

Enclosure 1

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (VIPMOAA), hereafter called VIPMOAA or Chapter.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

- To uphold the Constitution of the United States of America (USA), to enhance respect of Country and Flag, and to support the forces of law and order.
- To support establishment and maintenance of sufficient military active duty, Reserve Forces, and National Guard forces to provide for the adequate defense of the USA, its territories, and protectorates.
- To inform VIPMOAA members, their adult family members, and their survivors, about federal and state active duty, reserve, and retired military pay and entitlements, benefit programs administered by federal and state veterans' administrations, relevant federal and state legislation and policies, financial and estate planning, and other pertinent matters.
- To promote and facilitate camaraderie among VIPMOAA members, their adult family members, and their survivors.
- To serve as a regional point of contact for and to act as a regional advocate for business, industrial, governmental and educational matters relevant to VIPMOAA members, their adult family members, and survivors.
- To reinforce at the regional level the goals and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and the Virginia Council of Chapters of the MOAA (VCOC/MOAA).
- To provide factual personal affairs, survivor assistance and referral services to VIPMOAA members, their adult family members, and their survivors.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1, The membership of VIPMOAA shall be composed of:

- (a) Men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers of one of the U.S. Uniformed Services: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration, Public Health Service, and the Reserve Forces, National Guard, or other components of these services, and;
- (b) Surviving Spouses, widows and widowers of any deceased individual, who would, if living, be eligible for MOAA or VIPMOAA membership and;
- (c) Honorary and Associate members as established pursuant to the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 2. The categories and privileges of VIPMOAA membership shall be established by the Chapter Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Elected officers shall consist of no less than a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be constituted as specified in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 3. The election and duties of the elected officers and Executive Board members will be prescribed in the Chapter Bylaws.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Chapter Constitution.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. At all meetings of the Chapter, the members present shall constitute a quorum provided advance notification of the meeting has been sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Chapter Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting providing that the proposed amendment (s) have been mailed to every member at least 30 days prior to the meeting date.

ARTICLE VII – SUPERSESSION

Section 1. The forgoing articles of the VIPMOAA Constitution were adopted by the membership on **January 24th 2019** and supersede all previous versions of the Constitution and amendments thereto.