



Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call

28 July 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; Army Executive Committee Members, Lt. Col. Peter Powell and Maj. Gen. Margaret C. Wilmoth; 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 and Capt. Paul F. Keane; 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: Chaplain, Col. Sherman R. Reed; Health Services Officer, Maj. Gen. Peggy Wilmoth; International Programs Officer, Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton; Public Relations Officer, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lt. Col. Joseph Snel.

Also, in attendance were: DNCM Chair, Capt. Rafael Ortiz; Budget and Finance Committee Chair, Lt. Col. Hazel Robinson; Membership Committee Chair, Lt. Col. Milt Houghton; and Scholarship Chair, SGM Deborah R. Orvin, USA (Ret.). National staff members present were Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Diane Markham, Ms. Susan Lukas and Mr. Kevin Hollinger.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Junior Vice President, 1st Lt. Endureth W. Culanag; Air Force Junior Vice President, Staff Sgt. April D. Hill; Naval Services Executive Committeeman, Cmdr. John G. Rothrock; Army Executive Committee Member, Maj. Jason Tolbert; Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Terry Benshoof; International Programs Officer, Col. Paul Groskreutz; and Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski.

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum in attendance, President Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

President Davenport began the meeting by asking Chaplain Reed to offer a prayer, then thanked everyone for making time for the emergency call.

President Davenport said the issue at hand is the House NDAA, section 2829, which states the intent to rename certain military installations and other defense properties. She said this is a timely issue, which is why she called the emergency meeting. The questions are: 1) what is ROA's position on this issue; 2) what is the right thing to do; and 3) how does ROA move forward on this issue, if at all?

President Davenport said prior to this call, the department presidents and DNCM members were polled on this issue. Of those responding departments, 15 recommended ROA should not get involved and 2 provided rationale as to why ROA should be involved.

Ms. Lukas updated the conference call attendees that the NDAA on renaming of certain military installations and other defense properties, was also added in the Senate version of the NDAA which guarantees it will be in the version of the bill that is sent to the White House. The committee conferees only need to finalize the differences between the two versions. The House recommended a report on the renaming and the Senate recommended a commission be appointed. ROA supports the House version to rename installations and facilities but believes the Senate commission would include more stakeholders in establishing the renaming policy.

After much deliberation by those on the call, the following motions were approved.

Upon a properly made motion by President Davenport, seconded by Lt. Cmdr. Krilla, and upon a majority vote, it was resolved to submit a letter to the United States President supporting the NDAA provision for renaming certain military installations and defense properties, and include the impact for national strategy for funding, readiness, recruiting and retention.

Upon a properly made motion by Maj. Gen. Wilmoth, seconded by Col. Bules, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to send a letter to the House and Senate conferees to recommend a commission. If a commission is a final decision by the Congressional committee then an ROA letter will be sent about ROA's willingness to serve on that commission with a candidate recommendation.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

President Davenport provided a convention update, stating that the convention is moving forward as planned. ROA will continue to monitor the situation in St. Louis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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