



Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call

October 26, 2022

Minutes

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Capt. Robert H. Carmack; President-Elect, Lt. Col. Layne Wroblewski; Immediate Past President, Col. Judi A. Davenport; Army Executive Committee Members, Col. Anthony K. Atlas Sr., and Col. Monti G. Zimmerman; Air Force Vice President, Lt. Col. Layne Wroblewski; Air Force Junior Vice President, Capt. Zohe Quintero; Air Force Executive Committee Members, Lt. Col. Susan E. Lukas, Col. Barbara Ortiz, and Col. Paul L. Bailey; Naval Services Vice President, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Bill Kozlowski; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, Cmdr. John Leonard, Capt. Samuel Wright, and Col. Scott Willis; and Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey E. Phillips.

Appointed national officers present were Historian, Lt. Col. William B. Pentecost Jr.; Judge Advocate, Col. James R. Sweeney; Public Relations Officer, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; and Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski.

Also, in attendance were Board of Trustees Chair, Col. Tom Hueg; Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chair, Col. Scott Russell; Family Readiness and Support Committee Chair, Ms. Ann Groskreutz; Insurance and Financial Services Committee Chair, Col. Darren Venters; Memorial Building Committee Chair, Lt. Col. Don Stockton; and Resource Development Committee Chair, Col. Don Brown. Representing the Staff were Ms. Diane Markham and Mr. Matt Schwartzmann; and representing MNPC, Mr. Brad Carlson.

Elected and appointed officers absent were Army Vice President, Lt. Col. Vincent A. Cummings; Army Executive Committee Member, Lt. Col. McKinley Williams; Chaplain, Brig. Gen. Robert Pleczkowski; Health Services Officer, Maj. Gen. Peggy Wilmoth; International Programs Officers, Capt. David M. Epstein, and Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lt. Col. Joseph Snel.

Ms. Diane Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum in attendance, President Carmack called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Call to Order

President Carmack opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the call, just a short three weeks after the convention. He said he felt important to meet as there are several important things the committee and staff have been working on.

Executive Director's Comments

Mr. Phillips reported that Lt. Col. Terry Benshoof sent a letter to SmithBucklin with the intent to terminate their services as of November 30, 2022. Mr. Phillips further reported that a letter of intent has been signed with CBM for financial management and accounting services.

Mr. Phillips said he met with a search firm to help find a replacement for Lani Burnett. He explained how the process and costs would work and asked for permission to sign an agreement with the firm. He also asked for approval to authorize payment to MNPC as part of his “bridge strategy” to fill in the gaps until a replacement can be hired.

Upon a properly made motion by Col. Davenport, seconded by Col. Zimmerman, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to authorize payment to MNPC in the amount of \$10,000 per month, for “bridge strategy” services through December 16, 2022. It was further resolved to reduce spending in other areas to help offset the cost.

National Convention

President Carmack reminded the committee that in March, the group discussed holding the 2023 convention in San Antonio. An RFP was sent out but proposals that we received showed San Antonio is too expensive for 2023. President Carmack said Ms. Markham sent out an RFP to several other cities. She provided a side-by-side overview of the properties within five different cities. He discussed with the VPs and they all agreed Baton Rouge would be a good location.

Upon a properly made motion by Cmdr. John Leonard, seconded by Col. Zimmerman, and upon a majority vote, it was resolved to authorize the executive director to sign a contract with the Hilton Baton Rouge, to hold the convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 28 through October 1, 2023.

Wrap-Up and Adjournment

President Carmack thanked everyone for being on the call and the good conversation. The next meeting will be held November 30, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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