

The Virginia Peninsula Chapter (VIPMOAA)
1st Quarter Report
1 January to March 31, 2022

1. <u>Membership</u>	Regular	Surviving Spouses	Honorary	Total
As of 1 January	182	49	1	231
As of 31 March	179	50	1	229

Most Significant Chapter Events this Quarter:

New Officers Sworn in January:

President: COL. Jim Pauls USA (Ret)

Vice President: COL Ron Corson USA (Ret)

Secretary: LtCOL Thomas Sliwoski USA (Ret)

Treasurer COL Jim O'Connell USA (Ret)

Chris Hall spoke at our Hampton Roads luncheon. He was named Hampton Roads District Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in April 2018. As District Engineer, he oversaw a \$4 B dollar roadway construction, maintenance, and operations program for nearly 10,000 lane miles of interstate, primary and secondary roads serving the Hampton Roads region. The Hampton Roads District includes the counties of Accomack, Greensville, Isle of Wight, James City, Northampton, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, and York. A licensed professional engineer in Virginia, Chris has nearly 30 years of leadership experience as an Engineer Officer in the United States Army. He recently served as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Commander for the St. Louis District, overseeing the maintenance and operations of strategic inland and navigation and water control infrastructure worth approximately \$15B, as well as leading the execution of a \$300 million construction program. Chris earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Military Institute, a master's degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a master's in strategic studies from the United States Army War College. He and his wife Laura have been married 29 years, have 4 children, and are residents of Hampton VA.

We welcomed Dr. Edward Jackson to talk about the design and development of the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington DC. Dr. Jackson served as the

Executive Architect for the Washington, DC, Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial Project Foundation., Inc from 1996 to 2011. Throughout his career, he has held numerous positions of responsibility, President of ArchD Consulting Ltd; Director of Applied Research, The American Institute of Architects; Senior Architect, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. Dr. Jackson holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Illinois, and a Doctor of Architecture from the University of Michigan. The Martin Luther King, Jr., memorial opened August 22, 2011 with the combined efforts of the international design competition winner's concept for the memorial, a Chinese sculptor who brought the memorial to life, and the work of countless people to get the job done right. The MLK memorial is a literal depiction from a line in Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech, "...out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope." The memorial is a boulder representing the mountain of despair with the stone of hope pushed forward with Dr. King coming out of the front of the stone.

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