

**Mount Vernon Chapter, MVC - MOAA
Quarterly Report – 1st Quarter
1 January – 31 March 2016**

<u>I. Membership:</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
As of 1 January	270	51	1	322
Gains	13	1		14
Losses	5			5
As of 31 March	278	52	1	331

II. Legislative Affairs: Legislative chair COL Stu Williams, USA Ret. kept members informed on legislative issues during the period by reports given at meetings, newsletter articles, and the website. He provided the JLC priorities for the session of the Virginia Legislature in 2016 and the MOAA legislative priorities for the US Congress. Due to inclement weather, MVC membership was unable to participate in January in the Storming of the Hill in Richmond; however chapter members were kept abreast of pending legislations and advised to contact legislators on our own.

II. Public Affairs: MVC submitted its newsletter, *The Despatch* and website for consideration for the annual MOAA Communications Awards.

IV. Chapter Vitality & Levels of Excellence: a. Mount Vernon Chapter earned designation as a 5 Star Level of Excellence (LOE) Chapter for the 12th year in a row in 2014. MVC submitted its LOE award packet on time and expects to again be designated a 5-Star LOE Chapter for 2015.

V. Gold Bar Award Program for ROTC Second Lieutenants: MVC does not have a Senior ROTC program in its area of responsibility therefore is unable to participate in this program.

VI. Most Significant Chapter Events of the Quarter: At its January monthly meeting, MVC received an interesting presentation on the Veterans History Project (VHP) of the Library of Congress by COL Bob Patrick, USA(ret), the VHP Director and MVC member. In February, MSgt Stacia Novy, USAF, enlightened the chapter on her passion for wildlife. She is an expert on falcons and other birds and has been involved in many important reclamation projects. In March, MVC was honored to have CPT Eugene “Red” McDaniel speak on his 6 year experience as a POW during the Vietnam War. He covered his book “Scars & Stripes” which is a very moving account of his experience.

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