



VCOC 4th QUARTER MEETING
Thursday October 8, 2020
Zoom Meeting via Link
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Administration

The meeting was called to order at 1010 by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret).

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). Ten chapters were represented: Central Virginia, Falcons Landing, G.C. Marshall, Hampton Roads, Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia, Portsmouth, Potomac, Richmond Area, Southside, Southwest Virginia, and Virginia Peninsula, VCOC officers: President: Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret), First Vice President: CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret), USN (Ret), USMC (Ret), Secretary: Col Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), and Treasurer LtCol (USAF) Jim Stephen, and LTC (USA) Ken Ruppap were present, Immediate Past President

Guest State Senator Bryce Reeves, MOAA VCOC State Legislator of the Year 2020. Thanked us for our continued service. Senator Reeves explained new law that conflicts with color guards and ROTC.

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

* The Third Quarter meeting minutes were adopted with a motion. Motion COL(USA) (Ret) Wes Loffert, seconded.

2. President's Report

* Col Boyd Nix, (USAF) (Ret) welcomed everyone. Thanked Chris Snider, chief of staff for Senator Reeves being present at the meeting. Congratulations to all our awardees for 2019 Five Star Level of Excellence and Harris Communication. Thanked CDR Lincoln Smith, (USNR, Ret) for creating the new webpage. Thanked Victoria for her 18 years of service. Summer storming with significant support for storming. Thanked MAJ USA (Ret) Sherry Ferki, CDR USN (Ret) John Prevar, and Col USAF (Ret) Jim Pauls for help with storming. CDR Lincoln Smith, (USNR, Ret) and COL Monti Zimmerman, USA, (Ret) for contributions. Jim Stephen stepped up to take over for our membership chairman. MOAA contact to be made with Northern Neck. We need to



thank Col Frank G. Wickersham III (USMC, Ret) and LCDR USN (Ret) Dolores A Cherrington for their years of service. We need to fill the two vacant board positions. Also, we need to ensure we remember those who pass away. If there are questions on how to improve the processes. Update will be provided for first quarter meeting 2021. Thank you all for your work.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

- January 1, 2020 Balance Brought Forward: \$5,651.53.

- Current Funds Available \$6,445.17. Motion by LTC (USA) Ken Ruppap, seconded. Approved.

- COL (USA) Victoria Revilla provided an update that the Ambassador program has been temporarily suspended, not discontinued. It will require a restart for distinguished graduates in 2021.

4. Standing Committee Reports

Communications and Public Affairs

* CDR Lincoln Smith, CDR UN (Ret) discussed the new VCOC homepage and it has been completely updated over the past four months. The chapter reports have been provided and updated. The Crier and information to be submitted for the website. The Crier is in the website.

Membership and Chapter Affairs

* LtCol Jim Stephan, USAF (Ret) provided updates showing 2384 members at the end of the quarter, up by two from last quarter.

5. Legislative Chair

* COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) reported on the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Legislative Initiatives for 2021. There are potentially nine JLC initiatives.

* 2021 issues for JLC the Legislative Committee approved support for the JLC for initiatives 3 (American Legion) and 5 (Virginia Army & Air Guard Enlisted Association)



from last year. MOAA will support and co-sponsor the JLC microloan initiative with (AUSA Co-sponsored with MOAA). They are being formulated and are due by 20 July.

*Also, remember to vote on Ballot initiative number 2, a Constitutional ballot initiative for 100% disabled veterans.

* CDR Smith covered all the virtual storming actions that were conducted by different chapters and the VCOC (also included on the website and the newsletter). MAJ Sheri Ferki, Portsmouth Chapter president, was commended for extensive participation in presenting the MOAA number one priority – Military Medical personnel cuts – on several occasions during the VTCs. CDR USN (Ret) John Prevar was also thanked for his support. COL Revilla highlighted that this means of communication in the future with our state and national legislators may be a practice that we want to keep for the future. COL Revilla reminded us that we want to maintain virtual storming.

6. Old Business

* CAPT Wassel stated MOAA Mobile has arrived at Amelia.

*1st Quarter was set for Wednesday, 13 January 2021, in Richmond, if possible, if not possible, it will be by zoom. COL Revilla stated that the meeting serves as the required annual meeting for the Virginia Charter. There are required business activities to take place per the bylaws. Wednesday January 13th for first quarter, then to follow the schedule presented. The meeting should be on the first Wednesday of the new month in the new quarter.

* NO names were brought forth for the Board vacancies.

7. New Business

* No new busines.

The meeting was adjourned by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret) at 12:14 pm.