

**Central Virginia Chapter, VCOC – MOAA
4th Quarter Report from CVC/MOAA
1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022**

<u>I. Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Surviving Spouses</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
As of 31 Sep	139	17	4	160
Gains:	0	0	0	0
Losses:	<u>3</u>	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
As of 31 Dec:	136	17	4	157

Gains: 0

Deaths: Victor “Vic” Pena, COL USA (Ret)

Resignations: None

Moved: William M. Flanders, Capt USCG; Richard Brooks, Col USAF

Surviving Spouses Losses: 0

II. Legislative Affairs:

- A. Col (Ret) Dan Moy, USAF assumed the role as CVC BOD Chair for the Legislative Committee. John Down remained on the committee and continued to serve as VCOC Chapter representative along with Wes Loffert. John Down also continued to served as MOAA’s representative on the JLC.
- B. Dan Moy and John Down attended the 15th Richmond Area Chapter Legislative Forum conducted via Zoom on December 8th. The meeting presented the JLC’s legislative priorities for 2023. Attendees included representation from a host of member offices and notable participation by Delegates John McGuire, Betsy Carr, and Buddy Fowler; Senators Siobhan Dunnivant and Frank Ruff; and DVS Director of Policy and Planning, Claudia Flores.
- C. John Down attended the JLC meeting on December 15th; the JLC rank-ordered its six legislative priorities for 2023.
- D. In advance of the 2023 Session, and in support of the JLC’s six legislative priority initiatives, the CVC Legislative Committee requested meetings with 2 state delegates (John McGuire and Rob Bell) and 3 senators (Mark Peake, Bryce Reeves, and Bill DeSteph). The committee received invitations from Senators Peake and DeSteph and Delegate Bell to review the JLC’s prioritized list.
- E. Dan Moy and John Down met with Senator Mark Peake and his assistant, Ashley Layman at the senator’s office in Lynchburg on December 16th. The discussion

highlighted the JLC’s top priority—changing the language for spouse tax relief conditions from Armed Forces member “killed in action” to “killed on active duty.” We also highlighted Governor Youngkin’s strong support of three of the JLC’s six initiatives:

1. JLC 2023-03: Removal of Age Requirement for Income Tax Subtraction. Would eliminate age 55 to gain an exemption of military retirement income from Virginia state income tax.
2. JLC 2023-04: Increase General Fund (GF) for State Veterans Cemeteries and thereby Eliminate Spouse Burial Fees of \$400.
3. JLC 2023-05: Virginia National Guard Free or Reduced Fee Admission to State Parks.

Sen. Peake indicated an interest in serving as a patron or co-patron for 3 or 4 of the six and would communicate with us at a later point as to which ones.

F. The Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet with Delegate Rob Bell and is following up with Senator DeSteph’s office to meet via Zoom concerning 2023 Session priorities.

G. Upcoming soon:

1. Next VCOC meeting 18 Jan 23

III. Public Affairs:

A. No changes.

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

A. 5 Star LOE for Chapter

B. Self-evaluation, 5 Star.

C. 5 Star for Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award

V. Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter:

A. None

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