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MINUTES OF November 7, 2013 MEETING Air Force Association 1501 Lee Hwy Arlington, VA 22209

1. The monthly TMC meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Hayden. All member organization representatives were present except: AAAA, MOPH, NGAUS and WWP. AMSUS, CWOA, and SMCAF had excused absences.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: addressed during TMC Board of Directors meeting.
 - b. Introductions: addressed during TMC Board of Directors meeting.
 - c. Presentations: none
 - d. Minutes approved for October 3, 2013 meeting.
 - e. Treasurer's report approved. Treasurer Blum (MCL) encouraged organizations to provide their contributions sooner rather than later. 12 of the 33 TMC organizations have made their annual contributions so far. Contributions can be made out to:

The Military Coalition
c/o Marine Corps League
8226 Lee Hwy
Fairfax, VA 22031

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) discussed TMC Committee goal planning, and recommended shortening 2014 goals. Goals will be voted on at the December TMC meeting. Co-Chair Hayden thanked TMC members for their support with the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission. The Senate plans to address the NDAA the week of November 18. Mike Barron (MOAA) is working with Senator Marco Rubio's office on a 1.8% pay raise amendment. The last item addressed was Secretary of Defense Hagel's [6 budget priorities](#) as we continue with sequestration.

3. Coordinator Announcements: None.

4. Committee Co-Chairs briefed on key issues since the last TMC meeting. Highlights are noted below.

a. Awards. Co-Chair Hanson (ROA) said that appointments with TMC Award recipients need to be set up so that awards may be presented.

b. Guard and Reserve. Co-Chair Madison said the next committee meeting will take place November 14 at 10 AM at TREA.

c. MilCon/MWR. Co-Chair Holleman (TREA) announced that the HASC Personnel subcommittee hearing has been rescheduled for November 20.

d. Personnel/Compensation/Commissaries. Co-Chair Moakler (NMFA) announced that the next committee meeting will be November 15 at 10:00 AM at NMFA. There will be an election for a new committee co-chair, following Joe Barnes's (FRA) retirement.

e. Retired Affairs. Co-Chair Davis (FRA) announced that the next committee meeting will be November 19 at 9:30 AM at FRA.

f. Survivor Benefits. Co-Chair Holleman (NMFA) announced that the next committee meeting will be November 22 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

g. Taxes, Social Security. No report.

h. Veterans. Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) announced that the VA has reached their goal of hiring 800 mental health providers in 2013, but expressed potential concerns over the number of providers lost during that same period.

Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) provided information on 34 bills that were discussed at an SVAC hearing last week. He also thanked TMC organizations that appeared at a press conference to support VA advanced appropriations. A piece for the Committee on the Rights of Disabled Persons was provided for members to read.

There will be a joint Veterans and Health Care committee meeting December 5 at 1:30 PM at FRA.

i. Health Care. Co-Chair Washington (FRA) said the December 5 committee meeting will have a briefing from HealthNet and the VA head of contracting.

Co-Chair Beasley (MOAA) will be sending information on a recent GAO report on the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to committee members.

The next committee meeting will be November 21 at 8:30 at FRA.

j. **Membership and Nominations.** Votes were held for the positions of TMC Coordinator, TMC Treasurer, and TMC Co-Chairs. Jamie Naughton (MOAA), Mike Blum (MCL), Mike Hayden (MOAA) and John Davis (FRA) were elected to the respective positions.

k. **Website.** TMC letter of support for S. 1573 will be posted on the website shortly.

5. Old Business. None

6. New Business. The Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) was announced by Kathy Moakler (NMFA). MSEP is a career portal for military families.

7. Good of the Order. Joe Barnes's retirement luncheon will be held December 5, 2013 at [Theismann's Restaurant](#) (across from the King Street Metro station), shortly after our December TMC meeting. Please RSVP by November 30.

a. Appreciation was extended to AFA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be 10:00, **December 5, 2013** at FRA.

8. Adjournment: 11:35 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator