

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes February 23rd, 2026.

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 Alice Cooper and Board of Directors (BOD), Ron O'Donnell, Vice President position is vacant. Excused Kathy Goodall and Michael Bukowski BOD.

Guest Speakers:

Anthony Rogers, the Veterans Mobility Coordinator and former guest speaker, provided an update about the Transportation Program and Rider Eligibility at the Peninsula Agency on Aging.

Ed Hogle, 911 Standing Tall, created a 9/11 memorial made of the numerals 9-1-1. The 1-1 resembles the Twin Towers, and the sculpture sits on the back of a trailer. Hogle takes it around the country to honor the victims and heroes and to educate others.

President's Report and Opening Remarks:

- Presented a Certificate and a Letter of Appreciation to Venetta Charles for her contributions to the Veterans Day Luncheon and the baskets raffle.
- Presentation a Letter of Appreciation to Past President Robert Randall for his contributions to the Veterans Day events
- Reminder to the HRCVO members to update their organization's contact information.
- Requested the HRCVO members to encourage their organizations to submit their 2026 contributions to the HRCVO.
- A flyer from George Lutz requesting the support of local area VSOs in sponsoring the Virginia Run for the Fallen, a four-day event covering over 250 miles dedicated to honoring military service members connected to the state of Virginia. It will take place from April 30 through May 3, 2026.
- Presented a follow-up presentation on George Washington and the Revolutionary War.

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

January 26th, 2026, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion: Jonathan Murdoch, 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:

- Update on the luncheon tickets sales and expenses.
- Preparing for the luncheon on the morning of the event can help reduce expenses.
- There may be an increase in luncheon ticket prices for 2026.
- Defer the approval of the luncheon ticket pricing to the meeting scheduled for March 23rd.

- 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:

- Grand Marshal election process.
 - Ask HRCVO members to reach out to their organizations for nominations ahead of the March 23rd meeting.
- Co-Marshall selection by the co-sponsor
 - Terri Dunn-Campbell, United States Army Veteran, Gold Star Mother
- Selection of the Chaplain is in progress.
- Proclamation is completed.

Old/Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Election of HRCVO Officer, Vice-President for 2026 – 2028.
 - Nomination of Jonathan Murdoch for the position of Vice-President by Mike Miliniak, 2nd: Alice Cooper. Unanimously approved.
- Swear in Officers for the 2026-2028 term.
 - Immediate Past President Robert Randall
 - Vice-President Jonathan Murdoch

Organization Reports

- St. Patty's Day Parade March 14th Ocean View.
- Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner March 17th, 2026.
- Dan suggested that the HRCVO should consider offering sponsorship support to The Virginia Run for the Fallen.

Good of the Order:

- Virgil Hart, who chairs Virginia Beach MCV, gave a presentation describing plans for the Gold Star Families Memorial to be built at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial in Virginia Beach. A committee meeting regarding this initiative is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 4th, 2026, at VFW Post 392.
- Venetta Charles mentioned that On February 23, 1945, during the brutal Battle of Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines raised the American flag atop Mount Suribachi,

The next meeting will be held on March 23rd, 2026, at 7 PM

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

HRCVO
Financial Report
February 2026

Beginning Balance (2/1/2026)

Checking	\$ 1,367.59
Savings	\$ 3,033.31
CD	\$ 10,683.89
Total	\$ 15,084.79

Income

CD Interest	\$ 30.44
Savings Account Interest	\$ 0.07
MOAA Annual Donation	\$ 50.00
Total Monthly Income	\$ 80.51

Expenses

Total Monthly Expenses	\$ -
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Ending Balance (2/28/2026) **\$ 15,165.30**

HRCVO IRS Form 990-N submitted for 2025 and accepted by IRS on 1 February 2026.

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

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Release Date: February 1, 2026

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL VIRGINIA
“RUN FOR THE FALLEN” TO HONOR AND
REMEMBER VIRGINIA MILITARY SERVICE
MEMBERS WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF
SERVING DURING THE WAR ON TERROR.**

Relay Team to Cover One Mile for Each Fallen Service Member in Tribute Run from Fort Story, Virginia Beach to Arlington National Cemetery.

Chesapeake, VA – Beginning the first weekend in May, Honor and Remember Inc. established the Virginia Run for the Fallen to call attention to and honor the men and women who have recently died in military service to America. A team of more than 16 active duty military members and civilian from throughout Virginia and other locations across the U.S. will embark on a 250 plus-mile journey to honor every Virginia service member who died as a result of serving during the War on Terror and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn, Inherent Resolve.

