

VIPMOAA GOES TO COLLEGE



WMU/CNU ROTC cadets, pictured April 2011 *photos by Norm Merski*

OUR NEXT LEADERS

"When attending these ROTC events, it is reassuring to observe the excellent leadership, motivation and quality of the young men and women being developed in our local college & High School programs. We are in good hands."

Norm Merski said, at VIPMOAA board meeting, May 12th.



VMU/CNU 2011 CADETS

COMMISSIONING – ARMY ROTC

Spring Commissioning Ceremonies were held at **Hampton University, Christopher Newport University, and the College of William & Mary** in May. On May 7th, eleven ROTC grads at Hampton University received a set of Gold Bars, a certificate, and a complimentary 1-year MOAA membership. Alumnus LTC Blair Smith, (USA, RET) did the honors for VIPMOAA. Six days later, on May 13th, Col George Fries, (USAF, Ret) presented five newly commissioned CNU grads their MOAA-provided gold bars and their one year membership in MOAA. A day later, five ROTC graduating seniors from the College of William and Mary and one individual on scholarship to medical school were commissioned (see photo page 12). CDR Fred Malvin, (USN, RET), presented the MOAA Gold Bars and one year MOAA membership to these new lieutenants. More info about newly commissioned officers will be in a future VIPMOAA Newsletter.

/George Fries, Col, USAF, Ret, VIPMOAA ROTC/JROTC Awards Co-Chair



MG Walter L. Davis at podium is the Deputy Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center, United States Army TRADOC, Fort Monroe. MG Davis is a distinguished military graduate of William & Mary (1979).

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Lt Rampp, pinned by brothers. He was also saluted by his Grandfather at the commissioning.



Lt Brady with family. Her father Swore her in.

It is an honor to be a part of VIPMOAA's awards program, as parents and family see their young person receive an award, or commission. George & Norm seek **a new team** to coordinate VIPMOAA's ROTC/JROTC and gold bars **next school year**, as they will both be out of the area in the critical time frame. See contact info about ROTC/JROTC co-chairs on page 2, right column.

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