

**Richmond Area Chapter
VCOC 2022 Q1 Report
Jan-Mar 2022**

- I. **Membership**
As of April 10, total paid chapter membership was 250. The membership breakdown includes 219 military and 31 surviving spouse members.

- II. **Legislative Affairs**
Multiple members continued to attend virtual General Assembly Military Caucus Meetings and keep members informed of progress on the 2022 JLC Initiatives. The chapter agreed to again participate in VCOC 2022 Advocacy in Action.

- III. **Public Affairs**
On March 16th, the chapter held a Member Dinner Meeting and Memorial Service attended by 59 members and guests. The guest speaker for this dinner meeting featured Jim Triesler, an award-winning educator who serves as the Director of Education for the Virginia War Memorial and as Historian for the National Battle of the Bulge Association. During his presentation, *Voices of WWII*, he shared stories of WWII soldiers from numerous interviews and letters he has performed and collected over the years. The evening concluded with a solemn Memorial Ceremony with TAPS honoring sixteen members who passed during 2020 and 2021.

The chapter also made a \$300 donation to the Richmond Chapter of MOWW toward their Youth Leadership Conference (YLC).

- IV. **Awards**
Our chapter applied for the MOAA Communication Awards for newsletter and website by the February 1st deadline. Plans are underway to submit for the MOAA Level of Excellence Award by the May 1st deadline.

- V. **ROTC/JROTC Awards**
Efforts continue to maintain communications with our 25 Richmond area high schools. While schools have begun resuming in-person classes, it's unclear how much participation has been possible for JROTC activities. Our chapter is still hopeful of receiving applications for our Leader-Scholar Awards in May. ROTC and JROTC Awards have been ordered in advance for presentations.

- VI. **Significant Chapter Events**
The March 16th Dinner and Memorial Ceremony finally honoring the 16 members who passed over 2020 & 2021 was the most significant chapter events in Q1 2022.

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