Each marker of the route will be dedicated to an individual Virginia hero and his or her family. The run team will stop at each “Hero Marker” HM (approx. one mile) to give individual tribute to waiting Gold Star family members, friends and comrades. The goal of the event is to create a 250 mile memorial trail through Virginia. Each hero marker tribute will include a short ceremony for the hero along with planting American and Honor and Remember Flags.

Virginia “Run for the Fallen” will kick off on Thursday morning, April 30, 2026, at 6:30 a.m. at Fort Story, Virginia, with a “start” ceremony for the four-day, 250 plus mile run through Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Gloucester, Tappahannock, King George, Fredericksburg, Stafford, Quantico, Dumfries, Prince William County, Manassas, Fairfax County and Arlington to finish at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, at 1pm Sunday May 3rd. More details and route maps will be available here... www.va.usa.runforthefallen.org

On Sunday afternoon, as the run enters Arlington there will be one last opportunity for the public to show their support and walk alongside our team for the last mile from Fort Myer's Old Post Chapel at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall to Cemetery Section 60, where many Virginia heroes have been lain to rest.

For more information and to find out how to participate by joining the run or to donate or volunteer please visit the VA Run for the Fallen website at www.va.usa.runforthefallen.org or www.HonorandRemember.org

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Honor and Remember, Inc. - After the death of his eldest son, Tony, in Iraq, Gold Star father George Lutz recognized the need to educate the nation on the precious cost of freedom. His mission became raising awareness about the sacrifice made by military men and women who died for their country through the creation and establishment of a distinct and tangible symbol. The Honor and Remember Flag was unveiled nationally on Memorial Day 2008 to perpetually recognize the sacrifice of our fallen military heroes and their families. The flag is now being endorsed by veteran and service organizations and adopted by cities and states as an official symbol. And it is being flown by patriotic Americans across our nation, well on its way to becoming a nationally accepted symbol of remembrance. You can learn more and sign the petition to support this campaign by visiting www.honorandremember.org

Run for the Fallen – Jon Bellona, inspired after the death of his college roommate and friend 1LT Michael Cleary in Iraq, created a national run of remembrance, June 14, 2008, reprised again in 2018. Since that initial event, tribute runs have been organized yearly in states across the country. Honor and Remember, through its Run for the Fallen initiative, is dedicated to calling out the name of every fallen service member in all 50 states. To date multiple states participate with the goal of adding at least two additional state annual events per year. Since the initial run across America, runners from around the world have joined Run for the Fallen in remembering our fallen heroes. Over 500,000 miles have been collectively run in remembrance of those fallen in those recent operations. www.runforthefallen.org

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Virginia Run for the Fallen *SPONSORSHIP FORM* www.varunforthefallen.org

- DIAMOND SPONSOR** - \$5,000 - Logo on our website and receive three 3x5 screen printed Honor and Remember Flags.
- PLATINUM SPONSOR** - \$2,500 - Logo on our website and receive two 3x5 screen printed Honor and Remember Flags.
- GOLD SPONSOR** - \$1000 - Logo on our website and receive a 3x5 screen printed Honor and Remember Flag.
- SILVER SPONSOR** - \$500.00 - Listing on our website as a Silver Sponsor.
- BRONZE SPONSOR** - \$200.00 - Listing on our website as a Bronze Sponsor.
- BLUE SPONSOR** - \$100.00 - Listing on our website as a Blue Level Sponsor.
- I would like to sponsor a mile or runner - _____**
for # _____ miles for \$ _____ per mile. For a total of _____

Check off your Sponsorship Level above & fill out the form below.

Sponsor Name : _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Sponsors please email artwork (eg business card): virginia@runforthefallen.org

Make checks payable to Honor and Remember, Inc. c/o VA Run for the Fallen. (757)598-3524.

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Donation Amount _____ Received By _____

Checks may also be mailed to: Honor and Remember, Inc., PO Box 16834, Chesapeake, VA 23328. All donations collected above the needed expenses will be used to further the national mission of Honor and Remember, to perpetually recognize the sacrifice of our military fallen heroes and their families, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. EIN 41-2277283.



Peninsula Agency on Aging proudly offers two programs that honor your service by supporting your health and independence. Our Veterans Transportation Program provides free rides for veterans to important medical appointments, whether at the VA Medical Center or to other non-emergency medical care offices, while our Veteran Directed Care (VDC) program offers in-home support for eligible veterans of all ages, empowering you to live safely at home and choose the care that best fits your needs. Together, these programs help you stay connected, maintain your independence, and live with dignity.

