

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes July 28th, 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 (BOD) Kathy Goodall, Michael Bukowski, Scott Breuer. Vice President position is vacant.

Guest Speaker:

Kevin Bianchi Jr, from the Virginia Beach Jaycees, provided a briefing to the HRCVO on the lighting and re-dedication of the Flame of Hope as well as progress updates on the restoration of the Memorial Park.

Guest Speaker:

Virgil Hart, Virginia Beach Mayor's Committee for Veterans (MCV) presented an update on the Central Business District Project and its impact on Tidewater Veterans Memorial. There will be a 100 ft. boundary around the memorial.

President's Report and Opening Remarks:

- Dan gave any update on the plans for "Veterans Week" events.
- Announced that The Tidewater Veterans Day Parade was approved as Veterans Administration Regional Site for 2026.
- List of the latest items for the Jones and Cabacoy Veteran Care Center (JCVCC)
- Presented information on the Horton Wreath Society.

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

June 23rd, 2025, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion: Jonathan Murdoch, 2nd: Bob Randall. 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:

- Tickets (\$30 each) are available for the Tidewater Veterans Day Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel. The due date to return unsold tickets or the proceeds from the sales will be September 22, 2025.

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:

- Upcoming important dates from the POA&M were reviewed.
- Dave Huffman, Mission POW/MIA provided an update on the Veterans Week work that is currently being done to include the following.
 - They are an official USA Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner.
 - Received Vietnam War pins from Vietnam War Commemoration. Authorized to pin Vietnam Veterans.
 - The poster for National POW/MIA Recognition Day is being developed.
 - Draft poster with QR code for Veterans Week is in work.
 - Colonel (ret.) Michael Lee Brazelton, US Air Force, has been selected as the Co-Marshal for this year's Veterans Day Parade.
 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 19, 2025.
 - Static Displays to enhance Veterans Week were discussed.
 - American In Wartime will be available for veterans' oral history during Veterans Week at the Convention Center.
 - The Vietnam Moving Wall will be on display during Veterans Week.
 - Home Depot will supply materials needed to display the Moving Wall.
- Jonathan Murdoch mentioned that Scouting America is working to create a patch for scouts participating in Veterans Week.
- Virgil Hart, Chair of MCV, presented the activities for the Moving Wall during Veterans Week. He requested VSO volunteers to staff the Moving Wall.
- Karen Gill gave an update on the VB Engagement Communication office social media marketing and advertising plan to promote Veterans Week. She presented the QR code that is linked to the Veterans Week website.
- Discussion was held on school participation and bands in the parade.
- Roger Durity gave an update on parade applications received with a reminder for organizations to submit their applications online.

Old/Unfinished Business:

The Vice President position is vacant.

New Business:

- Motion made by Roger Durity for \$350 for the printing of 200 11x14 Veterans Week Posters. 2nd Bob Randall. Motion approved.

Organization Reports

- Wayne Anderson, Virginia Patriot Guard announced the 14th Annual Extortion 17 Memorial Ride that honors the 31 service members lost in Afghanistan in 2011. This year's ride will also honor the fallen Virginia Beach Police Officers Cameron Girvin and Christopher Reese, who were killed in the line of duty in February 2025. The ride begins at Ynot Italian on Great Neck Square in Virginia Beach on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

- Dan Doyle suggested visiting VMI to observe the bronze plaques commemorating VMI alumni who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, as well as the Chapel's painting depicting a battle scene. He specifically noted Captain Kennedy from Virginia, a graduate of the VMI Class of 1969, who served in the United States Air Force as a member of the 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron. Captain Kennedy was killed during a reconnaissance mission over Quang Tri Province, Vietnam.
- Wayne Anderson of the Virginia Patriot Guard provided an update regarding the ongoing landscaping efforts at the Flame of Hope Memorial Park as well as upcoming restoration plans. The park has been designated as a Level 2 priority by NAS Oceana.
- Venetta Charles, Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs (MCVA) | Chesapeake, VA announced that the 2025 Chesapeake Mayor's Breakfast to Honor Veterans will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, at the Chesapeake Conference Center. Breakfast is free, but seating is limited, and registration is required.
- Bob Randall notified the council of the passing of HRCVO member Clifford Dietz, American Legion Princess Anne Post 113.

