

**Mount Vernon Chapter, MVC – MOAA
Quarterly Report – 1st Quarter
January – 31 March 2020**

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| <u>I. Membership:</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Surviving Spouse</u> | <u>Honorary</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| As of 1 January | 194 | 35 | | 229 |
| Gains | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Losses | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| As of 31 March | 194 | 35 | | 229 |

- II. **Legislative Affairs:** Legislative Chair/VCOC Representative CDR John Prevar, USN (Ret) participated in the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Storming of the Virginia General Assembly on 15 January. LCDR Marty Schaller, USN (Ret) represented the chapter at the 3 March Joint Session of the United States Senate and House of Representatives Veterans Affairs Committees, at which MOAA and six other veterans’ organizations presented testimony. CDR Prevar kept membership informed on legislative issues during the period by reports given at meetings, newsletter articles, and the chapter website. He also corresponded regularly with and provided chapter newsletters to staff for US Senators Warner and Kaine and Representatives Beyer, Connolly, and Wexton.
- III. **Chapter Vitality & Levels of Excellence:** Mount Vernon Chapter won a Five Star Award for both newsletter and website in MOAA’s 2019 Marvin J. Harris Communications Award contest.
- IV. **Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter:** (1) MVC’S JROTC Scholarship Program, led by LCDR Marty Schaller, USN (Ret), proceeded despite the COVID-19 outbreak: candidate packets were reviewed by the scholarship committee, but candidate interviews were dispensed with; awardees will be announced in May. (2) Unfortunately, the JROTC Awards Program, headed up by Lt Col Bill Kehoe, USAF (Ret), had to be cancelled. (3) MVC member COL Bob Patrick, USA (Ret) conducted a Veterans History Project interview for submission to the Library of Congress. He interviewed WW II Veteran Bill Ammann, who served at Clark Air Base, Philippines, as a teletype operator in directing air support to front-line troops, and later was at Gen. MacArthur’s Hqs in Tokyo, writing officers’ missives. (4) The chapter’s March dinner meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions; the topic, Estate Planning 101, to have been presented by Phil Kenney, JD, CFP, will be scheduled for a later meeting. (5) The chapter was kept informed on DoD and local base commanders’ COVID-19 guidance and policies through email blasts and the chapter’s website and newsletter.

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