



VCOC 4th QUARTER MEETING
Thursday, 19 January 2023,
1000-1200 hours
Zoom Meeting

1. Administration, Meeting Called to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 1008 hours by Linc Smith, CDR, USN (Ret). Linc Smith welcomed all to the meeting.
- Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were offered. Ken Ruppard, LTC, USA (Ret), VCOC Chaplain, gave the invocation and led the pledge.

2. Secretary's Report

- VCOC (Acting) Secretary, Monti Zimmerman, COL, USA (Ret), reiterated the welcome.

• Roll Call & Determine Quorum

Monti Zimmerman, COL, USA (Ret) conducted the Roll Call. Ten chapters were represented of the total of sixteen active chapters; some chapters had multiple representatives but only one voting member per chapter. A quorum was thus achieved. Please refer to Attachment 1 of these minutes for details of the roll call.

• Adoption of the Agenda

Monti Zimmerman, COL, USA (Ret) asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Ken App CDR (Ret), USN so moved, with second by Mary Lou Wassel CAPT, USN (Ret). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes

- Monti Zimmerman, COL, USA (Ret) then asked for a motion to approve the Third Quarter Meeting minutes. Gregg Frederick, LTC (Ret), USAR so moved, with second by Matt Haag CAPT (Ret), USN. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. President's Report

- Linc Smith thanked John Down, LtCol, USAF (Ret) and the rest of the board for all efforts of the past several years.
- CAPT Jim Carman, USN (Ret) was introduced to discuss national priorities. He read a memo from Lt Gen Dana Atkins and congratulated Monti Zimmerman for his Outstanding Leadership Award. He briefed legislative priorities for MOAA. He reminded the Council that the organization is 93 years old.

- At the conclusion of his brief, CAPT Carman read a letter to our Council from Senator Tim Kaine (D VA).
- Advocacy in Action will be on April 26th. April 25th will be the training for the advocacy.
- Linc briefed everyone that MOAA dates are on the MOAA homepage
- Linc briefed that he has posted interviews with several legislators that show value of MOAA VCOC.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Maria Kelly former Capt USAF, the new Treasurer, presented the basic financials. We have a balance of \$6,214.77 at the end of the year. Dues requests have been sent out timely to all chapters. The budget is about 75% complete and will be presented at the April Meeting.

6. Standing Committee Reports:

• Communications & Public Affairs

- As always, Linc Smith touted "The Crier" which is posted on the VCOC website. Chapters should send their inputs for the Forth Quarter to him at his email address (mvng288@aol.com).

• Membership & Chapter Affairs

- John Prevar CDR, USN (Ret.) briefly presented the Membership report. This report presents the membership data as of end of the Year. The report shows a loss Of 256 members. We have not heard from Southside, Potomac, or Northern Virginia. Virginia Peninsula said they have submitted reports from Jim Pauls.

7. Legislative Committee Report

- Third Vice President Monti Zimmerman provided an overview of on-going legislative efforts.
 - Acting as the President in attending the National Meeting, he took charge of the following awards: VCOC, Central Virginia, Mount Vernon, Southwest Virginia, Richmond Area, Portsmouth Area, and George C. Marshall
 - Although not a JLC initiative, the state income tax reduction effort needs Council and chapters support.
 - HJ 533/SJ 1231 attempts to change the state code from "killed in action" to "died in action" for purposes of real property tax exemption as a state constitutional amendment, in furtherance of last session's HB 957. Delegate Tran and Senator McPike are the authors with Delegate McGuire and Senator as bi-partisan co-patrons
 - SB 1210/HB 2373 proposed that the state adjust the exemption of the first \$3K of National Guard pay to \$6K from state income taxes and increase the pay grade eligibility to O-5 from O-3. He says we need this to compete favorably with Guard units from neighboring states. Reservists may also be beneficiaries.
 - HB 2362/HB 1565/SB 924 propose the removal of spouse burial fees at state veteran cemeteries.
 - HB 1690/HB 1496/SB 1194/SB 1462 Removing Age 55 from the income tax deduction.
 - HB 1470/HB 2361 correct the three options for dealing with the start date of property tax relief for 100% disabled veterans. They are contradictory.

- **Surviving Spouses (Sherry Ferki, Maj, USA, Ret.)** Sherry Ferki MAJ (Ret), USA stated that 14% of national members are surviving spouses, 15% of VCOC members are surviving spouses. Most surviving spouses are not on the internet. The surviving spouse corner should be posted on the website and in newsletters.

8. Old Business

- At the April meeting, the boxes of past Council documents were given to volunteers to review the contents and recommend disposition of same. John Down asked who besides Ken App had the boxes, and what was in them. There was no answer to the question. We think Jim Stephen has one. No other responses. Ken asked to look back at the minutes of the meeting where they were distributed to check with attendees.

9. New Business

- VCOC Joint appreciation event with Governor Younkin and Steve Hornsby to recognize bi-partisan leaders and to use this as a recruiting event at Falcons Landing.
- VCOC Officer Slate for 2024-2026, includes officers and committee chair positions. Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret.), Immediate Past VCOC President, led discussion on potential candidates. 8 people contacted. A couple need follow-up.
- MOAA Policy of non-partisanship for Council and chapter members led by COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret.)
- Next Meeting calendar: VCOC Meeting Schedule for Second, Third, and Fourth Quarters, 2023. Proposed meeting dates: April 12, July 12, October 11 (Biennial Meeting)
- Mary Lou Wassel stated that the Feb 16th Veteran Appreciation Reception from the Military Caucus at the Virginia War Memorial.

10. Discussions opened to the floor. Hearing none, and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By: Monti G. Zimmerman COL, USA (Ret), (Acting) VCOC Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1, Roll Call of Chapters, 19 January 2023

	CHAPTER	PRESENT	REPRESENTATIVE
1.	Central Virginia	Yes	John Warnecke
2.	Falcon's Landing	Yes	Phil Walsh
3.	George C. Marshall	Yes	Greg Frederick
4.	Hampton Roads	No	x
5.	Heritage	No	x
6.	Heritage Hunt	Yes	Jim Beavers
7.	Mt. Vernon	Yes	John Prevar
8.	Northern Neck	No	x
9.	Northern Virginia	Yes	Monti Zimmerman
10.	Piedmont Virginia	No	x
11.	Portsmouth Area	Yes	Sherry Ferki
12.	Potomac	No	x
13.	Richmond Area	No	Mary Lou Wassel
14.	Southside Virginia	Yes	x
15.	Southwest Virginia	Yes	Matt Haag
16.	Virginia Peninsula	Yes	Tom Shubert

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