

## Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

### Meeting Minutes March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, Immediate Past President Robert Randall, Secretary Roger Durity, Treasurer Mike Maliniak, Chaplain Kevin Bowser. and Board of Directors Kathy Goodall, Michael Bukowski, and Scott Breuer. Vice President position is vacant.

#### Guest Speaker:

Shelly Hunt, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for Bristol Hospice Virginia Beach presentation to the HRCVO regarding the organization "We Honor Veterans" VHV program that regardless of the situation, it is a priority of the We Honor Veterans program to ensure that all Veterans receive compassionate, quality care at the end of life.

Jeffrey Marriott, Founder of 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](http://vetsretreatvirginia.org).

#### President's Report and Opening Remarks:

- Vietnam War spotlight SSGT John Gary Gertsch a United States Army soldier and a recipient of the United States military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Vietnam War.
- An update on the Veterans Day Program booklet
- National Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony at the Jones and Cabacoy Veterans Care Center (JCVCC) on March 28<sup>th</sup> 11am follow up with lunch with the residents.
- Information on the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearts for Heroes Fishing Trip for veterans May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Rudee Inlet Virginia Beach.
- Honor Flight April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, transporting veterans to Washington D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifice and service.
- Conversation regarding the 2025 Veterans Day Parade, titled "Best Parade Ever." The utilization of social media for promoting the parade and strategies to enhance participation from the active-duty military community.

#### Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion: Kathy Goodall, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ron O'Donnell. The minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

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

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

The Treasurer's Report approved as read and available for audit.

### POA&M Review:

- Reviewed upcoming important dates of the POA&M
- Dave Huffman, Mission POW/MIA gave an update.
  - March 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last Vietnam War Commemorative in Washington D.C.
  - National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Virgil Hart, representing the VB Mayor's Veterans Committee, shared news about the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. It is scheduled to be displayed from November 8th to 11th, 2025, at the Convention Center. A meeting with the VB Mayor is forthcoming.

### Old/Unfinished Business:

Motion by Kevin Browser for \$300 to purchase a tablet for organization representative to check in at the HRCVO meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ron O'Donnell. Motion approved.

Virgil Hart noted the modification to the schedule regarding the timing of the Wreath-Laying ceremony during the Memorial Day observance.

The Vice President position is vacant.

### New Business:

Elections for Grand Marshal for the 2025 Veterans Day Parade.

- 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)
- No additional nominations.
- The candidate's bios were posted to the HRCVO website for review.

Mr. Kelly McKeague, Director of DPAA, was voted as the 2025 Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal.

### Organization Reports:

Mike Maliniak mentioned K of C Assembly #2588 Cornhole Tournament 7pm Saturday April 26, 2025, at the Ascension Community Center, Virginia Beach.

Ron O'Donnell Submarine Vets Annual Submarine Birthday Ball April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Good of the Order:

The next meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7 pm.

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Chaplain

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

**HRCVO**  
**Financial Report**  
**March 2025**

**Beginning Balance (3/1/2025)**

Checking	\$ 2,651.20
Savings	\$ 3,031.85
CD	\$ 10,311.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,994.73</b>

**Income**

Donation - VVA Chapter 969 (2024 & 2025)	\$ 100.00
CD Interest	\$32.08
Savings Account Interest	\$ 0.15
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	<b>\$ 132.23</b>

**Expenses**

Luncheon Deposit (DoubleTree)(1183)	\$ 500.00
VA Site Application Postage (USPS)(1184)	\$ 6.90
JCVCC Donation (Mike Maliniak)(1185)	\$ 234.15
<b>Total Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 741.05</b>

**Ending Balance (3/31/2025) \$ 15,385.91**

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

# HRCVO ATTENDANCE ROSTER

DATE:

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS	NAME	Phone Number	Email Address
1st Marine Division Association			
27th Marines Regiment Association	Johnny Johnson	752 544-6577	JJ@NUB.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	Alice V Cooper	757 470 7089	alice.cooper7089@gmail.com
American Legion Post 110			
American Legion Post 113			
American Legion Post 327			
American Legion Womens Post 118			
American Veterans Post 69			
Beirut Veterans of America			
Chesapeake Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs (MCVA)			
Coalition of Retired Military Veterans			

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DATE:

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.	Terrill J Wheeler SR	7574864904	TJWheeler1@verizon.net
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	SCOTT BREWER	757450-1940	sbreuha@gmail.com
Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans			
Hampton Roads Chamber	Bob Freitag	7574973336	RFREID@ROA.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
U. S. Military Vets. Motorcycle Club Chap 1			
U. S. Submarine Vets. of Hampton Roads	ROSE O'SUMMERS	757-544-0105	DICASTER2@VERIZON.NET
Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals			
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	SKCCKAGRET@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	757-619-8498	GSECHART@AOL.COM
Virginia Department of Veterans Services			
Virginia Patriot Guard Hampton Roads District 5			
Women's Marine Association			
HRCVO Auxiliary			



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## Meeting Agenda

March 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
  - Shelby Hunt, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, We Honor Veterans
  - Vietnam War Spotlight: SSGT John Gary Gertsch, US Army
  - Veterans Day Program Booklet update
  - National Vietnam War Veterans Day Celebration
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
  - Mission: POW/MIA update
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
  - Election for Grand Marshal for the 2025 Veterans Day Parade
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
  - Next meeting date = April 28, 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