

**HERITAGE HUNT CHAPTER, VCOC – MOAA**  
**Quarterly Report**  
**October 1-December 31, 2023**

<b><u>I. Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Regular</u></b>	<b><u>Surviving Spouses</u></b>	<b><u>Honorary</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
As of Oct. 1:	74	8	1	83
Losses:	0	0	0	0
Gains:	2	0	0	2
As of Dec: 31	76	8	1	85

**II. Legislative Affairs:**

a. Navy Lt. Cmdr. James Beavers, chapter president, participated in a VCOC meeting on Oct. 25.

**III. Public Affairs:**

a. Published quarterly newsletter, the Clarion, on Oct. 31.

**IV. Levels of Excellence Award Scoring & Chapter Self-Evaluation Status:**

Self-Evaluation Status: Excellent

**V. This chapter does not participate in the Gold Bars program.**

**VI. Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter:**

a. Navy Capt. Jerry Manley raised his service's flag Oct. 13 on the Navy birthday.

b. Lt. Col. Clyde Woods raised his service's flag Nov. 10 on the Marine Corps birthday.

c. The chapter donated \$1,000 to the Sweats 4 Virginia Vets program during the quarter. Navy Capt. Dennis Corrigan, chapter treasurer, and his wife, Celeste, founders of the project in Virginia, delivered 725 sweat suits among the three Virginia VA hospitals. The project is in its fifth year. In addition, for the second year, the program was able to provide 47 afghan blankets to the two Commonwealth of Virginia Veteran Care Centers for wheelchair-bound individuals. The centers are next door to the VA hospitals in Richmond and Salem-Roanoke.

d. The Clarion, the chapter newsletter, received its fifth consecutive 5-Star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award. Army Col. Bernie Ziegler is the editor.

e. On Dec. 7 the chapter held its Christmas social with 85 attending. Following the popular performance by the Battlefield High School Choir, Capt. Corrigan presented a \$500 check to Amy Meyers, Booster Club president. Navy Capt. Don Belanus, past president, donated his \$127 raffle winnings to the scholarship fund. Cmdr. Lincoln Smith, outgoing VCOC president, swore in officers for 2024: Lt. Cmdr. Beavers, president; Army Col. Bernie Ellis, first vice president; Navy CW02 Merle Jacobsen, second vice president; Navy Lt. Cmdr. Don Rusch, secretary; and Navy Capt. Peter Wright, director.

f. Col. Ziegler was appointed to a vacant director's office at the chapter's Dec. 12 meeting.

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