

Hampton Roads Council of Veteran's Organizations

Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1902 hours on June 27 by President Dan Doyle at the VFW Post 392 in Virginia Beach, VA.

The invocation was delivered by the HRCVO Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA was led by the HRCVO President.

Officers were present with the exception of Director Breuer, Director Goodall, and Secretary Burch. We had 22 members and three guests also present.

The President reported the resignation of Secretary Burch effective immediately and, according to the By-Laws, asked the members from Mr. Burch's home organization to attempt to fill the position until the next round of elections. If a replacement cannot be found, candidates from any member organization will be considered.

The President delivered a message about the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. What is the Fourth of July all about? Patriotism. Love of Country. American Exceptionalism! The USA is the greatest country. Freedom, Liberty, and Individualism mark our people with Uniqueness. The Founding Fathers used Global Principles and Christian Philosophical Behaviors to sculpt America. Throughout history Fourth of July speeches by those persons of prominence in America reflected on these values and admonished America that the original principles are fragile and likely to fall away if not protected. Patriotism needs to be learned. Fly the Flag. Sing the National Anthem. Volunteer. Seek the betterment of society at every level.

Correspondence was reviewed from the VA Medical Center thanking us for our recent donation.

The Memorial Day ceremonies were a complete success. Everyone did an outstanding job and attendance was up. Thank you. Well done.

A guest speaker came to the floor: Mike Manthey from Skydive Suffolk. Skydive Suffolk is seeking veteran's that would like to tandem skydive onto the beach on Veteran's Day. They are planning on making this an annual event and perhaps doing it twice a year (on Memorial Day as well). They were also soliciting financial contributions as the cost of such a venture could be as high as \$15,000.00

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved pending two minor changes (already complete).

The Treasurer's report was delivered and accepted without discussion.

The POAM was reviewed, and updates were reported. The Vice-President was able to get 200 folding chairs and their transportation to and from the parade route donated at no cost to the organization. Volunteers are needed to load, unload, set-up, tear down, load and unload on November 10 and 11. Member Organizations are encouraged to assist.

The Veteran's Day Parade Sponsor Organization reported all is well in their planning process. The Chaplain is booked as well as 20-24 volunteers to help along the parade route.

The Veteran's Day Luncheon Committee met on June 22 via Zoom. All is well but they need volunteers. Please call Venetta Charles (757-663-1495) if your organization can assist. The next meeting is July 20 at 1830 via Zoom.

Old Business – Quilts of Valor will present quilts to four of our members at the November 2022 meeting.

Old Business – Challenge Coins are in and can be purchased from the Treasurer for \$5.25 each.

New Business – A new member organization, American Legion Post 113, was received into the HRCVO. They have 119 members and meet on Wednesday at Gus and Georges Steakhouse on Virginia Beach Boulevard near Thalia.

Memorial Day Flag Placement Ceremonies were reviewed. We knew about the one in Suffolk and learned of about five others from VFW 392 who coordinates with Virginia Beach NJROTC units. They are also done around Veteran's Day and the member organizations were requested to share the planning so that more can become involved in the great cause.

Fourth of July celebrations were reviewed. It was reported that the VFW 392 was having a cookout on 3 July at noon and the FOE was having a cookout on 4 July from 1300 to 1600.

The next meeting is July 25, 2022, at 1900 - VFW Post 392 in Virginia Beach, VA.

A representative from the Mayor's Veteran's Committee and HRCVO Liaison to the City of Virginia Beach, Theresa Diaz, was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 2018 hours.

HRCVO
Financial Report
May 2022

Beginning Balance (5/1/2022)

Checking	\$ 4,591.28
Savings	\$ 10,000.23
Total	\$ 14,591.51

Income

Donation - Southern Bank Foundation	\$ 2,650.00
Donation - Vietnam Veterans Chapter 48	\$ 50.00
Donation - Fleet Reserve Association Branch 60	\$ 50.00
Donation - Sons of Confederate Veterans - VA Division	\$ 500.00
- Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549	
- Princess Anne Camp # 484	
Savings Account Interest	\$ 0.08
Total Monthly Income	\$ 3,250.08

Expenses

VAMC Donation (Mike Maliniak)(Check #1112)	\$ 770.00
HRCVO Challenge Coins (Vanguard)(Check #1113)	\$ 525.00
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 1,295.00

