



## THE VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

*Of the Chapters, By the Chapters and For the Chapters*

Our chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is one of **eighteen** Virginia MOAA chapters which are all affiliated with the Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC). Notice that it's a council "of chapters." - Chapter leaders work together on the VCOC to further the goals and objectives they set together for Virginia chapters and their members. Chapter presidents each appoint a chapter rep to vote / represent the chapter at the VCOC. VIPMOAA's president, Frank Duckett, appointed Jim Pauls, VIPMOAA Immediate Past President, to be

our chapter's VCOC Rep. The VCOC has several committees, consisting of leaders from 18 Virginia chapters. Stan Gorrell is the Primary Legislative Rep for VIPMOAA on the VCOC Legislative Committee. VIPMOAA Membership Chair, Don Klovstad, is on the VCOC Membership Committee. Melva Mallison, as VIPMOAA's Public Affairs Officer, is on the VCOC Public Affairs committee (she chairs the committee).

### GOALS:

**IMPROVE CHAPTER VITALITY & EXCELLENCE**  
**IMPROVE LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS**  
**IMPROVE RECRUITING - Members & Leaders**  
**IMPROVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, in local Media**

More info about 4 goals & **18 objectives**, on website at: <http://virginiamoaa.com/homevcoc/goalsobjectives.html>

Chapters pay annual dues to the VCOC of less than one dollar per member. Dues help support meeting locations & supplies, the annual Virginia Congressional Luncheon, storming the state capitol in Richmond (all Virginia chapters participate in these events), awards such as to Virginia state or national legislators, VAVET, publishing the VCOC quarterly newsletter, *The Council Crier* and the hosting package for VCOC website VirginiaMOAA.com.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – 13 OCT 2011:** The 2011 VCOC biennial dinner meeting is projected for October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Petersburg Golf & Country Club. The dinner will be a great chance to network with members of other Virginia chapters. VIPMOAA hosted the biennial meetings in October 2007 at Fort Monroe - with 115 at dinner. Let's show VIPMOAA support at the other location as well. Watch for more info about the once-every-two-years VCOC biennial dinner, which will be open to all Virginia chapter members (and their spouses or dates).



The VCOC elects officers for two-year terms to serve all Virginia chapters collectively. VIPMOAA's Blair Smith, is a past president of the VCOC. VIPMOAA's Lee Dymont, served many 2-year terms as VCOC Treasurer. VIPMOAA's Melva Mallison is an elected officer of the VCOC since 2008 (currently 2<sup>nd</sup> VP). A past president of VIPMOAA, Melva is also serving as an appointed member of the VCOC board since 2006 (Public Affairs Officer, Web Manager & Editor of the VCOC newsletter). But she is not available to serve on the VCOC after 2011.

### To run for VCOC board of 2012 - 2013,

please advise VCOC Nominating Committee Chair by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011:  
Pat Green, LTC, USA, Ret,  
Immediate Past President, VCOC MOAA  
(540) 345-8521  
[hokie69@aol.com](mailto:hokie69@aol.com)

or notify VIPMOAA  
President or VCOC Rep  
(see VIPMOAA contact info, page 2)



**The next VCOC term begins 1 January 2012.** As with the local chapter, VCOC leaders are un-paid volunteers. Regular or auxiliary (surviving spouse) members may occupy VCOC positions – as long as they are members of Virginia chapters. VCOC elected positions are: President, Vice President (VP), 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Treasurer, Secretary (and Immediate Past President from prior term's presidency). Appointed positions include: Auxiliary Liaison, Public Affairs Officer, Legislative Chair, Membership Chair and Reps to the Joint Leadership Council (primary & alternate).

**Elections will be Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at the VCOC biennial meeting,** which also includes a memorial service for chapter members who passed away since the last biennial. Elected VCOC leaders will be installed at a dinner meeting that night open to members of all Virginia chapters, and their spouses or guests.

## CURIOUS ABOUT OTHER CHAPTERS IN VIRGINIA?

See VCOC Website, chapters section: <http://virginiamoaa.com/chapters.html>

There are over 40,000 MOAA members in Virginia.

About 10% are also members of a Virginia chapter.

**VCOC  
WEBSITE:  
VirginiaMOAA.com**

*photo and story by Melva Mallison, VCOC MOAA 2<sup>ND</sup> VP*