



Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call

September 22, 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, Maj. Jason Tolbert, 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, 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, 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 DNCM Chair, Capt. Rafael Ortiz; Budget and Finance Committee Chair, Lt. Col. Hazel Robinson; and national staff, Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Diane Markham, and Mr. Jonathan Sih.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Krilla; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, 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; International Programs Offices, Col. Paul Groskreutz; 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 reminded everyone the executive director's staff report was sent to them prior to the meeting. She then reviewed the agenda for the meeting. She and Chaplain Reed shared that ROA member, Col. Bill Willis, has been nominated for induction into the Indiana Veterans Hall of Fame.

Executive Director and Staff Updates

Mr. Phillips stated that he sent his full report to the committee on Monday and asked for any questions. He said he is currently working on a video for the 100th anniversary. A director has been hired and filming begins on September 30th.

Convention Update

Ms. Markham reported the ROA convention will go on as scheduled. ROA continues to monitor the requirements established by city, county, and state governments. Currently there are no required closures. She said the hotel has agreed to relax their contract requirements. Ms. Markham reported 11 members have registered for virtual registration and 87 have registered for standard registration. Registration will remain open for a few more weeks.

ROA STARS Foundation

Lt. Col. Stockton said contributions now total over \$3,130,000, which includes a recently acquired \$100,000 gift. In Memphis there will be a board meeting at which they will elect new board members.

EIDL Loan

President Davenport said she and Ms. Burnett are working on the appeal for the EIDL loan. The goal is to get the appeal package out by the end of the week.

Budget and Finance

Lt. Col. Robinson reported last month's authorized draw has been made. Financial reports for August have not yet been completed. She said the Budget and Finance Committee will meet again in October to review the finances and cash flow. Lt. Col. Lukas made a motion to authorize a draw \$150,000 from the Reserve Contingency Fund to cover the cash flow shortage. Upon a roll-call vote, the motion failed by a vote of 1-10.

Centennial Update

Capt. Plimack reported on Centennial Committee activity. He said 2,500 challenge coins have been ordered. 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.

Arizona Request for Name Change

President Davenport said the Department of Arizona has requested a name change to the Department of the Southwest. She said Ms. Markham has advised the department to wait until the convention votes on the district concept. The department requested it be put to the ExCom now. The ExCom decided not to act on this issue at this time.

Committee Appointment

President Davenport requested the ExCom ratify the appointment of Master Sgt. Sean Osmond to the Communications Committee.

Upon a properly made motion by Col. Nelson, seconded by Lt. Col. Pentecost, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to ratify the president's appointment of Master Sgt. Sean Osmond to the Communications Committee.

Wrap-up and Adjournment

President Davenport said this is her last Zoom call of her presidency. She thanked everyone for all the time they have put in serving the Association. She said the next Town Hall will be October 6, 2021. She recommended everyone go to the website to make sure they are familiar

with the proposed amendments and to participate in on-line discussion. The next ExCom meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021, in Memphis, TN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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