Two Programs. One Mission: Supporting Veterans Across Every Stage of Life

Peninsula Agency on Aging is dedicated to supporting veterans with the respect and care they deserve. Our programs are designed to help veterans maintain independence, stay connected to their communities, and live with dignity.

Your service has made a difference—
and it is our honor to serve you.



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Veterans Services

Supporting Those Who Served With Care & Connection



Peninsula
Agency on Aging

Veteran Transportation

We believe that honoring veterans means more than words, it means action. Transportation should never be a barrier to the health, independence, or quality of life of those who have served our country.

PAA's Veteran Transportation Program has a mission to ensure area veterans who require assistance traveling to and from VA health care facilities (Peninsula or Southside) and/or non-emergency medical care offices in the community on the Peninsula.

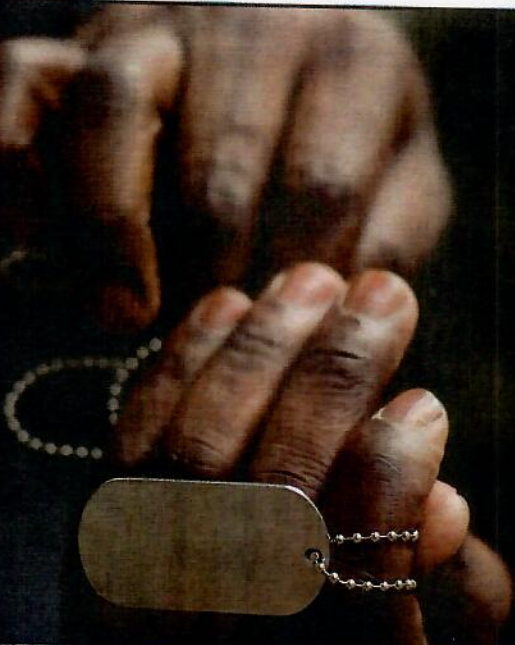
**To Schedule a Ride:
757-873-0541**

Rider Eligibility

Veterans, 60 years of age or older or 18+ with a disability, who live on the Virginia Peninsula or Southside Hampton Roads may qualify for free transportation to the Hampton VA Medical Center, any of the four Southside VA Clinics or a non-emergency medical care office in the community on the Peninsula, if the following criteria are met:

- You are 60 years of age or older or 18+ with a disability
- You have no access to other forms of transportation
- You reside on the Virginia Peninsula or Southside Hampton Roads
- You complete a brief telephone assessment before your first ride
- You schedule your ride in advance, minimum 48 hours notice.

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The Veterans Transportation program is supported with funding from the Federal Transportation Administration with oversight provided by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Veteran Directed Care

As a Veteran, this self-directed program provides you with the opportunity to access essential services that enable you to stay in the comfort of your home and community. Tailored to meet the needs of Veterans, this program is specifically designed to benefit Veterans of any age who are facing nursing home placement or whose caregivers are overwhelmed.

To request an assessment for enrollment, contact your VA Medical Center Primary Care Physician

- Serves eligible veterans of all ages who are at risk of nursing home placement
- Provides personalized in-home care and support services tailored to individual needs
- Helps veterans remain safely in their own homes and communities
- Offers flexible service options including personal care, homemaker assistance, and respite care
- Empowers veterans with control over their care decisions and service providers
- Supports veterans' independence, dignity, and quality of life
- Designed to reduce hospitalizations and delay or prevent institutional care



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Meeting Agenda February 23, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by HRCVO Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call of Officers and Directors
5. President's Report
 - Guest Speaker: Ed Hogle, 911 Standing Tall
 - Guest Speaker: Anthony Rogers, Veterans Mobility Coordinator
 - Swear in Officers and Directors for the 2026-2027 term
 - Honor and Remember Run for the Fallen – April 30 – May 3, 2026
 - George Washington and the Revolutionary War
6. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
7. Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills and Invoices Paid/Pending/Forthcoming
 - Financial Statement Review
 - 2026 Veterans Day Luncheon Ticket Price
8. POA&M Review
 - Grand Marshal election process
 - Co-Marshal selection by the co-sponsor
 - Proclamation status
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
 - Election for Vice President
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = March 23, 2026 at 7 PM
 - Mayor's Committee for Veterans Affairs – Veterans Memorial Update
 - 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