



**VCOC 3rd QUARTER MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2016**  
**Virginia War Memorial**  
**621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Administration**

The meeting was called to order at 1000 by COL Steve Turner, VCOC President. The Invocation was delivered by LTC Ken Ruppard, VCOC Chaplain. Pledge of Allegiance was led by COL Dan Warren, VCOC 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. The Roll Call was conducted by CAPT Mary Lou Wassel, VCOC Secretary, and 15 chapters were represented. A quorum was present.

\*The meeting agenda was adopted with a motion.

\*The 1st quarter meeting minutes were adopted as written with a motion.

**2. President's Report**

COL Steve Turner introduced Clay Mountcastle, the new Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial, who reviewed the latest activity at the facility.

COL Turner reviewed Q2 activities. Highlights included attending the Hampton Roads Chapter Meeting featuring Senator Bill DeSteph.

In summarizing the May Congressional Appreciation Luncheon, comments were generally very positive on the room arrangements, the meal service, and the quality of plated lunch vs. sandwich buffet. While this room only accommodates 100 people, feedback was overall the setting was more conducive to the desired meeting flow and format. Ten of 13 invited Congressional Representatives attended. Neither Senator attended. Overall chapter attendance was very low at only 49 individual chapter members attending. MOAA staff members attended to make up the difference in attendance. A goal for next year is to increase the number of Virginia chapter members attending the event.

COL Turner presented the 16 Harris Awards from MOAA awarded to the respective Virginia chapters.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

LTC Stephan updated members on the VCOC Budget and presented the following Budget and Checking Account information:

**2016 Check Register as of 6/6/2016**

			Balance Forward	7009.18	
			Balance Forward -Restricted Reserve (MOAA Mobile)	2728.00	
			Checking Total Available	9737.18	
Date	Check	Description	Debit	Credit	Remarks



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2-Jan	1511	Virginia War Memorial Donation	50		
5-Jan	1512	State Farm Insurance Premium	325		
22-Jan		Steve Cash Reimbursement	40		
29-Jan		Central Virginia Chapter Dues		146.80	
30-Jan		Hampton Roads Chapter Dues		322.40	
2-Feb		Heritage Chapter Due		79.60	
5-Feb		Recruitment Award		250.00	
13-Feb		Potomac Chapter Dues		65.20	
18-Feb		Piedmont Chapter Dues		32.40	
18-Feb		Northern VA Chapter Dues		153.60	
18-Feb		Southwest VA Chapter Dues		94.80	
21-Feb		Heritage Chapter Dues for 2014		42.80	
22-Feb		Falcons Landing Dues		123.20	
24-Feb		Portsmouth Chapter Dues		58.40	
24-Feb		Quarterly Meeting Luncheon		312.00	
24-Feb		Southside Chapter Dues		82.80	
25-Feb		Central Shenandoah Valley Dues		49.20	
24-Feb	1513	Virginia War Memorial Donation	100.00		
27-Feb		Virginia Peninsula Chapter Dues		210.00	
2-Mar	1514	Caterer Luncheon Costs	338.00		
8-Mar		George C Marshall Chapter Dues		87.20	
9-Mar		Mt Vernon Chapter Dues		234.40	
24-Mar		Congressional Luncheon deposits		285.00	12 checks
29-Mar		Congressional Luncheon deposits		40.00	2 checks
4-Apr		Congressional Luncheon deposits		120.00	6 checks
12-Apr		Congressional Luncheon deposits		40.00	2 checks
16-Apr		Richmond Chapter Dues		479.60	2 checks
16-Apr		Congressional Luncheon deposits		40.00	2 checks



20-Apr	1515	Stu Williams	10.52		Admin Costs Copies
22-Apr		Quarterly Meeting Luncheon		299.00	
22-Apr		Congressional Luncheon deposits		40.00	2 checks
23-Apr	1516	Quarterly Meeting Luncheon	100.00		
23-Apr		MOA National Donation		750.00	
26-Apr		Congressional Luncheon deposits		80.00	4 checks
2-May		Congressional Luncheon deposits		80.00	4 checks
3-May		Congressional Luncheon deposits		40.00	2 checks
11-May		Congressional Luncheon deposits		325.00	10 checks
11-May		Contribution from I.C.E		100.00	MOA Vacations
11-May	1517	Voided paid by Victoria			
12-May		Congressional Luncheon deposits		105.00	
19-May	1518	Congressional Luncheon	4495.40		
19-May	1519	Quarterly Meeting Luncheon	299.00		
19-May	1520	Victoria Revella	186.91		Awards for Congress
20-May		Congressional Luncheon deposits		20.00	
31-May	1521	Dan Warren	52.65		Program Printing
31-May		Patriots Colony Contribution		2500.00	
4-Jun		Jim	12.04		Envelopes and Stamps
4-Jun	1522	Steve Cash Reimbursement	38.00		Printer Ink Stamps Envelopes
4-Jun		MOA National Donation		400.00	
6-Jul	1523	Dan Warren	158.49		Website Renewal
15-Jul		MOA National Donation		250.00	
		TOTAL	6,206.01	18,075.58	
		<b>REGISTER BALANCE</b>		11,869.57	



ADD Difference from Statement			
MOAA mobile (restricted)	498		
	1230		
	1000		
	2728		
Available Funds (subtract restricted)		9,141.57	

Congressional Luncheon Cost	4495.4
Membership attendance	1215
Patriots Colony Contribution	2500
MOA Contribution	400
<b>Cost to VCOC</b>	<b>380.4</b>
Other MOA Contributions	750
	250

COL Stephan reported that after Sponsorship from Patriots Colony and members' payments, the Congressional Luncheon only costs VCOC \$380.40. A request was made to the Treasurer to provide a report that includes Planned to Actual Expenses or a Financial Status Report. The Treasurer took this as an Action Item.

