

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes February 24th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by HRCVO President Dan Doyle.

Invocation by HRCVO Chaplain

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Officers and Directors: Present were President Dan Doyle, Secretary Roger Durity, Treasurer Mike Maliniak, Chaplain Kevin Bowser. and Board of Directors (BOD) Kathy Goodall, and Michael Bukowski. The Vice President position is vacant. Excused Absent Immediate Past President Robert Randall, BOD Scott Breuer

Guest Speaker: Mr. Doug Newman, Outreach Coordinator for Vets' Retreat Virginia, Inc., delivered a presentation to the HRCVO regarding the organization's support for military personnel, first responders, and their families. He outlined the organization's plans to establish a chapter in the Hampton Roads area. Vets' Retreat Virginia, Inc. is recognized as a provider partner with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the Virginia Veterans Network. For further information, their website is vetsretreatvirginia.org.

President's Report and Opening Remarks:

- A reminder to the VSOs to renew their HRCVO membership. A fillable application is available on the HRCVO website.
- Request updates to the email distribution list.
- Working with an organization to increase participation of bands including High Schools band in the Veterans Day Parade.
- 50th Anniversary of the end to the Vietnam War.
- Presentation on the life John Paul Vann, Norfolk VA, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army and his role in the Vietnam War.

January 27th, 2025, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion: Kevin Bowser 2nd Kathy Goodall. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Maliniak read the treasurer's report and provided the following information:

- The post office rate for the HRCVO P.O. Box will increase. The increase is unknown.
- In communication with the new manager at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- No changes to rental fee for the port-a-potty.
- Dan is in communication with the golf cart company.
- A brief about his visit to the Jones and Cabacoy Veteran Care Center (JCVCC).
 - Currently 60 residents. No Short Term or Memory Care residents.
 - Need full sizes personal items. No clothing needed.
 - Donation of Snack food, soft drinks, and coffee. Non-alcoholic facility.
 - Due to limited storage. Preferred monthly donation.

- Plans to work with the Activity Director regarding monthly needs.
- Request HRCVO input for the upcoming Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th.

The financial report was submitted and posted to the website for review.

The Treasurer's Report approved as read.

POA&M Review:

- Dave Huffman, Mission POW/MIA gave an update.
 - March 29th will be the last Vietnam War Commemorative in Washington D.C.
 - Collaborating with counterpart in Vietnam in finding POW/MIA remains.
 - Unveiling of the 2025 National POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster created by Jeanie Huffman. (missionpowmia.org/2025-poster-recog-day)
 - Mission MIA/POW members organization meeting November 8 – 11 2025.
 - Bringing the Vietnam Memorial Travelling Wall. A possible location, inside the VB Convention Center. Working with Virgil Hart, Chairperson VB MVC
 - Mission POW/MIA will cover the \$8K cost to bring the wall.
 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 19th.
- Reviewed upcoming important dates of the POA&M
- Dan stated it will be "Best Parade Ever."

Old/Unfinished Business:

The Vice President position is vacant.

New Business: Commander Uhrin was nominated by Loren Heckelman, President of HRCMOAA.

Nomination open for 2025 Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal.

- Dave Huffman, Mission POW/MIA nominated Mr. Kelly McKeague, Director of DPAA
- Loren Heckelman, President of HRCMOAA.nominated Commander John J. Uhrin, US Navy (Retired)

The candidate bios will be posted to the HRCVO website for review and voted on at the next HRCVO meeting.

Mike Bukowski reported that the HRCVO Annual Audit was conducted by the Board of Directors. No discrepancies reported.

Organization Reports:

Venetta Charles mentioned the North Battlefield Outpatient Clinic ribbon cutting April 11, 2025.

Ron O'Donnell mentioned the Norfolk 58th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade March 15, 2025.

Eric Gardner stated that their organization, VAREP is listed on the Virginia Veterans Network.

Good of the Order:

The next meeting will be held on March 24th, 2025, at 7 pm.

Ron O'Donnell called for a Moment of Silence for the 2 Virginia Beach Police killed in the line of fire.

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Chaplain

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

HRCVO ATTENDANCE ROSTER

DATE: _____

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
1st Marine Division Association			
27th Marines Regiment Association	Johnny Johnson	757 544-6577	JJ in VA @ Alice
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	Alice V COOPER	757 470-7089	Alice.Cooper7089@gmail
American Legion Post 110			
American Legion Post 113	CLIFFORD J DIETZ	757- 572-5387	cdietz59@gmail.com
American Legion Post 327			
American Legion Womens Post 118			
American Veterans Post 69	ROGER DUBOIS		
Beirut Veterans of America			
Chesapeake Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs (MCVA)	Venella Charles	(757) 663-1495	Venella.Charles@gmail.com
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			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 166			
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 257			
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3204	KEVIN BOWSER	757 635 1929	kjbowser@cox.net
Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans			
Hampton Roads Chamber	Bob Freitag	757 497-3336	RFREI@AOL.COM
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	Mike Mawral	757 467-9017	mawralmike@cox.net
La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux	Mike Bukowski		
Marine Corps League			
Marine Corps League Detachment 332			
Mil Offs. Assn of America H.R. Chapter	Loren Heckelman LEBRON	757 928 2200	24 ST ST MILITARY NOVA
Military Order of the Purple Heart			
Military Order of the World Wars, V. B. Chap.			
Military Women of Tidewater - Unit 152			
Mission POW/MIA	Dave & Terrie Hoffman	757 615 9629	dave.hoffman@missionpowmia.org
National Sojourners H. R. Chapter 6			
Patriot Guard Riders	LARRY M. BRINK	757 681 1704	LBRINK54@YAHOO.COM
Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 484			
Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1549	BOB SHIRLEY	757-424-4590	graywolf6@peoplepc.com
Special Forces Assn, Chapter 84			
Team - Red, White & Blue			
Tidewater Council - Boy Scouts ^{Scouting America}	Jon Murdoch	908-319-8830	Jonathan.Murdoch@scouting.org

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
USS FORRESTAL Association			
U. S. Military Vets. Motorcycle Club Chap 1			
U. S. Submarine Vets. of Hampton Roads	Row Donnell	757-544-0105	DISASTER@CIVILIAN.NET
Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals	ERIC GARDNER	757-805-6235	
Veterans of Foreign Wars District 2			
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 392			
Veterans of Foreign Wars Tidewater Post 3160			
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4809	Kathy Goodall	757-572-8224	SKKAGRET@YAHOO.COM
Veterans Kitchen, Inc.			
Veterans of Underage Military Service			
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 48			
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 969			
Virginia Beach Mayors Committee for Veterans	VIRGIL HART	757-619-0490	GSECHART@ML.COM
Virginia Department of Veterans Services			
Virginia Patriot Guard Hampton Roads District 5			
Women's Marine Association			

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Meeting Agenda

February 24, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by HRCVO Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
5. President's Report
 - Doug Newman, Outreach Coordinator, Vets Retreat Virginia
 - Vietnam War Spotlight: John Paul Vann, Col., US Army, (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
 - Grand Marshal voting schedule and other milestones
 - Mission: POW/MIA update
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Nominations for Grand Marshal for the 2025 Veterans Day Parade
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = March 24, 2025 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
15. Veterans Day Program Meeting with COVB Marketing Department