



VCOC 3rd QUARTER MEETING
Friday July 17, 2020
Zoom Meeting via Link
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Administration

The meeting was called to order at 1005 by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret).

The Invocation was delivered by VCOC First Vice President CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret).

The Roll Call was conducted by VCOC Secretary COL Monti Zimmerman, USAR (Ret). Twelve chapters were represented: Central Virginia, Falcons Landing, G.C. Marshall, Hampton Roads, Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia, Piedmont, Portsmouth, Potomac, Richmond Area, Southside, Southwest Virginia, and 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 Ruppard were present.

* Adoption of the Agenda approved. Motion by COL (USA) Bob Manning, Second by Col (USAF) Jim Pauls

* The Second Quarter meeting minutes were adopted with a motion. Motion by Col (USAF) Jim Pauls, second by LtCol (USMC) Adrian Gordan.

2. President's Report

* Col Boyd Nix, (USAF) (Ret) welcomed everyone. Storming has been successful. We miss getting together. COL (USA) (Ret) Monti Zimmerman, will become the new JLC representative for MOAA.

3. Treasurer's Report

* LtCol Jim Stephan, USAF (Ret) provided budget update. Motion to approve COL Revilla. Second CAPT Wassel. Approved by unanimous consent.

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

- Current Funds Available \$6,655.86. Motion by COL (USA) Victoria Revilla, second by Col (USAF) Jim Pauls, approved.



- Discussion of the budget review. Largest single expense is the Congressional Luncheon. COL Revilla suggested that we should zero out the income and expenses for the costs of the Congressional Luncheon and the council on site meetings that are not going to happen. Motion to approve the budget as presented by VCOC Treasurer. by CAPT (USN) Mary Lou Wassel, Col (USAF) Jim Pauls second. Motion passed. LtCol Jim Stephan recommended that the Board should review the MOAA Mobile line item on the budget for future budgets.

4. Standing Committee Reports

Communications and Public Affairs

* CDR Lincoln Smith, CDR UN (Ret) discussed the VCOC homepage and it has been completely updated over the past two months. The chapter reports have been provided and updated. The Crier and information to be submitted for the website. We reviewed the Crier and the total amount of information provided. VCOC was able to transition into the zoom meetings effectively.

Membership and Chapter Affairs

* CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret) provided updates showing 1,887 members at the end of the quarter, down from 2,435. COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) reported that Central Shenandoah Chapter did not complete the process to disenroll and still is on the roles. The report needs to be reviewed as the numbers are not complete and paid the cost of the annual service contract which all chapters can use by contacting CDR Smith. COL Revilla recommended that we need to look at the practice of using this Video Teleconference method for a minimum of two quarterly council meetings per year and then two meeting on site presence. This method saves time and costs to the chapters and the council while still accomplishing the mission of the VCOC board and paid the cost of the annual service contract which all chapters can use by contacting CDR Smith. COL Revilla recommended that we need to look at the practice of using this Video Teleconference method for a minimum of two quarterly council meetings per year and then two meeting on site presence. This method saves time and costs to the chapters and the council while still accomplishing the mission of the VCOC board.

5. Legislative Chair

* COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) reported on the Joint Leadership Council (JLC) Legislative Initiatives 2020. There were six JLC initiatives. Three issues were approved. One sponsored by VCOC for a three-day extension to count overseas ballots. A second was the



Constitutional ballot initiative for 100% disabled veterans. The third was emergency response pay to junior enlisted members of the Virginia National Guard.

* 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 sponsor JLC initiative 6 (AUSA Co-sponsored with MOAA). They are being formulated and are due by 20 July.

* 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. For clarification, the virtual storming conducted with Congressman A. Donald McEachin was a Southside Virginia Chapter event (hosted with the VCOC Zoom contract) with the Richmond and Portsmouth chapters invited to participate since the Congressman's area of responsibility includes portions of their footprint. 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.

* MOAA virtual storming netted the removal of the Widow's Tax last year. The first change will be effective 1 February 2021, raising the DIC by \$447 (tax free). Effective 1 February 2022 DIC is increased by \$893. Effective 1 February 2023, SSIA of #24 goes away and the full DIC amount of \$1340 is implemented. National Storming was effective. Military Medical personnel have been deployed for the COVID response. Incremental approach from MOAA on concurrent receipts.

6. Old Business

* CAPT Wassel stated MOAA Mobile check was provided to the state Department of Veteran Services (DVS) Foundation. On May 15, 2020, the VCOC Treasurer sent a directed donation check made payable to the Virginia Veteran Service Foundation with a letter from President Boyd Nix for the expressed purpose of purchasing and delivering an additional club car to be used at the Amelia Virginia Veteran Cemetery. All funds used were donations from chapters and individuals and not monies from chapter council dues. Update from State the procurement officer stated the purchase was to be made this week. The restricted line item recommendation for MOAA Mobile would end this process now that the line item has been zeroed out. Motion by CAPT (USN) Mary Lou Wassel, second by MG (USA) McLaren. Passed.



*4th Quarter at October 8, at Patriots Colony, 6000 Patriots Colony Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

7. New Business

* Nominations Chair, COL Victoria Revilla (USA), announced there are vacancies we must fill as a result of Col. Frank Wickersham resigning (effective 1 July) as JLC representative and also as 3rd Vice President (Legislative Affairs) and LCDR Dolly Cherrington resigning (effective 17 July) as 2nd Vice President (Membership & Chapter Affairs).

(1) Vacancy for JLC MOAA representative. COL (USA) Monti Zimmerman, who has been serving as the alternate to this position, will become the JLC representative, creating a vacancy for the alternative JLC representative. These positions are not necessarily tied to the 3rd VP position.

(2) Vacancy for 3rd Vice President, responsible for managing Legislative Affairs for VCOC. Request nominations from the chapters for this position to the VCOC Nominations Chair or the Secretary to manage legislative affairs for VCOC. Vacancy for 2nd Vice President responsibility is for membership and relationship between the chapter and the council. Positions are through December 31, 2021.

* COL Revilla Motioned that, if we have a candidate for these positions, we would like electronic voting for these positions so that we can get these new officers working as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by CAPT (USN) Mary Lou Wassel. Motion approved.

* By-laws were last reviewed in 2015. Motion, that we form a committee to review the bylaws chaired by COL (USA) Victoria Revilla with COL (USA) Monti Zimmerman as a member, LtCol USMCR Adrian Gordon, and others we would like electronic voting for the process, second by LtCol USMCR Adrian Gordon.

* Open discussion no issues

The meeting was adjourned by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret) at 12:54 pm.