



Executive Committee Meeting

ROA 2021 National Convention, Memphis TN

October 21, 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; Air Force Vice President, Col. Thomas H. Hueg; Air Force Executive Committee Members, 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; International Programs Officers, Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton and Col. Paul Groskreutz; Judge Advocate, Col. James R. Sweeney; Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski; 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; national staff, Ms. Lani Burnett and Mr. Jonathan Sih; Military Non-Profit Consulting, Mr. Brad Carlson; KMC Digital, Ms. Kalen Arreola, ROA members Tom Syracues, Rick Nieman and McKinley Williams.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Executive Committee Members, Maj. Jason Tolbert; Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Krilla; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; Sgt. Maj. Rocco C. DeCamillo and Cmdr. John G. Rothrock; Air Force Junior Vice President, 2nd. Lt. April D. Hill; Air Force Executive Committee Member, Col. Gregory K. Bules; Health Services Officer, Maj. Gen. Peggy Wilmoth; and Public Relations Officer, Capt. Henry E. Plimack.

Ms. Diane Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum in attendance, President Davenport called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and Ms. Lani Burnett assumed the recording secretary role.

Call to Order

President Davenport opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Reed to offer a prayer and asking Lt Col Wroblewski to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded everyone the executive director's staff report was sent to them prior to the meeting. She then reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Executive Director and Staff Updates

After presenting ROA's newly minted Centennial coin to President Davenport Mr. Phillips explained the design process and thanked all for their valuable input. He briefed on the process

and status of the 100th anniversary video filming and was pleased the beta version would be viewed during the convention. He also announced the development stage of ROA's Mentor Program has been completed, the platform is in place, a focus group review will be scheduled within the next few weeks and the Mentor Program will be officially launched before the end of the year.

Convention Update

Ms. Markham reported 136 members and 15 awardees were attending in-person and 29 registered as virtual attendees.

ROA STARs Foundation

Lt. Col. Stockton reported that contributions are now approaching \$3.5 million dollars. President Davenport mentioned that there were 24 living past national presidents and donation request conversations with them has been successful.

Centennial Update

Chaplain Reed reported on all Centennial Committee lines of effort. 2,500 challenge coins have been ordered and sales have begun; this includes department pre-orders. The writing contest and member of the week program are close to being finalized. The Blair House plaque is in production. Template proclamations for department use are being drafted. He also encouraged participation in the Veteran History Project.

Department National Council Update

Chairman Ortiz briefed how vital it was to keep the DNC network open; virtual suites continue to keep social interaction active.

Budget and Finance

Upon a properly made motion by the Budget and Finance Committee, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to authorize the executive director to draw from the Reserve Contingency Fund up to \$300,000.00 as needed, to cover expenses through calendar year 2021.

Old Business

President Davenport provided a status update of the Economic Impact Disaster Loan (EIDL). The loan was not approved but ROA had the opportunity to submit the application for reconsideration. The reconsideration request was submitted to the SBA.

New Business

CIOR – Colonel Groskreutz briefed there is and has continued to be diminished international travel and virtual challenges. The scheduling of future meetings in Brussels and Athens will be briefed when additional information becomes available. Colonel Sweeney is new in the International Programs Officer role.

CIOMR – LTC Houghton briefed that travel challenges are impacting meetings and virtual education is in place.

UPORFA – LTC Pentecost briefed that the most recent UPORFA meeting was cancelled but a meeting in Fall 2022 in Paraguay is being planned.

ROTC Awards

President Davenport reported that a recommendation has been received from the Awards Committee to consider replacing the ROTC medals historically presented to ROTC graduates with a more economical challenge coin. The current inventory of medals can be grandfathered and utilized. The ROTC ribbon and certificate would continue to be presented.

Upon a properly made motion by the Awards Committee, and upon a majority vote, it was resolved to have an ROTC coin commissioned and presented in the future.

Town Hall Update and Open Discussion

President Davenport reported that there are 21 Constitution and Bylaw proposed amendments. She will ask the Convention to temporarily amend the convention rules to limit discussion and the number of arguments.

Concluding Remarks

President Davenport thanked everyone for their continued support throughout her presidency and for their valuable work during the challenges of the past two years.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

Chaplain Reed offered the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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