



Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call

April 28, 2021

Minutes

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Col. Judi A. Davenport; President-Elect, Capt. Robert H. Carmack; Immediate Past President, Lt. Col. Donald L. Stockton; Army Vice President, Lt. Col. William B. Pentecost; Army Executive Committee Members, Lt. Col. Vincent A. Cummings and Lt. Col. Peter Powell; Naval Services Vice President, Capt. Rickey D. Thomas; Naval Services Executive Committee Member, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; Air Force Vice President, Col. Thomas H. Hueg; Air Force Executive Committee Members, Col. Gregory K. Bules, Lt. Col. Susan E. Lukas, and Col. Richard E. Nelson III; 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 Officers, Col. Paul Groskreutz and Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton; Judge Advocate, Col. James R. Sweeney; Public Relations Officer, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; and Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski.

Also, in attendance were national staff and contractors, Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Diane Markham, Mr. Sunny Patel, and Mr. Brad Carlson.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Junior Vice President, 1st Lt. Endureth W. Culanag; Army Executive Committee Member, Maj. Jason Tolbert; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, Sgt. Maj. Rocco C. DeCamillo and Cmdr. John G. Rothrock; Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Krilla; Air Force Junior Vice President, Staff Sgt. April D. Hill; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lt. Col. Joseph Snel.

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum in attendance, President Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Call to Order

President Davenport opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Reed to offer a prayer. She then provided a short overview of the meeting agenda.

Executive Director and Staff Updates

Mr. Phillips said his primary report was sent via email in advance of the meeting. He reported the magazine will be mailed to members in early May. He said it will include the National Security Report. Mr. Phillips also reported that ROA's senior accountant from SmithBucklin, Sunny Patel is leaving SmithBucklin for another opportunity. ROA will retain its accounting services with SmithBucklin, who will be assigning a new senior accountant to ROA's account.

Mr. Phillips said all is well with the Minuteman Memorial Building. It is staffed most days. He wants to revive the idea of washing the building. His primary concern is the old caulking and making sure it is not destroyed during the washing process.

Ms. Lukas said she is writing a letter to Jill Biden to ask her to do listening sessions with guard and reserve families. She is coordinating with the services to get their input on the units to recommend she visit.

Ms. Burnett reported that the building cleaning company has put a hold on any payments from ROA until the building is used again at its full capacity.

ROA STARs Foundation

Lt. Col. Stockton said the foundation is looking to hold a reception during the Leaders Conference in March 2022. They will also try to do something in Memphis to keep the continue member awareness of what the foundation is doing. They are also talking about the possibility of having an event at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel (ROA's birthplace) in October 2022. He said the foundation just passed the \$3,000,000 mark for fundraising.

Centennial Celebration Report

Capt. Plimack said the celebration is a work in progress. He has a possible lead on a celebrity that could do PSAs or other announcements. Missouri is considering events to be held at the Truman Library and Pershing's Birthplace.

Committees

President Davenport announced she has moved Lt. Col. Powell up to vice chair on the Communications Committee. She also said she has formed the Ad Hoc Fiscal Year Structure Review Committee to determine if it is in ROA's best interest to keep the fiscal year as is or to change it. They are charged with reporting their findings at the March ExCom.

Mentorship Program

Mr. Phillips requested approval to use funds from the Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship fund to pay for software that will manage the mentorship program. He said this will be a member service that will strengthen ROA's benefit offerings. President Davenport said she and others have not had time to review the program and side-by-side spreadsheet comparing companies. She asked everyone to review the spreadsheet over the next few weeks and committed to making this an agenda item for the next ExCom meeting.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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