



**VCOC 1st QUARTER MEETING
Tuesday, 12 January 2021
Zoom Meeting via Link
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Administration

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret). The premeeting was the best so far.

The Invocation was delivered by VCOC Chaplain, LTC Ken Ruppert USA (Ret). Our former treasurer LTC USA (Ret) Heritage Hunt, Joe Tarantino is remembered.

Special presentation by MOAA National Vice President Council/ Chapter and Member Support CAPT Jim Carman.

MOAA has more national members in Virginia than in any other state. The overview covered MOAA priorities and efforts for 2021. Membership: 47% are life members. Only about 13% of national members are in chapters.

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, Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia, Piedmont 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), Secretary: COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), and Treasurer LtCol (USAF) Jim Stephen, LTC (USA) Ken Ruppert and COL Victoria Revilla USA (Ret) were present.

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

* The Fourth Quarter meeting minutes were adopted with a motion. Motion) Hal Hosteler, seconded.

2. President's Report

* Col Boyd Nix, (USAF) (Ret) welcomed everyone. The premeeting was good with guests and discussion. Membership is needed to be a priority for chapters. Several organizations are doing a better job than we are. 2021 needs to be a year of recruiting. All organizations are losing members, but we need to find a way to reach younger families. We need outreach to the age 60 to 65 population as well. Thank you all for your work.



3. Treasurer's Report

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

- January 1, 2021 Balance Brought Forward \$7,100.58 minus MOAA Mileage Restricted Fund \$882.64 leaves starting balance for 2021 at \$6217.94.

- Proposed 2021 budget was \$7,500 in expenses and \$7,500 income. It was agreed to retain the \$5,000 the Congressional luncheon for as long as possible. MOAA Mobile has been eliminated as a budget line. Motion to approve made seconded by LTC (USA) Ken Rupp. Budget 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. It is still a possibility to be brought back.

4. Standing Committee Reports

Communications and Public Affairs

* CDR Lincoln Smith, CDR UN (Ret) discussed the new VCOC homepage that has had over 20,000 hits so far. If chapters have a story, we would like to highlight it. The chapter reports have been provided and updated. The Crier and information to be submitted for the website. The Crier is in the website. Chaplain Corner and Legal Corner have been added.

Membership and Chapter Affairs

* LtCol Jim Stephan, USAF (Ret) provided updates showing 2342 members at the end of the year, down by 45 from last quarter. The records from MOAA national through their module are not matched up with the chapters. We are also trying to match life members with annual members. This question will be addressed tomorrow (January 13th) with MOAA National. LtCol Stephen provided talking points for the meeting tomorrow and requested assistance. CAPT USN Mary Lou Wassel (Ret) will join LtCol Stephan on the meeting.

5. Legislative Chair

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



* 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. The JLC microloan initiative was withdrawn. The session starts tomorrow (January 13th); the crossover date is January 21st. All advocacy for the session must take place in the next week and a half.

* Ballot initiative number 2, a Constitutional ballot initiative for 100% disabled veterans passed with 86% for the initiative.

* Our Legislative Pre-meeting had guests of Delegate Nick Freitas and Chief of Staff to Senator Bryce Reeves, Chris Schneider. On the virtual side we sent out seven letters to members and JLC initiatives.

* Congressional Affairs Luncheon options: COL (USA) Victoria Revilla would like options to make the impact without being in-person. Like was done with Congressman Donald McEachin's Office.

* 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

* 2021 Meeting Schedule: April 6, TBD Congressional Luncheon, July 13, and October 5. The virtual meeting capability has saved a lot of time. We should consider two on-site and two virtual meetings. Awards Meeting should be considered as a face-to-face meeting.

* Bylaw review committee appointment. COL (USA) Victoria Revilla will send the draft Bylaws will be sent to the Secretary for distribution for comment on January 13th. It will be due back by the end of January for action.

* NO names were brought forth for the Board vacancies.



7. New Business

- * VCOC Chapter Dues Policy. We clarified the Bylaws requirements.

- * Open discussion/Items from the floor-Col Nix explained how he has been careful because of COVID and other health concerns.

The meeting was adjourned by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret) at 12:26 pm.