

**Richmond Area Chapter
VCOC 2021 Q3 Report
Oct-Dec 2021**

- I. Membership
As of December 14, 2021, total paid chapter membership was 281. The membership breakdown includes 247 military and 34 surviving spouse members.

- II. Legislative Affairs
RACMOAA conducted its 14th Annual Legislative Forum in two Zoom sessions hosted by MAJ Mariah White, USA (Ret) and Legislative Chair, on December 14th at 0730 and 1500. A total of 20 state legislators, their aides, key DVS representatives, and MOAA members participated in these sessions. Multiple legislators including Delegates Dawn Adams, Betsy Carr, and Scott Wyatt, volunteered to co-patron individual 2022 initiatives following the sessions. An article was submitted for the VCOC Crier.

- III. Public Affairs
On November 3rd, the chapter held a dinner meeting at Meadowbrook Country Club featuring a special guest speaker, John Maxwell, Commissioner of Virginia Department of Veteran Services, Retired Navy Captain, US Naval Academy graduate, and a former P-3C Naval Flight Officer. On December 11th, the chapter hosted 75 members and guests for a Special Holiday Gala at Meadowbrook Country Club.

- IV. Awards
At the October VCOC Biennial Meeting, MOAA Outstanding Service Awards were announced for COL Vince Cammarata, USA (Ret), for exceptional VCOC legal counsel and support, and to LTC Ken Ruppard, USA (Ret), for exceptional service as VCOC Chaplain. COL Mark Rich, USA (Ret) accepted the awards as neither were able to attend. A MOAA Leadership Award was presented to CAPT Mary Lou Wassel, USNR (Ret), for outstanding service as VCOC First Vice President of Communications.

- V. ROTC/JROTC Awards
No updates this quarter.

- VI. Significant Chapter Events
The highly successful Holiday Gala and 14th Annual Legislative Forums in December were the most significant chapter events in Q4 2021.

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