

MEMBERSHIP as of 21 April 2011: Regular 253 + Auxiliary 81 = Total **334**

WELCOME NEW MEMBER CLAIR SCHWOB,
LTC, USAF, RET of Warwick Forrest, Newport News.

TAPS:

FRANCIS (Frank) McCARDELL
CW3, USA, Ret. 15 April 2011
Yorktown Virginia



Be sure to notify Membership Chair of any changes to address, phone number, email address, rank, marital status etc, so that membership roster (and newsletter mailing labels) can be kept current. See contact info for Membership Chair & other VIPMOAA leaders on page 2 of this newsletter.

ROTC

LTC Blair Smith (USA, RET), of VIPMOAA is pictured at far right, congratulating Cadet Danny Ferucchi on receiving the MOAA Medal at the annual Hampton University ROTC awards ceremony.

The lower right photo shows VIPMOAA's COL Ernest Hinojosa (USA, RET) presenting the medal to Cadet Daniel Carlomany at The William & Mary awards ceremony. Both cadets also received \$100 bonds from VIPMOAA.

VIPMOAA ROTC/JROTC Awards CoChairs COLs Fries & Merski



Photos by Blair Smith and Norm Merski

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

To the VIPMOAA Board of Directors and Membership,

It is with sincere regret that I must inform you of my need to resign as your Newsletter Editor. Due to increasing health issues, I am unable to continue in this capacity. I say "regret" from both personal and organizational view points.

From a personal viewpoint, I truly regret having to take this action. I have totally enjoyed my two years as your Newsletter Editor. It has given me an opportunity to become involved in the VIPMOAA organization and to use my editing skills in a useful manner after "retirement." But more importantly, it has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with so many enjoyable and interesting people.

I say from an organizational level because I know that it has been difficult to find someone to take on this task. I would like to say that it isn't as daunting as it may seem. It does take some time and a bit of patience, but you receive a lot of help and a great deal of satisfaction when the product comes together.

For any of you who think you may be interested in giving it a try, I can tell you that you would be providing the organization a valuable service. The Newsletter is the most formidable means that the Board of Directors has for getting "the word" out to the Membership. Most of the Editor's job is to compile the information provided by contributors. The contributors provide most of the articles, such as Prez Sez, Legislative Buzz, ROTC, Program, etc. Most require little editing or modification by the editor. Our VIPMOAA/VCOOC PAO provides most of the pictures and news from VCOOC.

I will be available to provide assistance to the new editor (as my health permits) until such time as he/she becomes comfortable with the process. I hope that we can transition this transfer such that our membership may continue to receive the VIPMOAA news and activities in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Mary-Hunter Devlin
Editor, VIPMOAA Newsletter
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MOAA recently announced 2010 Communication Awards.
**Mary-Hunter's VIPMOAA Newsletters
WON A MOAA AWARD!**