

GEORGE C. MARSHALL CHAPTER, VCOC - MOAA
1st Semi-Annual Report
1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024

I. <u>Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
As of 1 January 2024:	98	4	10	112
Gains:	5	0	0	5
Losses:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
As of 30 Jun 2024	103	4	9	116

II. Legislative Affairs: The Chapter’s Legislative Affairs Representative has continued to attend VCOC Legislative Affairs meetings and advise the Chapter Board of Directors of legislative issues of interest to the membership.

III. Public Affairs: In the first quarter, we were notified by Ms. Blair Drake, managing editor of MOAA magazine, that the photo and article on GCMC accomplishments we submitted for possible publication “...would be a great fit for our new expanded chapters section in the June issue of *Military Officer*.” **It did appear.** In the second quarter, we had excellent coverage including photos in the News-Gazette of the Memorial Day ceremony we hosted for the City of Lexington and Rockbridge County.

IV. Chapter Vitality and Levels of Excellence:

- (a) Levels of Excellence: We were selected for 5-star status and are awaiting the mailing of the appurtenances for our chapter flag. We are also waiting for a new streamer since ours is filled. Apparently, they are out of stock at MOAA.
- (b) Self-Evaluation: we currently rate ourselves 64 (Outstanding). Areas of emphasis continue to be the Transition Assistance Program as well as membership within the very small active duty component in the ROTC departments of VMI. We continue to have challenges in our recruitment initiatives among the ROTC staff.

V. Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter: Our February dinner program, the menu for which was a Mardis Gras theme, was presented by honorary chapter member Colonel (Virginia Militia) John Brodie and elements of the VMI Glee Club. It was a rousing success. Our April lunch program included presentation of the MOAA medal to four VMI cadets (one from each service) and a presentation by chapter member Joe Price on the volunteer World War II Airborne Demonstration Team which jumped over Normandy on 6 June. Our June dinner was a presentation by Col. (USAF-Ret.) Bob Hopkins on the Tet Offensive from a pilot’s perspective. We also enjoyed bi-monthly happy hours at local establishments.

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