

The Virginia Peninsula Chapter (VIPMOAA)
4th Quarterly Report
1 October to 31 December 2021

<u>I. Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Surviving Spouses</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
As of 1 July:	184	47	1	231
As of 30 September:	182	49	1	231

II. Legislative Affairs:

III. Public Affairs:

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

V. Gold Bars Awarded to Newly Commissioned Sr. ROTC 2nd Lieutenants:

None this quarter

VI. Most Significant Chapter Event(s) of the Quarter:

Our annual Holiday luncheon meeting on December 16th was at Governors Land and we present our gifts to the local organizations which we support. Generous donations given by one of our members allowed us to present \$1600 check to the Fisher House at Portsmouth Naval Hospital and a \$600 check to the Liberty Lounge at Colonial Williamsburg. The Chapter's \$350 gifts for this year were each given to Liberty Lounge, Fisher House, Honor Flight and the USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia. We also presented monetary awards during the year to the local JROTC and ROTC programs at William & Mary University, Christopher Newport University, and Hampton University.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOROTHY!

Dorothy Wanke is a surviving spouse member of our chapter since 1990. Dorothy was born in India of English parents. Dorothy's sister worked at the Red Cross in New Delhi and persuaded her to attend the Valentine Day dance at the American officers' club, where she met her future husband –Irvin Wanke, U S Army Corps of Engineers, China/Burma/ India Headquarters WWII, Pacific Theatre. He was connected with building the Burma Road, the pipeline to Kunming, China and enlarging the DumDum airfield, north of Calcutta, to house the B-29s. She and Irvin married in 1946 and raised their family of a son and daughter as Irvin continued his military service. When Irvin retired in 1960 they moved to Newport News and in 2008 moved to

Riverside's Warwick Forest. Dorothy attended four William and Mary College summer sessions in music for credit; took piano lessons; instructed 8 private piano pupils; and volunteered for 14 years as organist and choir Mistress at her church, St. Stephens Episcopal. In 2013 Dorothy published *Doro, Daughter of the British Raj* recounting her life growing up in India. Dorothy and Irv were avid golfers. She has 3 "Holes-in-one" to her credit, and at age 75 shot a 73! She played on the James River Country Club VA State Golf Team that competed on some of the finest courses throughout the state. She was the JRCC Senior Champion at age 79, 82 and 84. She received over 100 birthday cards in celebration!

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