

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes October 27, 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:

Kim Dodson, Mission Director, United Way of South HR briefed the HRCVO on the relief and support for veterans, active-duty military members and their families through a coordinated network of local resources. She also mentioned they are hosting a Veterans Breakfast November 10th 9am at the Chrysler Museum.

Admiral Chip Rock, USN, Ret., briefed the HRCVO about Operation Smile. The organization has been working in Vietnam since 1989. It is working together with communities worldwide to expand access to care through training and educational programs, and offering free, life-changing cleft surgeries and comprehensive care. He presented postcards with information regarding the film “**A Cure to War: Six Degrees of Humanity.**”

President’s Report and Opening Remarks:

- Thank you to Jeanne Huffman for the artwork of the new HRCVO Banner.
- Provided the official VA Department Veterans Day posters.
- Mentioned the Veterans Week Agenda Postcards
- Sale of Scouting America Veterans Week Commemorative Patches.
- US Veterans Hall of Fame Gala reduced prices, and a free table offers 9 free seats.
- Jones and Cabacoy Open House invitation 1:30pm to 5pm. Johnny Jones will be the Guest Speaker at 4pm.
- Dave Huffman Mission: POW/MIA provided Veterans Week 2025 Significance, Focus, and Talking Points.
- HRCVO Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.
- Wreath Laying is available all day during the Moving Wall display.
- Need a Vietnam Membership Head Count of Vietnam Veterans at the luncheon for a commemorative coin. Open for suggestions.

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

September 22nd, 2025, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion: Mike Bukowski, 2nd: Kevin Bowser. 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:

- Approximately 230 tickets were purchased so far for the Veterans Day Luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel.
- Meeting with the Doubletree staff October 28 to finalize the arrangements.
- Due to the Federal Shutdown the VA Medical Center may not attend the parade and luncheon.
- The cost of the postcards, \$200, is covered in the budget. The cost was split with the VB Mayors Committee for Veterans (MCV)
- Give thanks for the basket. He will need to know who donated the baskets so that "Thank You" could be send to the organizations.
- 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 and events from the POA&M were reviewed. Action items noted.

- Dave Huffman gave an update on Static Displays, Grand Marshall, POW/MIA Families.
 - He mentioned the meetings with Pentagon and Vietnam Officials, the surrender of 5 Vietnam War artifacts and the exchange of artifacts.
 - Gave thanks to Virgil for the work on the Moving Wall.
 - Pins for Vietnam Veterans and Gold Star Mothers will be available at all events.
 - Gqve thanks to Wayne Anderson for work done on the Hope of Flame. Ceremony for the relighting of the Flame of Hope will be Monday night.
- Virgil Hart, Chair, MCV, gave an update on the activities for the Moving Wall during Veterans Week. He stated that all the positions are filled anf there will be SOP.
- Roger Durity gave an update on parade applications received with a reminder for organizations to submit their applications online. Emails with the parade instructions and line up will be distributed as soon as the lineup is finalized.
- Karen Gill, VB Engagement Communication office gave a detailed update on social media marketing and advertising for Veterans Week. She mentioned that Veterans Week is in the Flagships newspaper and upcoming news media coverage.
- Bob Freitag gave an update on the Program Booklet. The Proclamations are framed and ready. The Flyover is still being finalized.
- Dan Doyle gave an update on the Parade Route, Logistics, and Volunteers. The parade route will change due to scheduled construction on 17th Street.
 - He mentioned his attending the National Christopher Columbus Memorial Ceremony in Washington D.C. He presented the memorial book and the possibility of creating a HRCVO Book containing ads, the essay contest winner's essay, etc... Open for future suggestions.
 - Mentioned parade volunteers from USAA, Triton and the Portsmouth Medical Center.
 - Volunteers needed to load chairs and unload the van. The chairs come from Mike Maliniak's church.
 - Need a live Bugler for the Veterans Day Ceremony
 - December 13th Wreaths Across America.
 - The Fire Department will be inspecting floats with generators.

- Mike Miliniak gave an update on volunteers' need for the setting up for the luncheon, tickets sales, and Gift baskets for the raffle.
- Kevin Bowser gave an update on the Parade, Memorial Service and Luncheon Scripts.

Old/Unfinished Business:

The Vice President position is vacant.

New Business:

- Wayne Anderson, Virginia Patriots Guard made a recommendation for the money from the Basket raffle to be donated to the Flame of Hope.
Motion: Ron Basso 2nd: Steven Williams. Motion passed
- Dan mentioned nomination of HRCVO Officers for 2026. Voting to be held at the November meeting.

Organization Reports

- Wayne Anderson, representing the Virginia Patriots Guard, gave an update on the Flame of Hope. He asked Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to submit their Challenge Coin, which will be enshrined in the memorial to recognize their contributions. President Dan Doyle presented Wayne with the HRCVO coin.

