

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes April 24, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 1900 by HRCVO President Dan Doyle.

Invocation by HRCVO Chaplain and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Directors – Mike Maliniak is excused this evening. Venetta Charles is absent.

Guest Speaker: George Lutz, Honor and Remember, Inc. Mr. Lutz is a Military Father who lost his son, Tony, in service to our country. He described his Journey of Grief. He attended Military funerals and met as many other families in his situation as he could. After two years he started his foundation that provides personalized Honor and Remember flags to Gold Star Families. The first flag was presented on Memorial Day in 2008 at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk. Two years later, then Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell adopted the Honor and Remember Flag as the State Symbol of Remembrance. To date his organization has gifted over 5,000 Honor and Remember Flags.

President's Report: Kate Burchett of the Virginia Pilot is looking for story leads of War Heroes in and around Tidewater. The next delivery of donations to the Hampton VA Medical Center is May 25. All member organizations are asked to turn in their collection at or before the next HRCVO meeting. Updated membership forms are required to be filled out and submitted annually from every member organization.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's Report was delivered.

Parade Report: POA&M list of items is on track, all on schedule. The flyover for the parade has been confirmed. Need to confirm the co-marshal organization for 2024 is on-board. Grand Marshal election: State Senator Bill DeSteph. A Desert Storm veteran, Senator DeSteph proudly served in the United States Navy, both as a chief petty officer and as a naval special-warfare intelligence officer.

Organizational Reports: VAREP is sponsoring a charity golf tournament on May 25. The 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War will be celebrated in Washington DC May 11-13 with a "Welcome Home!" event. Flyers for both events were submitted and posted to our website.

Good of the Order – Next meeting is May 22, 2023, at 7 PM

Benediction by HRCVO Chaplain

The meeting adjourned at 1954



HRCVO
Financial Report
March 2023

Beginning Balance (3/1/2023)

Checking	\$ 4,489.84
Savings	\$ 13,004.82
Total	\$ 17,494.66

Income

SCV - Norfolk County Grey's 1549 (Donation)	\$ 50.00
K of C Assembly #1162 (Donation)	\$ 50.00
OMNI Financial (Donation)	\$ 250.00
Shirt	\$ 25.00
Ballcap	\$ 15.00
Military Women of Tidewater (Donation)	\$ 50.00
American Legion Post 113 (Donation)	\$ 50.00
VFW Post 4809 (Donation)	\$ 100.00
FRA Branch 60 (Donation)	\$ 50.00
Savings Account Interest	\$ 1.66
Total Monthly Income	\$ 641.66

Expenses

Luncheon Deposit (DoubleTree)(Check 1135)	\$ 500.00
Secretary Name Badge (Crown Trophy) (Check 1136)	\$ 11.20
VA Regional Site Application Postage (USPS) (Check 1137)	\$ 17.10
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 528.30

Ending Balance (3/31/2023) \$ 17,608.02

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer



SYMBOLISM OF THE FLAG



BLOOD SPILLED

The RED FIELD represents the BLOOD SPILLED by Brave Men & Women in America's Military throughout our history, who willingly gave their lives so we all would remain free.



PURITY OF SACRIFICE

The WHITE FIELD recognizes the PURITY of SACRIFICE. There is no greater price an American Soldier can pay than to give their life in Service to our country.



SERVICE IN CONFLICT

The BLUE STAR represents Active SERVICE in Military CONFLICT. This symbol originated with World War I, but on this flag it signifies Service through all generations, from the American Revolution to present day.



THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

The GOLD STAR signifies the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE of a Warrior in Active Service who will not return home. Gold reflects the Value of the Life given.



THE FINAL TRIBUTE

The FOLDED FLAG signifies the FINAL TRIBUTE to an individual life a Family sacrificed and gave to our nation.



AN ETERNAL REMINDER

The FLAME is an ETERNAL REMINDER of the Spirit who has departed this life in service to their country, yet burns on in the hearts and memory of all who knew and loved the Fallen Hero.

