

**VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

**MINUTES - THIRD QUARTER MEETING**

THURSDAY - 8 JULY 2010

The Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) held its 3rd Quarter meeting in the Globe and Laurel Restaurant at Quantico, VA. All VCOC Officers and Appointees, Chapter Presidents, Chapter VCOC Representatives, and Chapter Public Affairs Representatives (PAO) had been notified of this meeting via electronic means, the VCOC website, and "The Council Crier." Anyone desiring a copy, please contact the secretary by e-mail.

The meeting was called to order by President Col Sam Wilder at 10:04 AM. President Wilder gave the Invocation, and CDR John Baumgarten led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The attendees introduced themselves by chapter. This proceeded well, and for the first time in 2010 all 18 chapters were represented. We had a quorum.

President Wilder addressed the Agenda which had been previously publicized on the website, by The Council Crier and e-mail, and called for its approval. A motion to approve was made and seconded. There was no discussion and approval was unanimous. He then thanked Col Jim Brown, President of the Heritage Chapter, for all the work done in getting ready for the meeting.

The Secretary announced that the Draft Minutes of the 2nd Quarter Meeting had been sent out by email, published on the website, and in the Council Crier with a suspense date of April 20 for comment, requests for change, and that none had been received. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, voting for approval was unanimous.

Col Revilla presented the Treasurer's Report thru 30 June income and expenses and their relation to the adopted budget and stated "we are in good shape." The Congressional Luncheon did not result in a cost over-run. Everyone received a 2-page handout Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report, and it was unanimously accepted.

President Wilder discussed 14 Awards he had received at an earlier national MOAA meeting and presented the following Communications Awards to: Maj Melva 2nd VP/VCOC website manager/editor, Council Crier Mallison, First Runner-up Council Publication "The Council Crier;" First Runner-up for Chapter Websites, Virginia Peninsula Chapter; and First Runner-up for Council Websites, VCOC. The Mount Vernon Chapter received a 2nd Runner-up Award for the Best Chapter Website, won the Best Electronic Newsletter Award, and won the Best Print Version Website Award. The Virginia Peninsula Chapter also won Honorable Mention for its Legislative Alert Email Network. The Portsmouth Area Chapter won First Place in Category 5 for its Print Newsletter.

President Wilder spoke about a tribute Admiral Ryan made to the Virginia Council at the congressional luncheon when he said the VCOC is the only Council that hosts such an affair and that "I know of no other organization that has the breadth and depth of leadership that is present in this room. You in this room understand that the key principle of leadership is example." President Wilder congratulated those present for their leadership and example. He then discussed the VCOC goals and objectives and feels that we are well on our way to achieving them. He mentioned the legislative committee had a good meeting in June and came up with the Priority Legislative Objectives (PLO) which would be voted on shortly; and then turned the floor over to 1st VP Col Don Kaiserman, Legislative Chair.

Col Kaiserman presented the proposed state PLOs with President Wilder's assistance. After much discussion and several amendments, among which Col Jim Brown proposed the addition of "all three" in front of Veterans Care Centers in Item #1c, and BG Wes Edwards proposed the final wording of Item #2., the PLOs ranked in order of VCOC priority were approved. There was an initial proposal to remove the homeless veterans PLO and to change the rank order. Maj Mallison, VCOC 2nd VP, moved to include all the proposed PLOs in rank-order established by the VCOC Legislative committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

2nd VP Maj Melva PAffairsO/Website Manager/Council Crier Editor Mallison advised she would forego her report on appointed duties (all of the above) if attendees would read

the handout she had written. The group agreed, which helped the VCOC get back on schedule. Melva noted that she would cover as much as possible with the attending chapter Public Affairs committee members at lunch time. Ten lunched together including Melva and MOAA Public Affairs Director, Marv Harris.

3rd VP Cdr John Baumgarten gave the quarterly membership report as of 30 June 2010, and passed around a handout for everyone. Nine VCOC Chapters have submitted documentation for the MOAA 2010 Levels of Excellence Awards. After Cdr Baumgarten finished, President Wilder said he really likes the chapter report format and that the reports are giving him a better picture of the chapters than he ever had before.

We broke for lunch, arranged by Col Jim Brown.

After lunch, Col Marv Harris, MOAA Public Relations Director, gave a most interesting talk on Public Affairs. He stated that VCOC had the best Public Relations operation he knew of and **also the best PR officer he knew - Melva Mallison.** Marv cautioned his audience to **NEVER EVER GO "OFF THE RECORD."** His talk and handouts were well received and generated several questions and comments from the audience. President Wilder presented Col Harris a token of our appreciation for his participation.

In the final period, President Wilder addressed the idea of a VCOC Convention Cruise in the fall of 2011. Responses ranged from negative to positive. After a thorough discussion, including the necessity for a chapter to accept responsibility for the planning, preparation, and conduct of such an operation, it was agreed that the attendees would get with their chapter members on the idea and report back at the 4th quarter meeting at Petersburg in October.

All handouts at the meeting, including Marv Harris' speech, are posted on the VCOC website.

The final wording and priority ranking of the VCOC Priority Legislative Objectives for 2011 are attached.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1400 hours.

Respectfully submitted

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