

**Central Virginia Chapter, VCOC – MOAA
1st Quarter Report from CVC/MOAA
1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022**

<u>I. Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Surviving Spouses</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
As of 31 Dec:	138	16	4	158
Gains:	0	0	0	0
Losses:	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
 As of 31 Mar:	138	16	4	158

Gains: None
 Deaths: None
 Resignations: None
 Moved: None
 Surviving Spouses Gains: None

II. Legislative Affairs:

- A. John Down and Wes Loffert attended the VCOC LegCom meeting on 14 January via Zoom. COL (Ret) Monti Zimmerman reported on the Joint Leadership Council initiatives supported by the legislative committee. Our local initiative for JLC #2 HB 957 (surviving spouses of those who died while on active duty property tax exemption) passed.
- B. The military retirement issue that has been a long standing desire to move forward and it was advanced with HB 1128 and SB 528 – pending an upcoming Special Budget Session. HB 1128 exempts the first \$20,000 for tax year 2021; \$30,000 in 2022; and \$40,000 by 2024. SB 528 establishes the \$40,000 exemption immediately for 2022.
- C. John Down, acting as Legislative Chair, attended the training session on March 24th PM for the MOAA 2022 “Advocacy in Action” program. The three key issues for advocacy are the Major Richard Star Act (HR 1282/S344), the Stop Co-Pay Overpay Act (HR4824), and the Military Pay Raise (Goal: 4.6% across the board).
- D. **Upcoming soon:**
 - 1. Next VCOC LegCom virtual meeting 4 April 2022.
 - 2. JLC Meeting #1 for 2022 on 12 May 2022.

III. Public Affairs:

- A. Surviving Spouse member continues to serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors until permanent Secretary is appointed or elected.

- B. Directors voted to wave the 2022 annual dues for those members who paid dues in 2021
- C. Chapter made a significant charity donation to the Veteran Services Foundation
- D. Chapter submitted Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award application for 2021 printed newsletter and website.

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

- A. 5 Star LOE
- B. Self-evaluation, 5 Star.
- C. 5 Star for Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award

V. Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter:

- A. The Chapter held an in-door luncheon event on March 24th. The guest speaker was Mr. Neil Wiley. Mr. Wiley provided his perspectives on the current conflict between Russia and the Ukraine and a glimpse into Putin's rationale for the invasion. A spirited Q&A followed his formal presentation. Neil Wiley retired from government service in 2021 with 38 years' experience in the national security arena. He most recently served at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) as chairman of the National Intelligence Council. In that capacity, he was responsible for leading the council's analysis across the intelligence community to inform national policy deliberations.
- B. The Chapter continues to publish its newsletter, *The Bugle*, during the pandemic despite the cancellation of most Chapter social functions and community activities. The newsletter is once again being printed and mailed monthly to all Chapter members and is posted on the Chapter's webpage. It is also mailed to other Chapters, the VCOC, and a number of other VSO's.
- C. The Chapter Personal Affairs Officer prepared and submitted the Chapter's nomination for the Col. Marvin Harris Award for our outstanding newsletter and webmaster support.
- D. The Chapter continues to work to find a member willing to serve as Chapter President. We are faced with an ever-aging membership, and newcomers are also in that demographic as well. The result is that it has been very difficult to encourage a member who is willing or able to lead the Chapter this year. Former President John Down is now the Vice President and is Acting President until 30 April 2022.

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