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“Always be yourself because the people that matter don’t mind... and the ones that mind don’t matter.”

Author Unknown



Let me share some good news with you. Your chapter was recently notified by National MOAA that VIPMOAA has been selected as a 2010 5-Star Levels of Excellence Award winner, which National MOAA reserves for the “very, very best chapters”. This is the eighth year in a row that VIPMOAA has received this award, preceded by a 4-Star Award the prior year. This clearly places your chapter as one of the very, very best in the country and one of which you can be justifiably proud. Take pride in yourselves also, for this award is earned only through a joint effort of the membership. The award will be presented at MOAA’s Annual Meeting in San Antonio this October.

You may wonder what it takes to become a 5-Star chapter. There is objective scoring and there is subjective scoring, with 120 points possible in each section. You must obtain at least 220 points out of the possible 240 points to be recognized as a 5-Star chapter. The objective scoring is based on a standard set of rating criteria. The chapter rates itself based on the criteria and National MOAA validates the responses. It breaks down like this:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
• All elected officers members of MOAA	10
• Percent of Regular Membership members of MOAA	0 to 25
• Current membership roster provided to MOAA Chapter Affairs	0 to 20
• Was current list of chapter officers sent to MOAA	15
• Does chapter have a designated Legislative Liaison	5
• Does chapter have designated E-Mail POC	5
• Does chapter sponsor at least 12 programs/events per year	25
• Did chapter publish at least 6 newsletters during the year	10

The subjective portion amounts to a narrative outlining chapter efforts at legislative, recruiting, and Personal Affairs programs, as well as projects and programs that enhanced the image of the chapter and MOAA throughout the year. The latter includes membership in and participation with your state council as well as community support activities (JROTC/ROTC, scholarship activities, etc.). Again, you must score at least 220 out of the possible 240 points to achieve 5-Star status. So you can see that it takes a lot of time and effort, but chapter members have produced for the last eight years and I tip my hat to you; especially Immediate Past President Jim Pauls, the 2010 elected officers, and the Board of Directors for this award was earned on their watch. Please help me keep it going.

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