

Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations

Meeting Minutes — August 24, 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, Vice President Jonathan Murdoch, Secretary Roger Durity, Treasurer Mike Maliniak, Chaplain Alice Cooper and Board of Directors (BOD), Kathy Goodall, Michael Bukowski, Ron O'Donnell.

President's Report and Opening Remarks

- Kevin Bowser proposal to feature “250 of something” in the parade to mark America 250.
 - Idea: 250 youth carrying laminated cards on paint sticks, ideally near the front.
 - Request for help compiling veteran names for cards; outreach to schools and large family groups suggested.
 - Emphasis on inclusivity (American Legion, VFW, Gold Star Mothers, etc.).
 - Group supports pursuing 250 participants carrying name cards, Members to help source names and participants.
- Media coverage planning
 - Last year we had no TV coverage despite outreach to WTKR.
 - Currently focus on WAVY; uncertain if coverage will be on air, streaming, or reporter-only. Outreach is ongoing; commitment is not yet confirmed.
- Dan reminded VSOs to submit annual donations and to renew their memberships in time for inclusion in the parade book.

Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from Previous Meeting:

July 27, 2026, meeting minutes were posted to the website for review. Motion to approve: John Cooper; second: Alice Cooper. The minutes were unanimously approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report:

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

- A financial statement review was provided.
- Veterans Day Luncheon tickets are now on sale.
 - Tickets \$30 each; tables \$300; organization name on table.
 - He will not be at the September meeting. Tickets/money are due back at the October meeting. Prices rise after October 26th.
- HRCVO challenge coins are available for sale for \$6.00 each.
- 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:

- Co-Marshall American Gold Star Mothers (AGSM) reconvenes mid-September; They will have an update at the September meeting.
- Bob Fretig gave an update:
 - Schedule for the signing of the Proclamation by the 5 Mayors is set for September.
 - VA Secretary certificates and state posters arrived late last year and are delayed again this year.
 - Reminder to the VSOs to submit annual donations in time for inclusion in the parade book.
 - The 2027 Co-Marshall is the American Legion 2nd District.
- Roger Durity gave an update on the Parade Application status. 29 in total (27 Organizations, 2 High Schools).
 - Parade applications are being accepted and are available online.
 - Each organization receives a single spot in the parade line-up; internal lineup within that spot is the organization's responsibility.
 - An email update regarding the parade will be sent soon.
 - Update VIPs, dignitaries, and car clubs.
 - Fleet Forces Commander intends to attend the parade (not the luncheon); Suffolk mayor and CO Naval Station Norfolk will not attend.
 - Outreaching to other VIPs and dignitaries.
 - Car club coordination is in progress to provide vehicles for VIPs; priority is given to first confirming providers to avoid shortages.
 - Past year fewer cars were needed due to government shutdown.
- Plan to source 200+ chairs from a church as in prior year.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Discussion that Space Force was missing on the show mobile stage banner, seeking a durable, high-quality banner. Dan to take action to produce an updated design once a picture/reference is provided.

Organization Reports

- Rich Segarra spoke about a vet house and holistic retreats.
 - Pending funding, plan to open a vet house on Lake Gaston via Operation Blessing.
 - Four-day holistic retreats for men, women, and families; focus on rest, relaxation, and supportive dialogue.
 - Target opening shortly after the New Year if funding arrives, intake process details forthcoming.
 - Plan is to purchase a house (not build).
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 18.
- Gold Star Mothers September observances
 - Gold Star Mothers reconvene mid-September; quick meeting on September 19; push communications around Labor Day and September 11.
 - Last Sunday of September is National Gold Star Mother and Families Day.

- September is Suicide Awareness Month; chapters conduct walks and activities; info available at AmericanGoldStarMothers.org.
- Recently, they hosted 71 Gold Star family members at YMCA/Gettys Campground.
- National Centennial in two years (organization turns 100); planning ongoing at national level.
- November 14: Chapter will host a Women Veterans Luncheon locally; capacity will be capped; more info and flyers to come.

The next meeting will be held on September 28th, 2026, at 7 PM

Benediction and Prayer for Our Troops by HRCVO Chaplain.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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HRCVO
Financial Report
August 2026

Beginning Balance (8/1/2026)

Checking	\$ 5,907.39
Savings	\$ 3,033.76
CD	\$ 10,861.06
Total	\$ 19,802.21

Income

CD Interest	\$29.09
Savings Account Interest	\$0.08
VVA Chapter 969 Donation	\$ 100.00
5 Coins (Bob Freitag)	\$ 30.00
Gold Star Mothers (5 Luncheon Tickets)	\$ 150.00
K of C Assembly #2588 Donation	\$ 50.00
K of C Assembly #2588 Luncheon Donation	\$ 322.00
Total Monthly Income	\$681.17
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Expenses

Luncheon Installment (DoubleTree)(1229)	\$ 1,000.00
Proclamation Frames (Bob Freitag)(1230)	\$ 55.11
Horton Wreath Society Donation (1231)	\$ 200.00
JCVCC Donation (Mike Maliniak)(1232)	\$ 300.00
Total Monthly Expenses	\$ 1,555.11

Ending Balance (8/31/2026) **\$ 18,928.27**

Submitted by Mike Maliniak, Treasurer

Last Name	First Name	Organization
Bowser	Kevin	Fraternal Order of Eagles
Breuer	Scott	Fraternal Order of Eagles
Brink	Larry	Patriot Guard Riders
Bukowski	Mike	La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux
Cooper A	Alice	American Legion 2nd District
Cooper J	John	American Veterans Post 69
Doyle	Dan	Knights of Columbus Assembly 1162
Earnest	Frank	Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1549, Norfolk County Greys
Freitag	Bob	Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce
Goodall	Kathy	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4809
Hart	Virgil	VB Mayors Committee for Veterans
Heckelman	Loren	HRCMOAA
Johnson, J	Johnny	27th Marine Regiment Association
Maliniak	Mike	Knights of Columbus Assembly 2588
Murdoch	Jon	Tidewater Council Scouting America
O'Donnell	Ron	US Submarine Veterans of Hampton Roads
Randall	Robert	HRCVO
Segarra	Rich	Operation Vets with Nets
Shirley	Bob	Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1549
Sticklen	Maggie	Gold Star Mothers
Uhrin	John J	HRCMOAA / VVA969

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Meeting Agenda

August 24, 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
6. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
7. Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills and Invoices Paid/Pending/Forthcoming
 - Financial Statement Review
 - Luncheon Tickets Available for Purchase = \$30 each
 - HCRVO Challenge Coins Available for Purchase = \$6 each
8. POA&M Review
 - Co-Sponsor Status Update
 - Parade Application Status Update
9. Old/Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Organizational Reports
12. Good of the Order
 - Next meeting date = September 28, 2026 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



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