Ending Balance (5/31/2022) \$ 16,546.59

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

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Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by HRCVO Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
5. President's Report:
 - Opening Remarks – Patriotism and American Exceptionalism
 - Memorial Day Ceremony – Great job to all attendees and participants
 - Introduction of Guests and Presentations
 - Mike Manthey, Operations Manager, Skydive Suffolk
6. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
7. Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills and Invoices Paid/Pending/Forthcoming
 - Financial Statement Review
8. POA&M Review
 - Status Report of Action Items to Date
 - 2022 Parade Sponsor Report
 - Luncheon Chairperson Status Report – Virtual meeting
 - 2023 Parade Sponsor – Knights of Columbus Assembly
9. Old/Unfinished Business
 - Quilt of Valor Presentation Concept – tabled at last meeting
 - HRCVO Challenge Coins - for sale @ \$5.25 each
10. New Business
 - Replacement for Secretary officer position
 - Reviewing Stand chairs plan of action
11. Organizational Reports
 - Memorial Day Veterans Cemetery flag placement
 - July 4th Celebrations/Cook outs?
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = July 25, 2022 at 7 PM
 - Discussion items from the floor
13. Benediction/Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Chaplain
 - Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
14. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1901 hours on May 23, 2022, by President Dan Doyle at the VFW Post 392 in Virginia Beach, VA.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: President Dan Doyle conducted both.

Roll Call of Officers and Directors: All were Present except Chaplain Kevin Bowser, Board Directors Mike Bukowski, and Scott Breuer. All Officers were excused. Attendance was 22.

President's Report: President Dan Doyle gave everyone the meaning and history of Memorial Day. Memorial Day originally known as Decoration Day is a federal holiday for mourning the U. S. Military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces and it is observed on the last Monday of May. It was first observed on May 30 from 1868. Many cities have claimed to have first celebrated the event. In 1868 General John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic called for a "Decoration Day", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state has adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May. Dan stated as we prepare to solemnly observe the 154th anniversary of the first Memorial Day ceremony, let us take a minute to absorb and thank those American patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Over one million men and women have accepted death for us. We owe our war dead our respect and honor. We must do all we can to keep and honor the memory of their final sacrifice.

Introduction of Guests and Presentations: Treasurer Mike Maliniak stated on the floor that the HRCVO comfort and toiletries were delivered to the Hampton VA Hospital, and they were very appreciative of all the donations. Would recommend travel size containers. We will make another trip later this fall. Mike thanked everyone for their donations.

Dan introduced our first Guest speaker Mr. Ken Levins, Regional Director, Virginia Department of Veterans Service. Mr. Levins passed out brochures showing what his department provides for our Veterans. Mr. Levins covered many benefits that his department provides for the Veterans, and it was an excellent presentation. Please visit their website it is all there. www.dvs.virginia.gov.

Dan introduced Mr. Johnny Johnson, USMC (Ret.). Mr. Johnson is a decorated and wounded warrior of the Vietnam War. He explained to us the problems he had trying to get the VA to honor his medical applications for VA benefits. After the first application submittal to the VA was denied, he submitted again and it was denied, the third time he carried them to court

and the VA lost and had to pay him 10 years of back pay. Every document was in his first package that was denied by the VA. Mr. Johnson told everyone do not give up, keep marching forward.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes from May 23, 2022, meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report for May 2022 was given to all present. Beginning balance for May \$14,536.32, Income \$3,250.00, Expenses \$390.10, Ending balance for May 16,546.59.

POA&M Review: The parade route is approved for this year and is better than last year. The 2022 Parade sponsor report was discussed, no issues on sponsors were brought to the floor. Luncheon tickets will be \$25.00 per, same as last year. This year's goal is 300 sold lunch tickets. The Veteran's Day proclamation is ready for signing in the August-September time frame. High school bands are complete. Fly over and Gun salutes are waiting for a final.

Old Business: Memorial Day program was given to the floor, and it was suggested that everyone should be there by 10:30. Sign in if you are going to place a wreath.

New Business: Quilts of Valor presentation will be done at our regular HRCVO meeting on November 28th.

Organizational Reports: Several organizations in attendance spoke of their upcoming Memorial Events and thanked the HRCVO for the help that we provide for our Veterans. Memorial Day wreath laying starts at the Tidewater Veterans memorial at 11:00.

Good of the Order: Next meeting date: June 27, 2022, 7 PM at VFW 392. We need help on our Standing Committees and By-Law committee. Dan introduced Virginia State Senator Bill DeSteph. Senator told the members in attendance that included in this year's budget bill is a little help for all Military Retirees on their State income tax and the Governor has said he approves this, and it has been a long time coming. The first \$40,000 of retired pay will be exempt for Veterans over years old.

Benediction/Prayer for Our Troops: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Adjourn. at 2025.