

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes May 26th, 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: President Dan Doyle, Immediate Past President Robert Randall, Secretary Roger Durity, Treasurer Mike Maliniak, Chaplain Kevin Browser and Board of Directors (BOD) Kathy Goodall. Excused: BOD Michael Bukowski and Scott Breuer. Vice President position is vacant.

Guest Speaker:

Donald Hart, President of the Virginia Beach Jaycees, presented a historical overview of the Jaycees and its role as a sponsor alongside the Oceana wives for the "They're Not Forgotten" committee, which supports the POW/MIA Flame of Hope Memorial. He provided an update on the enhancements made to the POW/MIA Flame of Hope Memorial, indicating that the Flame is prepared for installation and will be ready for the relighting ceremony scheduled for the end of the summer. The Virginia Beach Jaycees continuously seek volunteers and meetings are convened on the second Tuesday of each month at Smartmouth Brewing in Virginia Beach.

President's Report and Opening Remarks:

- VSO members were encouraged to support the HRCVO's activities by making donations to the organization.
- "Good Job" to Virgil Hart, Chair of the Virginia Beach Mayor Committee for Veterans, and the committee for the outstanding Tidewater Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Thanks to Omni Financial for their donation to the HRCVO member organization.
- Explanation that each Post in an organization is eligible to join the HRCVO. They must submit an application that is available on the HRCVO website.
- Provided an update and discussion about the HRCVO Veterans Day Patriotic Essay Contest.
- A reminder of the Central Business Strategic Plan Letter Writing Campaign to the Virginia Beach City Council to preserve the Tidewater Veterans Memorial.
- A reminder of the upcoming ASYMCA Hearts 4 Heroes Fishing Trip on Friday May 30th.
- Vietnam War spotlight: 15 US Navy Medal of Honor Recipients recognized for acts of valor and bravery that went beyond the call of duty, demonstrating exceptional courage in the face of the enemy.
 - Donald E. Ballard: Hospital Corpsman Third Class.
 - Vincent R. Capodanno: Lieutenant, Chaplain Corps.
 - Wayne M. Caron: Hospital Corpsman Third Class
 - Michael J. Estocin: Captain.
 - Robert R. Ingram: Hospital Corpsman Third Class.
 - Thomas G. Kelley: Lieutenant.
 - Joseph R. Kerrey: Lieutenant (Junior Grade).

- Clyde E. Lassen: Lieutenant.
- David G. Ouellet: Seaman.
- David R. Ray: Hospital Corpsman Second Class.
- Marvin G. Shields: Construction Mechanic Third Class.
- James B. Stockdale: Rear Admiral.
- Michael E. Thornton: Engineman Second Class.
- James E. Williams: Boatswain's Mate First Class.
- Thomas R. Norris: Lieutenant, USNR.

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

April 28th, 2025, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion: Virgil Hart, 2nd: Ron ODonnell. The minutes were unanimously approved as posted without any changes.

Treasurer's Report:

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

- Update on donations to Jones and Cabacoy Veterans Care Center based on their monthly activities.
- Received a grant from Southern Bank for \$2500.
- 300 Tickets (\$30 each) are available for the Tidewater Veterans Day Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel. The due date to pay for the tickets will be 22nd September.

The financial report was submitted and posted to the website prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as read.

POA&M Review:

- Reviewed upcoming important dates of the POA&M.
- Dave Huffman, Mission: POW/MIA gave an update.
 - Major General Kelly K McKeague, USAF Ret., accepted to be the Grand Marshal of the Tidewater Veterans Day Parade.
 - North Carolina Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association participation in the Veterans Day activities.
 - The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall will be displayed in the Virginia Beach Convention Center (VBCC). A meeting is scheduled with the VB Communication Office to formulate a marketing and advertising plan.
 - Update on the restoration of the Flame of Hope Memorial.
 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 19th.
- Virgil Hart, Chair of VB Mayor Committee for Veterans (MVC) gave an update on the participation of the Traveling Wall during the week of Veterans Day.
- Dan Doyle commended Virgil Hart on the work he has done in the partnering of the MVC and the Traveling Wall during the week of Veterans Day.
- Dan introduced and discussed the notion of increasing military participation in the parade and restricting the number of vehicles per group.

Old/Unfinished Business:

The Vice President position is vacant.

Continued discussion on the Veterans Day Essay Contest. President Doyle expressed interest and agreed that if it were tied to the Veterans Day Luncheon it would be a great idea.

Continued discussion on how to attract High School participation in the parade to include Bands, competition, High School Floats, High Schools Band Challenges to take part in the parade.

New Business:

No new business

Mike Maliniak has announced the election of Dan Doyle to the Knights of Columbus State Council. Additionally, he highlighted the forthcoming election of new HRCVO Officers and emphasized the necessity for volunteers to seek election for the upcoming open positions.

Organization Reports

Ron O'Donnell referenced the Knights of Columbus 4 Chaplains ceremony, which honors the 57th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Scorpion SSN 589 off the coast of the Azores. The vessel was homeported in Virginia.

Kevin Browser reminds the VSOs that events can and are posted on the HRCVO website calendar page.

Good of the Order:

The next meeting will be held on June 23rd, 2025, at 7 pm.

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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HRCVO
Financial Report
May 2025

Beginning Balance (5/1/2025)

Checking	\$ 1,759.67
Savings	\$ 3,032.15
CD	\$ 10,379.40
Total	\$ 15,171.22

Income

Southern Bank Foundation Grant	\$ 2,500.00
Omni Financial (Donation)	\$ 500.00
CD Interest	\$34.61
Savings Account Interest	\$ 0.15
Total Monthly Income	\$ 3,034.76

Expenses

Luncheon Tickets (Communique, INC.)(1187)	\$75.00
Post Office Box (USPS)(1188)	\$244.00
JCVCC Donation (Mike Maliniak)(1189)	\$198.23
Total Monthly Expenses	\$517.23

Ending Balance (5/31/2025) \$ 17,688.75

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer



*Hampton Roads Council of
Veterans Organizations*

Requests the honor of your presence at the

Veterans Day Luncheon

11 November 2025 at 1200
(or immediately following the Memorial Ceremony)

at the

Double Tree Hotel
1900 Pavilion Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Price: \$30.00 per person

RSVP by 22 September 2025

757-467-9017

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*Please make checks payable to:
Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations*

Tickets must be presented at the door.

NOTE: Tickets will not be sold at the door. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Menu

**Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Garden Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Cake,
Coffee & Iced Tea**

*******IMPORTANT NOTE*******

No special meals – vegan/vegetarian/gluten free/etc. – will be available

