

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Agenda

August 28, 2023

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
 - POW/MIA Recognition Day Friday September 15, 2023
6. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
7. Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills and Invoices Paid/Pending/Forthcoming
 - Financial Statement Review
 - Veterans Day Luncheon Tickets
8. POA&M Review
 - Upcoming Action Items
 - Proclamation Signing Schedule
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - \$250 Donation for Virginia Veterans Memorial
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = September 25, 2023 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

HRCVO
Financial Report
July 2023

Beginning Balance (7/1/2023)

Checking	\$ 8,103.25
Savings	\$ 13,011.34
Total	\$ 21,114.59

Income

Coin	\$ 5.25
Donation	\$ 0.75
Luncheon Tickets - DAV 20	\$ 250.00
Luncheon Tickets - AL 327	\$ 250.00
Savings Account Interest	\$ 1.66
Total Monthly Income	\$ 507.66

Expenses

Horton Wreath Society (Check 1144)	\$ 750.00
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 750.00

Ending Balance (7/31/2023) \$ 20,872.25

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

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Meeting Minutes July 24, 2023

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

Invocation By HRCVO Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll call of Officers and Directors: Present was President Dan Doyle, Vice President Bill Singleton, Secretary Venetta Charles, Treasurer Mike Maliniak, and Chaplin Kevin Bowser. The following Board of Directors were present Scott Breuer and Kathy Goodall. There is one excused absence, Board of Director Michael Bukowski.

Presidents Opening Remarks: The Honor and Remembrance Flag was given to Bob Freitag.

The President introduced guest speaker Mark Shockley, President, Virginia Veterans Memorials, Inc (VVM).

Mr. Shockley stated the VVM, is currently in the process of raising money for the Virginia War Memorials. The memorials will have pillars to commemorate the various wars. The pillars will be etched with the names of those Veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The premise of this non-profit organization is to educate the public about the various wars and celebrate the Veterans whose names appear on the pillars.

To learn more about the Virginia Veterans Memorial, Inc visit www.virginiaveteransmemorials.org

President Report: It's the 50th Anniversary of the end of military operations in Vietnam. He stated we cannot forget the Vietnam War. He stated that in the next several months he will focus on each branch of service and present something significant about the roll they played during the Vietnam War.

President Doyle spoke of the Marine Corps and the various battles fought during the Vietnam War, one of reference was the battle of Khe Sahn in 1968. It was a logistics base with 6,000 Marines. There was 500 Marines killed in action and 2500 wounded.

There were men of great significance who served during that time. One being Major General Raymond Davis, the Senior Marine Corps Officer Present in northern South Vietnam. This was his third war in 25 years. He earned the Navy Cross in September 1944 for his gallantry. He was also awarded the Medal of Honor.

He also stated that it is our duty as Veterans not to let the stories of those who served during the Vietnam War go untold. If we don't tell the stories no one will remember.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one amendment. The minutes will reflect the Roll Call of officers present, excused, and non-excused absences.

The Treasurer's Report was delivered and approved.

HRCVO received two checks for \$250 for Veterans Day luncheon tickets.

Horton Wreath Society requested a donation. It is in our budget to donate to them. A check will be sent for the budgeted amount.

The luncheon tickets are still on sale. If you or your guest require a vegetarian meal, please let Mike know before the end of October.

There are coins on sale for \$5.25 each.

The POA&M Review: The dates for the Proclamation Signing by all Majors will be posted once they are solidified, for those that would like to participate in September.

We currently have 59 applications for the parade. Admiral Case and the Mayor of Suffolk will be joining the VIP's attending the parade.

A few regrets were received, however, there are a few unanswered RSVP. We have not heard back from the VA in reference to the site application. They did say they will publish the various sites in July. We will continue to follow up with them until we get an answer.

The Chaplin for the luncheon has been identified. The news release will be written and released soonest.

Military Women Across the Nation requested small American Flags. We have enough small flags for the luncheon.

Barbara Morrison will complete the booklet once it has been vetted. It is 65% completed.

New Business: We discussed the various By-Laws change at our last meeting. The President asked if there were any questions or discussion about the changes.

Bob Freitag recommended that as part of the new officer's turnover, there be a review of the By-Laws once every two years. President Doyle stated that a Statement of Understanding be annotated in the minutes to reflect that the idea is a good one and we will adopt it.

Statement of Understanding: The newly elected officers of the HRCVO will review the By-Laws once every two years.

There was a question about Article 4 Section 4: Voting Rights at an HRCVO Meeting. President Doyle responded stating the senior person present, as stated on the application to join the HRCVO, for any organization will be the person to vote at any meeting where a vote is called.

There was a question concerning the search for HRCVO Treasurer and Executive Assistance to the President. President Doyle explained that the Executive Assistance to the President is not an official title in the By-Laws. He stated the Treasurer is the only official title per the By-Laws.

The President concluded the By-Law vote discussion by stating that each organization will have one vote. If there is an issue, he will have to pull the roster to verify the designated voter.

The President called for a vote on the By-Laws. Vice President Bob Singleton made a motion to accept the By-Laws changes and updates collectively under one vote. Kathleen Goodall, Board of Director, seconded the motion. The President asked if there was any discussion, there being none, he called for a vote. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Freitag asked for clarification of the entity names in By-Law Article XIII Dissolution. President Doyle gave an explanation that if the HRCVO was to dissolve all assets will be divided between the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVA) Program, Hampton, Virginia.

New Business:

Organizations Reports: Mission POW/MIA, Inc of Chesapeake, VA. They are a new organization of all volunteers that launched this year. They are available for talks, static displays, ect. They also represent Korea and World War II POW/MIA's. They are very happy to be back as a member of the HRCVO. POW/MIA Day will be celebrated on September 15, 2023.

Kathy Goodall, VFW District 2 reminded everyone they will be hosting a fundraiser at Harbor Park August 06, 2023. The ticket cost is \$15 per ticket of which \$4.50 will go back to the district to assist Veterans. Please provide a roster with names to Kathy by Sunday or drop it off at VFW Post 4809. There will be a table set up at the main gate with your tickets.

Good of the order: Vice President Bill Singleton briefed the VFW located on Bartee Street had the musical event last week. It was a free event for Veterans and a lot of fun. He encourages everyone to support these various events by inviting you neighbors and friend.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Benediction, Prayer for Our Troops was prayed by all present.

Meeting adjourned 7:53 PM