



## MOAA VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS BIENNIAL DINNER

The Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) held their biennial dinner at Patriots Colony, **Williamsburg** on Thursday Oct 13th. **Chapter members and spouses of all 18 Virginia chapters attended** this once-every-two-year event. MOAA President, VADM Norb Ryan was the guest speaker and installed new VCOC officers for 2012-2013 (elected at the VCOC board meeting earlier that day).

Photo, courtesy of VCOC MOAA, taken by VCOC's newly elected 3rd VP for the upcoming 2012-13 term, Stu Williams, COL, USA, Ret, of Mount Vernon Virginia Chapter MOAA.

### MINUTEMAN AWARD TO VIPMOAA WOMAN



VCOC, consisting of leaders from Virginia's 18 MOAA chapters, voted for our own Melva Mallison to receive the council Minuteman Award. The award statue for "Outstanding Service." was presented by VCOC president COL Sam Wilder, USA, Ret, the previous recipient. Mallison was also recognized for her six years service as VCOC Public Affairs Officer, chair of VCOC Public Affairs committee, web manager (VirginiaMOAA.com) and five years as newsletter editor of *The Council Crier*. She earned MOAA Communication Awards for the VCOC each year, including this year for best council legislative coverage in council newsletter and website. Mallison serves as VCOC Second Vice President in 2010-2011. She is the first woman to receive the VCOC council Minuteman Award since its inception in 1988. Melva Mallison, Maj, USAF, Ret, a past president of our chapter, is the first council minuteman recipient from the Air Force. She said she felt like woman of the hour!

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