

## **HRCVO Meeting Monday, November 22, 2021**

Call to Order. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the HRCVO was called to order at 1900 hours by the President Bob Randall. The meeting was held in person at the VFW Post. Prayer led by President Robert Randall

Introduction of guests-Tammy and Less Wallace, Scott Lority, John Posono

Roll Call of Officers was conducted. Minutes were emailed and read by secretary. Minutes accepted with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report-** Beginning Balance 14,857.35 Expenses 3,535.00. Ending Balance = \$11,580.03. Received \$100 Donation from Beach Ford. There are 2 outstanding checks and contacted them in preparation for the audit next month. We deposited 5,775.00, Cost for Doubletree was 4,585.00. Our profit was 1,991.00. Motion made to accept the treasury report with any necessary corrections subject to audit.

**Less Wallace- Quilts of Valor Chapter** wanted to thank us for inviting them to come out. It was stated that they wanted to build a partnership with us. Their mission was to cover active duty and veterans by war. Their motto is "Touched by war". This chapter started in 2003. We have nearly 10,000 volunteers, 590 groups or chapters in every state. It is 95% female, mostly are 40 + years old. 50% have some military tie. We even have blue star moms. Eligibility- Living veterans in all 6 services. You can be nominated by anyone. All the labor is free. When you nominate someone, it is outed to the area closest to them. We also have arrangements with some hospices. Backlog is under 6 months. We are trying to get the word out. We like to get the request early. On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, the QOVF is national sew day virtual party, anyone can come from 10-3pm. We need help in organizing awards. Would love to start planning for Veterans Day.

Venetta Charles- I contacted Cathy and she got in contact with QOVF, and a member received a Quilt. I love that the family has the Quilt to cherish once someone is no longer here.

Mike I.- I would like to invite the QOV to our meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> to give presentation at the Franklin Post.

### **Good of the Order**

There may be an opportunity to move near a central location offered by the Eagles to be at their Post and move the meeting to Wednesday. We always have a Grand Marshall. We need to advise the 5 mayors a year in advance. In February, you will need to vote if you want the 5 Mayors as Grand Marshalls. Food for thought.

Rob Randall- You all did an outstanding job, for the Parade we went from 51 floats to 90 floats. The Luncheon went from 89 to 190 people. This is our 100<sup>th</sup> year.

### **Election of Officers**

Kathy Goodall, Tosh, and Mike are still Directors  
Dan Doyle as President  
No nomination as Vice President at this time.  
Board of Directors would like to stay in position.

Rob Randall- We have got to pass the Paton. We need more younger generation to step up. Bring an extra person when you come out to the meeting. People want to get involved. You have to tell the story through pictures and videos. There were 1,069 pictures at the parade and luncheon. Each organization gets a copy. Next year Bob Shirley will be the Big Dog. Please go on WTKR 3 and look at your parade. I have the following:

4 Discs of the Parade- 2 hours and 12 mins long  
2 DVDs of all the Pictures  
Please take a copy for each organization

Co Marshall Selection

We are working on this. It was stated that Co Marshall does not have to be a Veteran but must belong with your organization. It could be a Male or Female

MOAA Organization- Jeff Ferrick-You will be shadowing them next year and contact person for the parade.

### **New business**

#### **Pros and Cons of Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon**

The Eagles did a good job, diligent, covered all their basis. All the young volunteers were great around the parade passing out flags and putting up chairs. The Grand Marshall was great.

Vernetta- Wanted to thank everyone for giving her the Opportunity to assist and help in the luncheon. Lessons learned- Ticket pickups (please turn in unused tickets), Notify photographer for photo opportunities, Certificates for volunteers, have a budge from the beginning, have additional tables set at the luncheon. Thank you to the Eagles and everyone who gave up extra seats. We gave WWII vets, and Vietnam vets pins. I got a chance to meet a lot of people. I am a retired vet of 24 yrs. And I'm happy I got to be a part of it. Would like to serve again next year.

Mike M.- It got kind of crazy with Rob going on TV and then everyone wanted to be in the parade. Politicians- We got overruled, to put them in the parade with stipulation they bring their own vehicles. Please plan for next year. Some got upset with the gunning of engines and cars spinning wheels. There were groups angry about Confederate flags that was in the parade. One argument was that Congress gave confederate soldiers pensions but never said they were US Veterans. Please have ducts in a row for next year. The mayor stated he supports us and stands beside us. He didn't completely get his way. We as a group have to support each other. Although

we organize and sponsor the parade we do not fund or pay for the parade. The city absorbs the cost.

It was stated that at one time we did pay a fee, but they wanted to increase the fee. VA Beach tries to take credit for the parade, but they were told that I belong to all 5 cities.

Rob Randall- We received a score of 98 % for the parade. A single point of contact will always fail You cannot be the only one in the group.

Prayer led by Rob Randall; meeting ended at 8:11pm