Good of the Order:

The next meeting will be held on August 25th, 2025, at 7 pm.

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Chaplain.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

HRCVO
Financial Report
July 2025

Beginning Balance (7/1/2025)

Checking	\$ 4,922.60
Savings	\$ 3,032.45
CD	\$ 10,449.89
Total	\$ 18,404.94

Income

American Legion Post 327 - 10 Luncheon Tickets	\$ 300.00
40&8 - Refund 5 Luncheon Tickets (Bob Randall)(1192)	\$ (150.00)
FOE 3204 - 40 Luncheon Tickets	\$ 1,200.00
CD Interest	\$33.11
Savings Account Interest	\$ 0.15
Total Monthly Income	\$ 1,383.26

Expenses

Total Monthly Expenses **\$0.00**

Ending Balance (7/31/2025) **\$ 19,788.20**

Membership approved increase in Parade Posters Budget from \$75.00 to \$350.00 on 28 July 2025.

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

2025 BUDGET

HAMPTON ROADS COUNCIL OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

ITEM	BUDGETED	SPENT
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION	\$25.00	\$25.00
POST OFFICE BOX (Bayside Station)	\$250.00	\$244.00
<u>LUNCHEON</u>		
- Tickets	\$100.00	\$75.00
- Decorations	\$300.00	
- Plated Lunches	\$8,400.00	\$500.00
- Box Lunches	\$500.00	
- Audio/Visual	\$250.00	
- Room Rental	\$500.00	
<u>PARADE</u>		
- Permit	\$50.00	
- Folding Chairs	\$500.00	
- Portable Toilets	\$465.00	
- Golf Carts	\$500.00	
- Proclamation Frames	\$75.00	
- Posters*	\$350.00	
- Miscellaneous	\$300.00	
- New Parade Signs		
- Parade Tools/Supplies		
HORTON WREATH SOCIETY	\$250.00	
SOUND SYSTEM REPAIR	\$150.00	
AWARDS (Plaques)	\$150.00	
OFFICE EXPENSES (Ink Cartridges, Paper)	\$200.00	
POSTAGE	\$80.00	\$6.90
VETERANS/MILITARY SUPPORT	\$2,800.00	\$882.70
HRCVO WEBSITE	\$403.00	\$403.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	\$900.00	\$70.00
- Officer Name Badges		
- New Banners		
- Memorabilia (Coins, Shirts, Hats, etc.)		
TOTAL	\$17,498.00	\$2,206.60

APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP - 27 JANUARY 2025

***Increase in Parade Poster line item to \$350 approved on 28 July 2025**

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Meeting Agenda

July 28, 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
 - Donald Hart, President, VB Jaycees, POW/MIA Memorial Status Report
 - Virgil Hart, VB Mayor's Committee, Tidewater Veterans Memorial Plan
 - "Veterans Week" big picture plan
 - Veterans Administration Regional Site Selection Announcement
 - Vietnam Veterans Patriotic Essay Contest
6. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
7. Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills and Invoices Paid/Pending/Forthcoming
 - Financial Statement Review
 - Luncheon ticket status report – payment deadline = Sept 22 meeting
8. POA&M Review
 - Mission: POW/MIA update – Dave Huffman
 - Co-Marshal selection – Vietnam War POW – Dave Huffman
 - Co-Grand Marshal idea – Dave Huffman
 - Vietnam wall marketing and advertising plan – Virgil Hart
 - Parade Registration Update – Roger Durity
 - Veterans Week Social Media Marketing & Promotion Plan – Karen Gill
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Veterans Week Poster Production – Roger Durity
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = August 25, 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