

# THE MILITARY COALITION

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## MINUTES OF 4 April 2013 MEETING

Fleet Reserve Association. 125 N. West St. Alexandria, VA 22314

1. The monthly TMC meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Strobridge. All member organization representatives were present except: AAAA, AUSA, AUSN, EANGUS, REA, CPOACG, and VVA.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Strobridge
  - b. Introductions: Chip Moran (NAUS)
  - c. Presentations: Herb Rosenbleeth (JWV) made presentation to Steve Strobridge (MOAA) and Paul Arcari (NMFA).
2. Co-Chair Discussion Items:
  - a. The Minutes for the 7 March 2013 meeting, previously provided electronically, were approved.
  - b. The Treasurer's report was approved.
  - c. Co-Chair Strobridge: told the group he believes Defense Secretary Hagel will submit with the budget pay caps and health care fees. TMC is testifying 17 April. The budget will not be out until April 10<sup>th</sup> and TMC needs to have the testimony ready. Co-Chair Barnes (FRA) announced this is Co-Chair Strobridge's last TMC meeting.
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), July 1 is approaching and committee co-chairs need to submit nominations for the award. All nominations need to be accompanied by a citation.

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-Chair Madison (TREA), awaiting from 2 more organizations to respond to TMC letter. Guard and Reserve Caucus breakfast was 14 March and well attended. Co-Chair has copy of speech from the breakfast. April 16<sup>th</sup> is the Senate Reserve Caucus Breakfast at ROA.

c. **MilCon/MWR.** Co-Chairs Campos (MOAA) and Holleman (TREA), had no report.

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-chair Barnes (FRA), told the group TA is being restored. There is a press report on the 1% pay hike. April 15 is the deadline to respond to the report on General and Flag Officer's financial report.

e. **Retired Affairs.** Co-Chair Davis (FRA), said the next committee meeting is 21 May at FRA. Awaiting the appointment of members to the Retiree Commission. CRSC glitch is fixed.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-Chair Deirdre Parke-Holleman (TREA), told the group the next meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM at TREA.

g. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Norton (MOAA), said there is a handout available on all the committee's bills. April 16 is the budget roll-out. VA secretary is testifying April 11<sup>th</sup>.

h. **Taxes, Social Security.** Phil Odom (MOAA), had no report.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Washington (FRA), commented on the TRICARE fee increases. He stated DOD cannot raise fees by law. The House of Representatives has the authority to address this issue, although the majority does not want them. PSA terminates 1 October 2013 and Congress is getting a lot of correspondence. The west region went live. TMA teleconference is Thursday at 2:30 PM. The next committee meeting is April 18 at FRA. EXPRESS Script conference is in Orlando, FL this year.

j. **Membership and Nominations.** Co-chair Rosenbleeth (JWV), said nominations for one TMC Co-Chair are open and there is one nominee, Mike Hayden (MOAA). Elections were held and Mike Hayden (MOAA) was unamionusly elected TMC Co-Chair.

k. **Website.** Jamie Naughton (MOAA), Congressional Directories are in.

5. Old Business. None to report.

6. New Business. None to report.

7. Good of the Order. May 2, 2013 Luncheon for Co-Chair Steve Strobridge, Mike Hayden sent e-mail. Co-Chair Strobridge awarded honorary membership in the USACWOA by Don Hess and Jack Du Teil. AMVETS reception is in April e-mail to follow.

a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be 10:00, 2 May 2013, at FRA.

8. Adjournment: 11:10 AM this date.

Respectfully,

Ed Dockery, Coordinator