

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS  
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## MINUTES - SECOND QUARTER MEETING

**THURSDAY - 11 MARCH 2010**

The Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) held its 2nd Quarter meeting at the Bellwood Club on the Defense Supply Center, Richmond, VA. All VCOC Officers and Appointees had been notified of this meeting via electronic means and written documents including "The Council Crier." Anyone desiring a copy, please contact the secretary by e-mail.

1st V.P. Col Kaiserman and the Legislative Representatives conducted their meeting in another area of the Club.

The meeting was called to order by President Col Sam Wilder at 10:02 AM. After a moment of silence in memory of CAPT John Smith who had been a VCOC Rep and a legislative rep from the Potomac Chapter, Chaplain LTC Blair Smith gave the Invocation. The Secretary then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wilder addressed the Agenda which had been previously publicized by The Council Crier and e-mail, and called for its approval. A motion was made by Col Hank Shelton and seconded by CMDR John Baumgarten. There was no discussion and approval was unanimous.

A Quorum was determined after chapter reps answered the call of their chapter name. Three chapters were not represented.

The Minutes of the 1st Quarter Meeting were discussed and the secretary announced that only three requests for change had been made by the President, 2nd V.P., and the Treasurer. He said the changes have been made and requested approval of the minutes. A motion was made and seconded, voting for approval was unanimous. The secretary announced that, based on a suggestion from the Treasurer Col Revilla, he was considering putting VCOC record copies of documents on CDs, &/or DVDs to save space and suggested the chapters also look into using this technology as well. Some discussion ensued, Col Revilla

discussed archiving briefly, and President Wilder stated that unless there was an objection the Secretary could proceed to put the council's records on CDs/DVDs, and provide a copy to anyone requesting same.

Col Revilla presented the Treasurer's Report of 1st Quarter income and expenses and their relation to the adopted budget. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report, and it was unanimously accepted. A question was then raised about the Congressional Luncheon and a lively discussion ensued. Where it's being held, multiple costs, cost over-runs, request cost over-run supplements of \$2 to \$5.00, etc., being discussed ad infinitum resulted in Col Lee Lange's pledge of \$500.00 from MOAAQ Hq towards the luncheon, since HQ benefits greatly from it. Col Revilla's motion was made, seconded, discussed, and passed, by a vote of 11-7, that "Chapters would be assessed on a per person basis the cost of the over-run." Member & spouse/guest costs were up next. Col Jim Brown explained that the difference was to make up for MOAA's non-member guests. Next was a motion for "members and spouses to pay the same \$35.00, everyone else would pay 45.00," which also passed by a vote of 11 to 7. This ended the Treasurer's report.

President Wilder gave a report on 1st Qtr VCOC Goals at the state level that shows we have succeeded beyond any attainment of the past. At the National level, we need to increase e-mails above and beyond the 80,000 of last year, and individually, you can help and you are important. We're getting more publicity than ever before, reporters and photographers at our meetings, and "I'm seeing significant improvement in the public relations area," he said. President Wilder emphasized the need for maximum attendance at the Congressional Luncheon, the key event in the 2nd quarter. "Numbers count" he said, and with 18 chapters if we average 7 members per chapter, we'd have 126 and with MOAA Hq's 22 or so we'd be close to 150 attendees. He spoke very highly of Barry Wright in MOAA Hq, and recommended him for VCOC's Minute Man Award. A motion was made and seconded, there was no discussion, and he was unanimously approved as VCOC's recipient for 2010.

In the absence of 2nd V.P. & Public Affairs Officer Maj Melva Mallison due to back problems, President Wilder gave the report she submitted: Goal is to improve Public Affairs. Every chapter has an appointed Public Affairs Officer; 12 chapters have identified PAOs/committee members to VCOC Secretary and

PAO, only 6 last year. PAO Committee is communicating by e-mail so far. Several items of publicity have been published, but it's too soon to tell if it's more than last year. Many chapters have met the goal of publishing at least one news story with stories of storming the General Assembly. GCMC got a PSA on TV concerning their Clay Target Shoot to benefit VWWP. Persuade reporters to attend Storming the Hill and Congressional Luncheon, assist with writing articles. There will be a news release template for chapters to use. Bring cameras and get photos of members and their congresspeople. Don't endorse candidates, political parties, or issues not approved by MOAA. Wear the VCOC "uniform." See VCOC website, in National Legislative Section. Please assemble quickly after your congressperson speaks for a group photo - with your chapter cameras. Submissions for Communications Awards have been made. Please USE our WEBSITE [Virginia MOAA.com](http://VirginiaMOAA.com). Everything we publish is there. The Council Crier March edition was mailed in February. Chapters may reproduce portions for their own publications, and finally, **Input for the June edition is due 10 May to editor/Melva.**

**3rd V.P./Membership/Chapter Affairs Chair CMDR John Baumgarten discussed the GMT Program for 2010, including Paid Memberships, Free Memberships, Prospect Lists, Reconciliation with MOAA, the Gold Bar Program, and "Night out on MOAA." He covered ROTC/JROTC Awards, and the MOAA Chapter Awards Competitions. He is confident that every VCOC-MOAA Chapter has the potential to be a MOAA "five star" chapter.**

We broke for lunch which had been arranged by the Richmond AC host chapter at about 1130 hours.

After lunch the meeting reconvened at 1205 hours. Col Lee Lange of MOAA Hq led an open discussion on how to improve Membership, Chapter Vitality, and Chapter Levels of Excellence. There was a vigorous exchange of ideas and information, and the chapter attendees were informed of many things MOAA Hq can do for them.

The legislative committee joined the group and 1st V.P. Legislative Chair Col Don Kaiserman gave an update on the status of VCOC State Legislative Objectives (5 of 6 passed), and National Legislative Objectives. President Wilder discussed the Congressional Appreciation Luncheon at length, covering procedures, assigning responsibilities, and emphasizing numbers

in attendance. Col Kaiserman indicated the committee did not have a recommendation for an Outstanding Legislator Award. He finally discussed the "Brick" and purchase of same by the Chapters for the Virginia War Memorial. Discussion of the cost and size of the brick ensued, and was explained by Col Kaiserman.

Under New Business, Col Lange Passed out a flyer about a MOAA sponsored 7-day cruise to Alaska. GCMC passed out a flyer on a Clay Pigeon Shoot to benefit the VWWP, and announced that a golf tournament would be held later this year.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1400 hours.

Respectfully submitted

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