

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

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 mayor's proclamation is signed and ready to go for this year. High school bands have been invited and applications are coming in. Fly over and Gun salutes are waiting for a final.

Old Business: Memorial Day invitation 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 De Steff. 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 55 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.

HRCVO
Financial Report
April 2022

Beginning Balance (4/1/2022)

Checking	\$ 4,086.38
Savings	\$ 10,000.15
Total	\$ 14,086.53

Income

Donation - Hamyton Roads Chapter MOAA	\$ 50.00
Donation - Fraternal Order of Eagles (VAMC Support)	\$ 150.00
Donation - Eagle Riders 3204	\$ 225.00
Donation - Dan Doyle (VAMC Support)	\$ 100.00
Donation - Johnny Johnson (VAMC Support)	\$ 100.00
Donation - Kevin Bowser (VAMC Support)	\$ 50.00
Donation - Kathy Goodall (VAMC Support)	\$ 50.00
Donation - American Legion Post 113 (VAMC Support)	\$ 20.00
Donation - Fleet Reserve Association Branch 166	\$ 50.00
Donation - American Legion Tidewater Post 327	\$ 100.00
Savings Account Interest	\$ 0.08
Total Monthly Income	\$ 895.08

Expenses

Post Office Box Fee (USPS) (Check #1110)	\$ 212.00
Admin Supplies (Mike Maliniak)(Check #1111)	\$ 178.10
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 390.10

Ending Balance (4/30/2022) \$ 14,591.51

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

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Meeting Agenda

May 23, 2022

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
 - Communications
 - VAMC Visit and Supplies Drop Off – Mike Maliniak
 - Introduction of Guests and Presentations
 - Mr. Ken Levins, Regional Director, Virginia Department of Veterans Services
 - Mr. Johnny Johnson, USMC (Ret.)
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
 - 2023 Parade Sponsor – Knights of Columbus Assembly
9. Old/Unfinished Business
 - None
10. New Business
 - Quilt of Valor Presentation Concept – Kathy Goodall
11. Organizational Reports
 - Memorial Day Ceremony Update – Bob Freitag
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = June 27, 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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April 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 1901 hours on April 25, 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 Board Director Mike Bukowski. Mike was excused. Attendance was 29.

President's Report: President Dan Doyle gave everyone a very patriotic story on President Ronald Reagan weekly Radio show of November 5, 1983. Two weeks prior to his speech, terrorist bombing attacks against U.S. and French Armed Forces in Beirut on October 23, 1983, that claimed 299 lives. President Reagan said in his speech that the sacrifice of our men and women that preserve freedom for America. Our Veterans shall not die in vain; words cannot express enough gratitude for our Veterans. We shall never forget them. We must not rest until we find all our MIA's and remember them forever. Visit our website everything is there (www.hrcvo.org). Do not forget to sign the attendance roster and return it to our secretary. As you go back to your organizations spread the word and invite them to attend our monthly meetings. Dan thanked Kevin Bowser for all the hard work he has done on our website.

Introduction of Guests and Presentations: The first guest speaker was Ms. Heather Wilson, Outreach Manager of the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, The Clinic provides Mental Health Care at the Up Center for Veterans, Active Members, and their Families. Her clinic provides high quality care and is among the Service best in the area. Please visit their website cohenclinic@theupcenter.org or call 757-965-8686 for an appointment. The second guest speaker was Dr. Juan Montero II, Director, of the Montero Medical Missions. Also, he had two of his voluntaries explain the many programs the Missions are involved in. Montero Medical Missions is in Chesapeake. The Missions phone 3 757-598-2666. Their website is monteromedicalmissions.org. The Missions were created to provide medical missions and create sustainable healthcare projects for Veterans. They also provide free semi-annual medical screening and referrals for Veterans regarding Oral and Vision problems for all. They were enormously proud of their upcoming camp in Alaska for Veterans that need mental healthcare and some peace and quiet, plus it's a retirement and rehab camp for Military animals. Ms. Wilson and Dr. Montero was thanked President Dan Doyle, and everyone present gave them a hand.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes from March 28, 2022, meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report for March 2022 was given to all present. Beginning checking balance was \$14,536.32, Total income for the month was \$50.21, Expenses for the month was \$500.00 and Ending balance for the month is \$14,086.53.

POA&M Review: Met with the city on our parade route. 2022 Parade sponsor Co-Marshall Kenny Goldman, and his Bio is received. 350 emails were sent out to spread the word. High school bands are complete. Fly over and Gun salutes are waiting for a final. Dave has provided the Flags for the parade again this year

Old Business: The HRCV By-Laws changes to add a Chaplain to our slate of Officers were finalized by the signatures of the President, Vice-President, and our directors.

New Business: A motion to purchase 100 challenge coins at not to exceed \$600.00 was approved. Virginia Department of Veterans Service and American Legion #327 were voted on and approved to join the HRCVO membership. A nomination for Kevin Bowser as the new HRCVO Chaplain was voted on and it was unanimous.

Organizational Reports: President Dan Doyle stated that our website has several Veterans links that is valuable information check it out. Want to post some information just send it to our new Chaplain and Webmaster Kevin Bowser. Several organizations in attendance spoke of their upcoming events and thanked the HRCVO for the help that we provide for our Veterans. Memorial Day reef laying starts at the Tidewater Veterans memorial at 11:00.

Good of the Order: Next meeting date: May 23, 2022, 7 PM at VFW 392. We need help on our Standing Committees and By-Law committee. Treasurer Mike Maliniak thanked everyone for the donations for the Veterans Hospital toiletries and comfort items.

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 2000.