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Benefits of growing satellites

- + Increase chapter membership
- + Increase MOAA national membership participation in chapters
- + Contribute to aspirational goal of MOAA presence in each Congressional district
- + Enhance MOAA's One Powerful Voice

Satellites defined

+ Satellites are geographically separated from their host chapter, are largely devoted to social and other participatory activities, without the full-up organizational structure of a chapter

Concept of growing satellites

- + Identify locations for potential satellites
- + Give emphasis to a council-chapter-satellite system
 - Seek involvement of councils and chapters in creating satellites
 - Satellites are structured under a host chapter.
 - Numbers of councils, chapters and satellites will be tracked. Satellite members will be counted as host chapter members.
 - Congressional districts may be covered by either a chapter or a satellite
 - Satellites will not be formally chartered

How to become a satellite

- Obtain relevant council and chapter endorsement
- Have at least ten MOAA national members, two of whom are willing to serve in satellite leadership positions;
 - Agree to be host chapter members;
 - Agree to comply with host chapter guidelines;
 - Identify Congressional district to be covered by the satellite;
 - Conclude an understanding with host chapter on administrative matters, such as, host chapter board representation, access to host chapter newsletter, dues collection and finances, and participation in each other's functions;
- Petition, thru host chapter and relevant council, to MOAA national to become a satellite



Satellite Limitations

- They are not eligible to compete for Levels of Excellence (all satellite activities and achievements are host chapter reportable activities and achievements);
- They are not eligible to compete for any MOAA national incentive awards relative to obtaining new members (all satellite achievements in this area are reportable by the host chapter who will receive appropriate credit);
- They are not eligible to participate in the Gold Bar or ROTC/JROTC medal programs unless included in the host chapter program (all accomplishments under these programs, however, are to be reported and credited to the chapter);
- They may not direct requests to MOAA national for speakers or other support. Such requests should be submitted thru the host chapter. When MOAA national visits the host chapter, it is anticipated that some arrangement will also be made to include the satellite (either by invitation to the host chapter event, by visiting the satellite with a host chapter officer or representative, or some other arrangement).

Satellite that wishes to become a chapter

- + A satellite may petition MOAA national, in coordination with the host chapter and council, to become a free-standing and independent chapter.
- + Viability of a satellite as a chapter will be the key consideration.
- + Satellites must meet guidelines established for chapters.
- + Upon chartering as a chapter, the former satellite will become a chapter entitled to the full benefits of a chapter within the MOAA system.