Good of the Order:

- Mike Miliniak will make VIP seating available in front of the Showmobile for Vietnam Veterans and POW/MIA families.
- Ron ODonnell, Submarine Vets thanked Virgil Hart for attending Submarine Vets meeting to promote Veterans Week.
- Virgil Hart shared updates on the Tidewater Memorial, including RFPs for a parking garage at 19th and Park and a Sports Action Facility behind the memorial. City staff are suggesting paid parking around the memorials beginning April 1, 2026. Everyone is encouraged to contact their City Council to oppose it.
- Bob Randall mentioned help needed to set up the Tuesday morning for the parade.

The next meeting will be held on November 24, 2025, at 7 PM

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

HRCVO
Financial Report
October 2025

Beginning Balance (10/1/2025)

Checking	\$ 8,302.55
Savings	\$ 3,032.90
CD	\$ 10,551.78
Total	\$ 21,887.23

Income

VVA Chapter 969 (10 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 300.00
VFW Post 392 (10 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 300.00
Filipino American Veterans of Hampton Roads (Donation)	\$ 200.00
Mission: POW/MIA (50 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 1,500.00
Wounded Warrior Project (20 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 600.00
VAREP (3 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 90.00
Order of Alhambra - Padul Caravan 69 (Donation)	\$ 100.00
Kathy Goodall (1 Luncheon Ticket)	\$ 30.00
Roger Durity (2 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 60.00
Wayne Anderson (4 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 120.00
DAV 20 (10 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 300.00

CD Interest \$ 33.44

Savings Account Interest \$ 0.13

Total Monthly Income **\$ 3,633.57**

Expenses

New Luncheon Banner (Dan Doyle)(1199)	\$ 126.00
Parade Postcards (Dan Doyle)(1200)	\$ 200.00
Luncheon (DoubleTree)(1201)	\$ 6,491.50
Portable Toilets (Fred Lee's Elite Seats)(1202)	\$ 465.00
JCVCC Donation (Mike Maliniak)(1203)	\$ 148.19

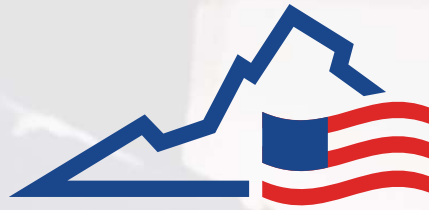
Total Monthly Expenses **\$ 7,430.69**

Ending Balance (10/31/2025) **\$ 18,090.11**

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

Mission: POW-MIA talking points:

- There are **80,930** Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from past conflicts.
 - There are **1566** Americans still Missing and Unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.
 - There are **45** Virginians still Missing and Unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.
 - There were **591** Prisoners of War released from North Vietnam at the end of the war.
 - There are **58,281** names of servicemembers who died during the Vietnam War memorialized on the Wall.
 - The names of US Civilians supporting the war effort who were killed, captured or missing are not listed on the Wall.
 - There were approximately **9 million** veterans that served during the Vietnam era, with approximately **2.7 million** serving in Vietnam.
 - From 1946 to 1991, the US was also involved in the Cold War and there are **126** missing Americans from that period.
 - The families of Missing Americans still struggle today to find answers as to the fate of their loved ones.
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- We thank the nearly 16 million American veterans living among us today.
 - We are proud to be the co-marshal of this year's Veterans Day Parade and we appreciate the HRCVO and President Dan Doyle.
 - We thank the Mayor's Committee for Veterans and Chair Virgil Hart.
 - We thank Mayor Bobby Dyer and the City of Virginia Beach for supporting this event.



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OPEN HOUSE

OCT 28, 2025
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Tour our beautiful building and enjoy light refreshments

Music will be performed by retired US Navy musician,
Ken Keller

Special Guest Speaker, Johnny Johnson
4:00 pm in Patriot Hall



For questions, please contact
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Meeting Agenda

October 27, 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
 - Kim Dodson, Director, United Way of South HR (757-853-8500)
 - Chip Rock, Operation Smile (361-877-9285)
 - HRCVO Vietnam Veterans Membership Head Count
 - Commemorative Patch
 - US Veterans Hall of Fame Gala Table Offer – 9 Free Seats
 - Jones & Cabacoy Open House Invitation - Johnny Jones Keynote Speaker
 - Veterans Day 2025 Significance, Focus, Talking Points
 - HRCVO Wreath Laying Ceremony at Vietnam Memorial Wall
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
 - Static Displays, Grand Marshall, Families – Dave Huffman
 - Vietnam Moving Wall Ceremony and Schedule - Virgil Hart
 - Parade Registration and VIP's – Roger Durity
 - Veterans Week Social Media Marketing & Promotion Plan – Karen Gill
 - Program Booklet and Fly Over – Bob Freitag
 - Parade Route, Logistics, Volunteers – Dan Doyle
 - Luncheon Set Up, Tickets, and Gift Baskets – Mike Maliniak
 - Parade, Memorial Service, and Luncheon Script – Kevin Bowser
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Vietnam Moving Wall Opening Ceremony Postcard - \$200 invoice
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = November 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