



**VCOC 4th QUARTER MEETING
Tuesday, 5 October 2021
Zoom Meeting via Link
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Administration

The meeting was called to order at 1004 by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret). Welcome to all.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by VCOC Member Hal Hostetler, COL USA (Ret).

The Roll Call was conducted by VCOC Secretary COL Monti Zimmerman, USAR (Ret). Ten chapters were represented: Central Virginia, Falcons Landing, Hampton Roads, Heritage, Mount Vernon, Northern Virginia, Portsmouth, Richmond Area, and Virginia Peninsula, VCOC officers: President: Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret), First Vice President: CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret), USN (Ret), Secretary: COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), and Treasurer LtCol (USAF) Jim Stephen, were present.

* Adoption of the Agenda approved. Motion by COL USA (Ret) Hal Hostetler, Seconded.

* The Third Quarter meeting minutes were adopted with a motion by CAPT (USN) (Ret) Mary Lou Wassel, seconded.

2. President's Report

* Col Boyd Nix, (USAF) (Ret) welcomed everyone. He thanked COL USA (Ret) Victoria Revilla and CDR (USN) (Ret) Lincoln Smith. He also gave a thank you to the board and the chapter presidents.

3. Treasurer's Report & Membership Report

Lt Col Jim Stephan, USAF (Ret) provided budget update and budget is balanced. All chapters have paid their dues, which has provided accurate membership numbers across the state. No income. Expenses of \$747.59 Available funds of \$6613.08



* Membership from 31 Dec 2020 to October was posted and discussed and posted to the VCOC web site. Membership across all VA Chapters was 2287 in 2020 and 2181, showing -106 for the year. in 2021. This prompted a discussion about recruiting and retention as the chapter membership is aging.

4. Standing Committee Reports

CDR Lincoln Smith, USN (Ret), USN Communications and Public Affairs briefed that the third quarter Crier is forthcoming and welcomes chapter input.

5. Legislative Committee Report

* COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) reported on the Joint Leadership Council initiatives supported by the legislative committee and the nominees for state and federal legislator of the year.

- We sponsored a change from "killed on active duty" to "died on duty." COL Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret) has twenty-nine widows who will help advocate on this issue tied to 2010.

- Tax relief is off the table for this year.

The other two issues are suicide relief and veterans service organizations' to be legally able to not be prosecuted for performing funeral and parade services.

* CDR Smith covered all the virtual Congressional advocacy actions

6. Old Business

* Bylaw review/ Review Liability for VCOC ongoing and transitioning from Victoria Revilla COL (Ret), USA to Vince Cammarata COL (Ret), USA.

7. New Business

2022 Meeting Schedule: to be posted within the next month.

* Open discussion/Items from the floor-Angela McConnell asked about adjusting the VCOC meeting times to match the State legislative calendar. John Down stated he would watch and work to assist as well.

* Zoom is great to help us! We need to continue to use this resource.



The meeting was adjourned by Col Boyd Nix, USAF (Ret) at 11:50 am.