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“The road to success is always under construction”

Author Unknown



Our collection efforts for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program has been initiated and is off to an admirable start, considering that we have only had one meeting following publication of our involvement in this program in the March Newsletter. At the March meeting, there were 27 cell phones deposited in our meeting collection box. Vice President John Harms said he had 5 more from Patriots Colony to turn in. I will keep you advised of our progress and I feel confident that we can exceed our goal of recycling 40 cell phones for approximately 2400 free minutes of talk time for our fighting men and women. For those who still have cell phones to donate, you can bring them to one of our monthly chapter meetings, look for the collection boxes as Warwick Forest or Patriots Colony, or give them to one of the officers listed on page 2 of our Newsletters. And thanks for your support.

Switching gears, you will notice an entry on the Chapter events reservation form where members can add a monetary amount for our newly established program to help support worthy causes for the military community and/or JROTC scholarships. There is also an address listed where you can send a contribution separately to our Fort Eustis address. Full details regarding this program are outlined in the document headed Military Community Service/Educational Scholarship Program on page 4 of this newsletter. You will note that we have established five levels of giving which will be tabulated and upgraded as contributions are made. The VIPMOAA Board of Directors has established an initial goal of \$6,000 to be collected by year's end to initiate this program in calendar year 2012. Similar projects have been successfully conducted in other chapters around the nation and I feel confident that VIPMOAAans will meet this challenge and display their generosity and spirit of giving.

Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia will be making another trip to Washington, D.C. on April 30th to take our World War II veterans to the WWII Memorial and other venues. Organizers are asking for our support to see the vets off and honor their service and sacrifices by displaying US flags and smiling, waving or saluting as they get on the 2 buses and depart the area. The Williamsburg departure point will be at Colonial Heritage and departure is scheduled for 0715. VIPMOAA members usually arrive by 0630 to gather and visit with the veterans; then stand by the roadway to see them off (see page 8 for more details). After that, most will go to breakfast together in the local area. Here's hoping for a good crowd to cheer them off.

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