

**Richmond Area Chapter
VCOC 2023 Q1 Report
Jan-Mar 2023**

I. Membership

As of March 14th, total active chapter membership was 226 paid and 4 honorary. The paid membership breakdown includes 202 military and 24 surviving spouse members.

II. Legislative Affairs

Multiple members continued to attend virtual General Assembly Military Caucus Meetings and keep members informed of progress on the 2023 JLC Initiatives. Several members also attended the 13th Annual Military Appreciation Night sponsored by the caucus at the VWM on the evening of February 16th. The chapter plans to again participate in VCOC 2023 Advocacy in Action.

III. Public Affairs

The chapter held two member events at Meadowbrook Country Club this quarter:

- a. January 29th – Member Brunch Meeting with guest speaker, Jim Triesler, Virginia War Memorial Director of Education and Battle of the Bulge Association Historian, describing the experiences of the Army Air Corps over Europe during World War II. In keeping with our chapter's tradition, a memorial service was conducted to honor and remember six members who passed away during 2022.
- b. March 15th – Member Dinner Meeting with guest speaker, COL Christopher Noe, a senior active-duty transportation officer stationed at the Pentagon, providing a highly informative update on current military postures. Of note, COL Noe is the son of one of our members, CDR Clifford Noe.

IV. Awards

Our chapter submitted applications for the MOAA Communication Awards for our newsletter and website by the February 1st deadline. Current efforts are ongoing for submission for the MOAA Level of Excellence Award before the May 1st deadline.

V. ROTC/JROTC Awards

Efforts have begun in earnest for busy spring activities with our JROTC program. With 24 high schools to support, provide top cadets with medals and certificates, and promote our Drisko Leader-Scholar awards, it's a big job, and board members and general members have been summoned to accomplish it.

VI. Significant Chapter Events

Two member meetings and ongoing legislative efforts with the 2023 General Assembly were all highlights/significant events this quarter.

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