



## Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call  
26 February 2020

### Minutes

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Col. Judi A. Davenport; Immediate Past President, Lt. Col. Donald L. Stockton; Army Vice President, Lt. Col. William B. Pentecost; Naval Services Vice President, Capt. Rickey D. Thomas; Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Krilla; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, Sgt. Maj. Rocco C. DeCamillo, Capt. Paul F. Keane and Cmdr. John G. Rothrock; Air Force Vice President, Col. Thomas H. Hueg; Air Force Executive Committee Members, Col. Gregory K. Bules, Col. Richard E. Nelson III, and Lt. Col. Richard B. Stephens Jr.; and Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey E. Phillips.

Appointed national officers present were: Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Terry Benshoof; International Programs Officers, Col. Paul Groskreutz and Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton; and Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski. Also, in attendance were: Budget and Finance Committee representatives, Chairman, Lt. Col. Hazel Robinson and member, Col. Scott Russell; Membership Committee Chairman, Lt. Col. Milton Houghton; observer, Capt. George J. Rippel; representing SmithBucklin, Mr. Sunny Patel; representing MNPC, Mr. Brad Carlson; and national staff members, Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Susan Lukas, Ms. Diane Markham, and Mr. Kevin Hollinger.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Junior Vice President, 1st Lt. Endureth W. Culanag; Army Executive Committee Members, Maj. Peter Powell, Maj. Jason Tolbert, and Maj. Gen. Margaret C. Wilmoth; Air Force Junior Vice President, Staff Sgt. April D. Hill; Health Services Officer, Maj. Gen. Peggy Wilmoth; Public Relations Officer and Capt. Henry E. Plimack; Chaplain, Col. Sherman R. Reed; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lt. Col. Joseph Snel.

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum being in attendance President Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **President's Remarks**

President Davenport opened the meeting by asking Lt. Col. Robinson to ask for a blessing on the meeting. After the prayer, President Davenport asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 22 January 2020 ExCom call.

*Upon a properly made motion by Lt. Col. Stockton, seconded by Col. Hueg, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the 22 January 2020 ExCom conference call.*

President Davenport said she believes this will be a very important meeting. It is the committee's opportunity to ask questions about the budget recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee. First, however, she asked for staff reports.

### **Executive Director Update**

Mr. Phillips reported that the magazine is out to the members. He said he has received nothing but positive comments. He said work is being done on the final stages of the redesigned website. It should be up in the next few weeks.

### **Legislation Update**

President Davenport asked Ms. Lukas to comment on why the March ROA conference is scheduled when Congress is not in session. Ms. Lukas said that unfortunately ROA does not get far in advance notice of when Congress will not be in session. They release their calendar each January, months or years after ROA has established meeting dates for the National Council and Leaders Conference. Recesses can be affected by many things, to include elections. ROA can consider moving the meeting a little bit later, but that would move into the season of higher hotel rates and wouldn't necessarily guarantee Congress will be in session.

### **Fundraising**

Mr. Carlson reported the campaign is at \$1.83 million in cash, pledges, and planned gifts. Two new ambassadors have joined the team. There are currently 26 leadership gift phase prospects that ambassadors are following up with. He is gearing up a push for the Leaders Conference. The Pershing Society calling is ongoing. Mr. Carlson said \$500,000 was raised last week. Mr. Carlson said that a grant application has been submitted to USAA and another application is being worked for submission to the Veterans Service Foundation.

### **ROA STARs Foundation**

Lt. Col. Stockton said the school kit program is very active. He said they are participating in a lot of yellow ribbon programs. He said they are working with the Family Support Committee who has an interest in working on the school kit program. The STARs portion of the FY21 budget being presented today is about thirty percent of the overall ROA budget. He said he is pleased with what they are programming for in the upcoming year. Lt. Col. Stockton said there will be a reception during the National Council and Leaders Conference.

### **Budget & Finance**

Mr. Patel reported that as of the end of January, ROA has year-to-date operating revenue of \$2,230,000 and operating expenses are at approximately \$2,500,000, which puts ROA at an operating deficit of \$273,000. Mr. Patel said that he and the staff put together a 9+3 forecast. It projects operating revenue at \$3,200,000 and operating expenses at just over \$3,100,000, finishing FY20 with \$65,000.

Lt. Col. Robinson presented the FY21 budget as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee and entertained questions and comments. President Davenport said there will be a few changes made to the budget, and it will be presented for approval during the March ExCom meeting.

### **Wrap-up & Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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