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“Thank God – every morning when you get up – that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best, will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle never know.” *Charles Kingsley*



Did you know that the United States is losing World War II veterans at a rate of 1,200 per day? That is one very good reason why it is important for VIPMOAA to support the Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia (HFHTVA) efforts to see that all WWII veterans who have not already visited the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. get the opportunity, free of charge, to visit the memorial built in their honor. We have supported HFHTVA efforts as volunteer guardians accompanying the veterans, as parking attendants, and as roadside greeters and flag waivers during their bus departures. We will have the opportunity to do so again on Saturday, October 22nd when the next group of veterans is transported to the WWII Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico. See page 9 for details concerning the trip. Note that the departure point has changed from recent trips. The Williamsburg buses will depart from the Historic Triangle Community Service Center, 312 Waller Mill Road, which is in the vicinity of the K-Mart store and Peking Restaurant. Please make it a priority to come out and join VIPMOAA in helping these “greatest generation” veterans start their meaningful day.

Several more members have contributed to the chapter Military Community Service/Scholarship Fund and contributions now total \$365.00. Thanks to those of you who have contributed and we encourage those of you who are thinking about it to help us climb toward our 2011 goal before year’s end. As before, contributors will be listed when contributions have reached the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Diamond level. See Page 5 of this Newsletter for current donor listings.

If you are like me, you thought you had your national income taxes all figured out for 2011 and had calculated the correct amount of withholding from your retirement pay. You could be in for a surprise, though, come tax time next year when you notice that you actually received 13 paydays in 2011 rather than the usual 12. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service explains what prompted this change in an article appearing on page 8 of this newsletter. MOAA is lobbying Capitol Hill to urge leaders to protect against an unexpected tax liability based on this situation.

Cell Phones for Soldiers update. As of late September, 215 cell phones have been submitted by VIPMOAA in support of this program. We will be collecting used cell phones through January 2012, so you still have time to turn in your used cell phone(s) by bringing it/them to one of our meetings, board meetings or giving them to someone who will attend one of these meetings. If that is not convenient for you, you may drop them off at any Navy Federal Credit Union or at the Williamsburg William E. Wood Realtors Office and we will be credited.

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