



VCOC 2nd QUARTER MEETING
Tuesday, 13 July 2021
Zoom Meeting via Link
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Administration

The meeting was called to order at 1007 by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret). Welcome to all.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Roll Call was conducted by VCOC Secretary COL Monti Zimmerman, USAR (Ret). Thirteen chapters were represented: Central Virginia, Falcons Landing, Hampton Roads, Heritage, Heritage Hunt, Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia, Portsmouth, Richmond Area, Southwest Virginia, 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, and LTC (USA) Ken Ruppard COL USA (Ret) were present.

* Adoption of the Agenda approved. Motion by LTC (USAF) (Ret) John Down,
Seconded

* The Second Quarter meeting minutes were adopted with a motion. Motion)
CAPT (USN) (Ret) Mary Lou Wassel, seconded.

2. President's Report

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

Headcount for the 4th quarter meeting will be needed.

3. Treasurer's Report & Membership Report

Lt Col Jim Stephan, USAF (Ret) provided budget update and budget is balanced. All chapters have paid their dues, which has provided accurate membership numbers across the state.



* Membership from 31 Dec 2020 to July 13 was posted was discussed and posted to the VCOC web site. Membership across all VA Chapters was 2287 in 2020 and 2284 in 2021. Despite the Pandemic we are only down by 3 from December 31, 2020.

4. Standing Committee Reports

CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret), USN Communications and Public Affairs updated the last Crier and ongoing chapter events.

* CDR Lincoln Smith, CDR USN (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 initiatives supported by the legislative committee and the nominees for state and federal legislator of the year.

- We should sponsor or co-sponsor a change from "killed on active duty" to "died on duty." I have two widows who will help advocate on this issue. Both were granted tax relief for their homes, only to have it revoked a few years later. Now they are in significant financial distress. Tied to 2010.

- As with last year, we should co-sponsor the proposed tax relief for the approximately 1,000 lowest paid (near poverty level) retirees; these are primarily E-5 or E-6 retirees with no other taxable income. They pay no more than \$400 in state taxes. We should use this issue to get a "toe in the door" concerning retiree tax relief.

Recommend accepted as presented MG USA (Ret) John McLeran motioned, and seconded. Approved.

State Senator Jen Kiggins recommended by committee MG USA (Ret) John McLeran motioned, and seconded. Approved.

Congresswoman Elaine Luria recommended by committee CAPT (USN) (Ret) Mary Lou Wassel, seconded. Approved.



Administratively add a special legislative meeting to cover the issues that meet the state legislative calendar in spring and summer of 2022. COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), motioned, seconded. Approved.

(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. Nominations Committee Report

* COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) reported the nominations as follow:

President: CDR Lincoln Smith

1st VP: open

2nd VP: CDR John Prevar

3rd VP: COL Monti Zimmerman

Secretary: LtCol John Down

Treasurer: LTC Jim Stephen

Vote unanimous approval

6. Old Business

* 2021 Meeting Schedule: 4th quarter meetings (Oct 5th)/ live meeting Lt Gen Adkins will be our guest speaker.

* Minuteman Awards from the Chapter level Maj (USAF) (Ret) CDR Lincoln Smith, CDR USN (Ret) Linc was chosen.

* Minuteman Award to National MOAA staff member Col Dan Merry Vice President for Government Affairs was chosen.

* Other awards have been submitted to MOAA national for service to MOAA.



* Bylaws review will be sent to the VCOC members by the end of the month from between COL (USA) Victoria Revilla with request for changes.

* Chapter Reports. Quarterly Reports Heritage Chapter, Northern Neck, Piedmont, Potomac, Shenandoah Valley, Southside, Virginia Peninsula are missing the quarterly reports.

7. New Business

* Memorial Ceremony for deceased members VCOC Chaplain Ken Rugar LTC (Ret), USA. The details will be worked out before the next meeting.

* Open discussion/Items from the floor-Review of the 2019 retiree state taxes report. Hal Hostetler requests us to add the MOAA voice to the protection of Afghan interpreters and their families.

The meeting was adjourned by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret) at 11:43 pm.