN presentation by Dr. Michael Balazs, an expert in artificial intelligence.
- b. Falcons Landing: Presentation by MajGen Duff Rice: The Humorous Side of the Marine Corps.
- c. Geo. C. Marshall: Chief of Police of Lexington about planning for COVID-19.
- d. Hampton Roads: Jan. speaker: CAPT Lisa Mulligan, Commander Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.
- e. Heritage: None reported.
- f. Mt. Vernon: JROTC candidate packets were reviewed by scholarship committee. Chapter member COL Bob Patrick conducted a Veterans History Project interview for submission to the Library of Congress.
- g. Northern Virginia: Jan. mtg. Speaker: LTC Daniel Green on Near East Policy. Feb. mtg. speaker: Cynthia Watson from the National War College.
- h. Portsmouth Area: Installation of new officers in Jan. by VCOC President Col William Boyd Nix. Patriots Colony Recruiting Event for 18 March with HRC and VIPMOAA cancelled because of COVID-19; reschedule date pending.
- i. Potomac: Installation of new officers by VCOC President Col William Boyd Nix.
- j. Richmond: Feb. Annual Memorial Service for deceased members.
- k. Southside: Death of MG Eugene Stillions USA (Ret) former Commander Fort Lee; chapter scholarship deadline extended to 30 March; \$15,000 was also programmed for distribution to scholarship and grant recipients next quarter.
- l. Southwest: Jan. program by Dr. Peter F. Coogan, Assoc. Professor of History at Hollins University on Viet-Nam and the role played by the political and military leadership in the Americanization of the war.

m. Virginia Peninsula: Feb. lincheon at Hampton Yacht Club. Speaker Paul Harris, Senior Vice President, Hampton University and former Congressman for Virginia.

IV. Chapter Press Releases: No major announcements with Corona virus lock-down.

V. Total Chapters reporting this quarter: 13 of 17.