



VCOC 2nd QUARTER MEETING
Tuesday, 6 April 2021
Zoom Meeting via Link
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Administration

The meeting was called to order at 1003 by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret). Welcome to all.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by VCOC Chaplain, LTC Ken Ruppap USA (Ret).

The Roll Call was conducted by VCOC Secretary COL Monti Zimmerman, USAR (Ret). Thirteen chapters were represented: Central Virginia, Falcons Landing, G.C. Marshall, Hampton Roads, Heritage, Heritage Hunt, Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia, Portsmouth, Richmond Area, and Virginia Peninsula, VCOC officers: President: Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret), First Vice President: CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret), USN (Ret), Secretary: COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), and Treasurer LtCol (USAF) Jim Stephen, LTC Vince Cammarata, USA (Ret), and LTC (USA) Ken Ruppap COL USA (Ret) were present.

* Adoption of the Agenda approved. Motion by COL(USA) (Ret) John Prevar,
Seconded

* The First Quarter meeting minutes were adopted with a motion. Motion) LTC
Ken Ruppap USA (Ret), seconded.

2. President's Report

* Col Boyd Nix, (USAF) (Ret) welcomed everyone. Thank you all for your work.

Special presentation by MOAA National Director, currently serving in Retired Affairs LTC Mark Belinsky, USA (Ret) introduction

MOAA Congressional top three priorities and the Star Act. Institutional storytelling to provide examples of MOAA relationships. #1 Toxic Exposure Reform: Agent Orange, Burn Pits, and other environmental impacts. #2 TRICARE Young Adult, fees have grown to exceed normal private healthcare and needs improvement. #3 Basic Needs Allowance is the concept to support junior service members with families that fall below the poverty line and have food insecurity.



The final initiative, but not an advocacy issues, is the MAJ Richard Star Act, named after the hero who passed away. This is about concurrent receipt. The total cost is \$33 billion over 10 years. In order to make it incremental, we are looking at those who were injured in a combat zone and forced to retire will cost \$6.9 billion over ten years. 45 co-sponsors in the Senate. Mark shared the status that we are down to 16% of Congress has military service. Email: markb@moaa.org

3. Treasurer's Report & Membership Report

* LtCol Jim Stephan, USAF (Ret) provided budget update.

- January 1, 2021 Balance Brought Forward \$7,100.58 minus MOAA Mileage Restricted Fund for mileage supplement \$882.64 leaves starting balance for 2021 at \$6217.94, on January 1 2020. Income from Chapter dues collected was \$1713.05 this quarter. A payment of \$325 in expenses for annual insurance was paid. The balance of \$8488.63 on 1 April with restricted funds of \$882.64 for MOAA Mileage Supplement leaves \$7605.99 in funds available.

Membership as of December 31, 2020 gives us a total of 2176 members in the VCOC. All Chapters have paid their dues. Next meeting should provide an accurate status of the chapter membership across the state.

4. Standing Committee Reports

CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret), USN Communications and Public Affairs

* CDR Lincoln Smith, CDR UN (Ret) discussed the new Portsmouth Legislative Meeting. First in-person meeting to discuss legislative and new Portsmouth Hospital Commander will speak. 32 members will be present.

5. Legislative Committee Report

* COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) reported on the Joint Leadership Council

(JLC) Legislative Initiatives for 2021. Only one new one was approved (no-fee license plated for Virginia National Guards members) and one from last year (the Constitutional amendment to provide a tax-free vehicle for 100% VA disabled veterans). Col Jim Pauls, USAF (Ret) will form a committee to support a counterpoint to the 2019 legislative report.



* CDR Smith covered all the virtual Congressional advocacy actions

6. Old Business

* 2021 Meeting Schedule: 3rd & 4th quarter meetings (July 13th/ Oct 5th)/ Poll virtual vs. live meeting for 3rd Quarter. The goal is to have our awards meeting at Patriots Colony live.

* Bylaws review request for changes and with legal discussion by LTC Vince Cammarata, USA (Ret). We will ensure that the membership understands the rules tied to the State Corporation Commission. There will be a soft-handoff to complete the update between COL (USA) Victoria Revilla and her committee and the Judge Advocate.

*Capital Hill Club is open for business, but it will not be effective at this time. We will address it later.

7. New Business

* Nominations for Minuteman should be made by the Chapters for next meeting to be awarded at next quarter event.

* Minuteman Award Awards to be presented at 3rd quarter meeting.

* Legislator of the year: Who do chapters want to recommend? Please send your nominations for state and federal legislator of the year to me for us to vote on at the legislative meeting. Legislative Agenda: State updates.

* All Letter of Excellence Award nominations are due by May 1st, 2021.

* All awards should be submitted by next quarter so that the awards can be presented at the fourth quarter meeting

* Open discussion/Items from the floor-MOAA has several virtual chapters, LTC (USA) Ken Ruppert COL USA (Ret) stated that there will be a chaplain virtual chapter established.

The meeting was adjourned by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret) at 11:48 pm.