VIRGINIA PENINSULA CHAPTER (VIPMOAA) VCOC 3rd QUARTER REPORT 1 APRIL – 1 JUNE 2023

I. MEMBERSHIP:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Sur Spouses</u>	<u>Hon</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 April	187	53	1	241
31 June:	190	56	1	246

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY:

May:

Chapter representatives participated in ROTC Commissioning events at Hampton University, Christopher Newport, and William & Mary University and presented a set of 2/LT Bars and a MOAA Certificate to a total of 22 newly commissioned officers during the school's commissioning ceremonies.

Chapter representatives also attended JROTC Award ceremonies at two of the **eleven** High Schools in our region who have JROTC programs. They presented a Junior Cadet from each of the schools with a VIPMOAA "Leadership Award" Certificate and a \$50 Gift Card and a Senior Cadet from each school with a \$1000 Scholarship.

ROTC PMS's and selected cadets from the Hampton and Christopher University ROTC programs were the chapter guests at our Monthly event. Each PMS gave a brief explanation of their unit's programs followed by brief presentations from the cadets.

June:

Chapter representatives participated in JROTC Award programs at the nine remaining High Schools we support to include the presentation of "Leadership Award" Certificates, \$50 Gift Certificates, and \$1000 Scholarships. We were able to award a total of \$550 for "Gift Cards" and \$11,000 in scholarships to JROTC students in our region this year!

New chapter member, Captain Kathleen Jabs, USNR-Ret, who was recently selected to be the (first!) "Special Assistant to the William & Mary University President for Military and Veterans Affairs," was the Guest Speaker at our monthly June event. She gave an update on all the activities W&M is involved in related to active and retired military members and Veterans and how the school wants to expand on their support for them.

The chapter also supported a special "100th Birthday" celebration for chapter member, Ruth Rowland! She is the THIRD chapter member to achieve this "status" in the last two years!!