We will always **HONOR** their
Selfless Sacrifice
and **REMEMBER** them
Individually by Name



HONOR AND REMEMBER

FLY THE FLAG
SHARE THE MISSION
SUPPORT THE CAUSE

PERPETUALLY RECOGNIZE
THE SACRIFICE OF OUR
MILITARY FALLEN HEROES
AND THEIR FAMILIES

ESTABLISH

*Establish the Flag as a permanent symbol
of Remembrance across the United States.*

EDUCATE

*Educate the nation about the importance of
showing appreciation for our Fallen Heroes.*

PRESENT

*Present a personalized Flag to every Family who
has lost a loved one in Military Service to America.*

COMFORT

*Foster an atmosphere of healthy communication,
healing and comfort for the Gold Star Community.*

Here's how you can help...

1. Visit our website and Share our Mission
2. Buy & Fly the Honor and Remember Flag
3. Sponsor a Flag for a Gold Star Family
4. Become a Corporate Sponsor

Text FLAG to 71777

or to learn more visit...

www.HonorandRemember.org

Honor and Remember, Inc. is an IRS-approved 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.
EIN #41-2277283. Donations are tax deductible. CFC #92995

HRCVO ATTENDANCE ROSTER

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
1st Marine Division Association			
27th Marines Regiment Association	Johnny Johnson	757 544-6577	JJinVB@AOL.com
29th Division Association			
Air & Space Forces Assn, Tidewater Chap. 323			
Air Force Women's Association			
American Gold Star Mothers, H. R. Chapter			
American Gold Star Wives, H. R. Chapter			
American Legion 2nd District			
American Legion Post 110			
American Legion Post 113	Clifford Dietz	757 572-5387	cdietz59@gmail.com
American Legion Post 327			
American Legion Womens Post 118			
American Veterans Post 69	ROGER DURITY	757 620 2120	ROGER-DURITY@GMAIL.com
Beirut Veterans of America			
Chesapeake Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs (MCVA)			
Coalition of Retired Military Veterans			

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
Disabled Veterans Chapter 20			
Disabled Veterans Chapter 26			
Disabled Veterans Chapter 41			
Filipino-American Veterans of H. R.			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 5			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 37			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 60			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 99	<i>Becker New York</i>	<i>757-560-1188</i>	<i>phantonfox@cox.net</i>
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 166			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 257			
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3204			
Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans			
Hampton Roads Chamber	<i>Bob Frazier</i>	<i>757-497-3336</i>	<i>RFRA@aol.com</i>
Honor Society of Women Legionnaires 20 & 4			
Jewish War Vets. Old Dominion Post #158			
Knights of Columbus Assembly #1162			

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
Knights of Columbus Assembly #2588			
La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux	Mike Bukowski		
Marine Corps League	MICHAEL LIPSCOMB	8043998961	LIPSCOMB_M@AOL.COM
Mil Offs. Assn of America H.R. Chapter	Loren Heckelman	757-646-6448	loren.heckelman@cox.net
Military Order of the Purple Heart			
Military Order of the World Wars, V. B. Chap.			
Military Women of Tidewater - Unit 152			
National League of POW/MIA Families			
National Sojourners H. R. Chapter 6			
Patriot Guard Riders			
Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 484			
Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1549			
Special Forces Assn, Chapter 84	BOB SHIRLEY	757-424-4540	grayw@46@peoplepc.com
Team - Red, White & Blue			
Tidewater Council - Boy Scouts			
USS FORRESTAL Association			

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
U. S. Military Vets. Motorcycle Club Chap 1			
U. S. Submarine Vets. of Hampton Roads			
Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals (VAREP)	ERIC GARDNER	757-805-6235	EGARDNER@GMAIL.COM
Veterans of Foreign Wars District 2			
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 392	David Goldstein	757-650-0744	cdr dist 2 @ vfw va.org
Veterans of Foreign Wars Tidewater Post 3160			
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4809	Rathy Goodner	757-572-8224	skckagret@yahoo.com
Veterans Kitchen, Inc.			
Veterans of Underage Military Service			
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 48	BECKY NEWTON	757-560-1128	DHANTEMFOX@COX.NET
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 969			
Virginia Beach Mayors Veterans Committee	VIRGIL HART	757-619-0498	GSECHART@AOL.COM
Virginia Department of Veterans Services			
Women's Marine Association			
HRCVO Auxiliary			
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