

VCOC AUXILIARY LIAISON

JOAN BAKER WASHBURN,

Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) Auxiliary Liaison, Joan Washburn, has been her chapter's Auxiliary Liaison since her husband, Naval Commander John C. Washburn, died in 2005. She accepted the VCOC appointment effective January 2011. Joan said " It is beneficial to widows to know that they are valued and still have a place of great significance and influence after their military husbands are gone. It is my hope that as a member of VCOC I would have a voice to inspire other auxiliary members to be creative and dedicated to MOAA's priority issues." Joan is a long-time active member of the VCOC Legislative Committee. In April she stormed the Capitol in Washington DC with VCOC president, COL Sam Wilder, USA, Ret and other state and national MOAA leaders. Joan is also on national MOAA's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee. A member of Southwest Virginia Chapter, Joan lives in Roanoke.



Joan Washburn pictured at 6 April meeting of the VCOC MOAA.
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VIPMOAA NEEDS AN AUXILIARY LIAISON

This is a very important and rewarding position held in esteem by MOAA entities, be they at National, Council or Chapter level. At the April VCOC meeting, VIPMOAA President Frank Duckett conversed with VCOC Auxiliary Liaison Joan Washburn about credentials necessary to be a chapter Auxiliary Liaison. Joan related that, while it may be ideal for an Auxiliary Liaison to be a widow/widower, it is far more important to have someone to **represent the viewpoint of the spouse and family and be a voice on the Chapter Board of Directors**. Joan said she would be most willing to explain the duties and provide advice and assistance in any way she could. The Liaison should have email and access to the Internet. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to talk about becoming the VIPMOAA Auxiliary Liaison, please contact Frank via phone or e-mail. See contact info on page 2.



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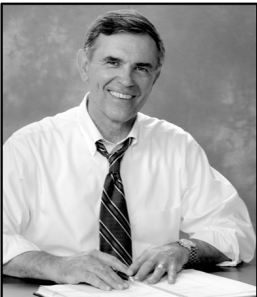
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