\*The Treasurer's Report was adopted with a motion.

**4. Standing Committee Reports:**

**Communications & Public Affairs:** COL Dan Warren reported that his email had recently been hacked but that he was now recovered from the issue. Chapters are encouraged to resend info sent before July 4<sup>th</sup> and resume sending their news with pictures for the VCOC website.

**Membership & Chapter Affairs:** LCDR Dolly Cherrington reported on chapter activities including member losses and recruiting events for this year. Potential member lists sent to chapters by MOAA in April included some current members. Also some new members submitted were rejected unless they also became members of national MOAA. Virginia Peninsula Chapter plans to host a recruiting event with Patriot Landing and Southside also plans to host a recruiting event in September. The possibility of recruiting other sponsors included USAA (employs 30% veterans), Booz Allen, Hilton and GE. MOAA National is experiencing budget cuts due to revenue shortfalls. COL Revilla reported that 13 Ambassador Program meetings she conducted at Ft Lee earned a \$250 recruitment award from MOAA to VCOC.

**5. Legislative Chair:** COL Wickersham reported MOAA's Top Four National Legislative Objectives remain:

1. Military Health Care – Tricare
2. Veteran Affairs Health Care – VA efforts
3. Survivor Benefit Plan/SSIA – do not allow to end in 2017



4. Military Pay be fair and equitable and in accordance with law.
- The Joint Leadership Council (JLC) July 13<sup>th</sup> voted, approved and prioritized the following list of Proposed 2017 JLC Initiatives for the General Assembly:
    1. Virginia Veteran and Family Support Services
    2. Virginia War Memorial
    3. Guard Income Tax Subtraction
    4. In-state Tuition for All Members of the Reserve Components
    5. Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Educational Program (VMSDEP)
    6. Electronic Ballot Return
      - Virginia Veteran Information Officer (Not considered valid at this time)

Position papers are expected for each of the initiatives by November in preparation for the January Storming. All members are encouraged to follow the MOAA website and monthly magazine for resolutions for 2017, updates and requests to advocate with respective representatives on important issues for the military community. The Northern VA site for the Veteran Care Center was announced as Ben Hill Farms in Fauquier County.

The Gautier Vineyards will again host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans in the Vineyards recruiting event for Veterans on Saturday 08 October 2016 from 1300 to 1700. Chapters are encourage to share the information and flyer (posted on VCOC website).

6. **Old Business –  
Congressional Luncheon**

COL Bob Patrick, from the Mount Vernon Chapter, discussed issues related to decreased attendance and roles and responsibilities for the meeting. Unfortunately, slides prepared by COL Patrick were not prepared by the Secretary for the meeting and only forwarded to chapters after the meeting. In summary, there has been a dwindling number of chapter members participating in the Congressional Appreciation Luncheon in recent years as depicted below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
2006	98
2011	79
2013	98
2014	72
2015	75
2016	49 (augmented with 16 MOAA Staff and 26 legislators & staffers)

Responsibilities for the meeting have been shouldered by local Mount Vernon members questioning if host should be considered VCOC or Mount Vernon. A member of the Capitol Hill Club must be able to reserve the facility for the event. Going forward, National MOAA is willing to do this for VCOC. Coordination responsibilities were acknowledged and agreed to be function of VCOC going forward. Cost issues discussed earlier and recognition of event as a signature for VCOC led to agreement that VCOC will continue with this national event and encourage wider participation among member chapters. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP will be responsible for reserving the Capitol Hill Club for the Congressional Appreciation Luncheon. Take backs to chapters include: 1) VCOC



will continue annual Congressional Appreciation Luncheon and 2) VCOC will address declining attendance.

#### **7. New Business**

##### **WWI 100<sup>th</sup> and WWII 75<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Commission**

Honorable Kirk Cox, Chairman, and Cheryl Jackson, Executive Director – Del Cox introduced the group to the overall program and Cheryl Jackson continued the presentation on the upcoming commemorative plans and how chapter members can play an important role locally at chapters throughout the state. A copy of the presentation was placed on the VCOC website for chapters' review and use. Member questions were addressed by speakers and informational packets were distributed for sharing with chapters.

##### **Future Teleconference**

LTC Carroll Toney raised the possibility of conducting a teleconference as a strategy to improve and increase member communication on pertinent timely issues. The group discussed past experience with teleconferences. The President tasked the 1<sup>st</sup> VP COL Warren with researching potential options and bringing information to the next meeting.

##### **Next Meeting**

Due to postponement of the construction at the facility, the next meeting for Q4 will now be held on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia War Memorial.

**8. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 1430.

\* Motion