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MINUTES OF 6 June 2013 MEETING

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

1. The monthly TMC meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Hayden. All member organization representatives were present except: AAAA and EANGUS.

a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Hayden

b. Introductions: Karen Ruedisueli, Nathan Parsons, and Andrew Powers, (NMFA).

c. Presentations: Farewells to Rene' Campos (MOAA) and Ed Dockery (FRA)

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items:

a. The Minutes for the 2 May 2013 meeting, previously provided electronically, were approved with changes.

b. The Treasurer's report was approved.

c. Co-Chair Hayden said the HASC has completed their work on the NDAA and the Senate will take up the bill next week. Pay and TRICARE fees are the key issues. Extensive discussion took place on TRICARE. Co-Chair Barnes spoke about the process of the NDAA. There is a press release available on the HASC web-site on BRAC. Sexual Assault is getting a lot of attention by Congress.

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), announced again the awards deadline is 1 July 2013 at ROA and all nominations must be submitted with a citation.

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-Chair Madison (TREA), reported they had SgtMaj Shultz speak at their committee meeting. Members from ENGUS and NAGUS met with HASC staff. SVAC hearing is next Wednesday. The committee visited Senator Tester's office to address S.24. There is a memo out on the Vet's status bill. Next committee meeting is 13 June at TREA.

c. **MilCon/MWR.** Co-Chair Campos (MOAA), is seeking nominations for Committee Co-chair.

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-chair Moakler (NMFA), told the group there is some interest for a pin for spouses who served in combat, TMC has no position. Section 554 of the NDAA has Impact Aid information. ALA will be on Capitol Hill defending their position.

e. **Retired Affairs.** Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA), has not seen the appointments to the Retirement Commission. Rep. Kline introduced a bill that includes a one-time offer for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries affected by the Prime Service Area restriction.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-Chair Kathy Moakler (NMFA), said S.1039 and S.1096 were introduced. Thanks to Phil Odom for his hard work on these bills. Next meeting is 12 June at TREA.

g. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Norton (MOAA), said SVAC hearings on bills maybe postponed to next week. 30 Bills are pending in congress. Ruth Moore Act passed the House, but it is watered down.

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

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Kathy Beasley (MOAA) said members of the committee are planning to visit United Health this summer. Senator Lautenberg death was a big lost to the committee.

j. **Membership and Nominations.** Co-chair Rosenbleeth (JWV), requested nominations for the position of Coordinator. FRA nominated Jamie Naughton (MOAA), and Naughton will fill the position until elections are held.

k. **Website.** Jamie Naughton (MOAA), said letter of support out for coordination.

5. Old Business. None

6. New Business. Note the date change for the next TMC meeting.
7. Good of the Order. Jack Leonard retired for his current position at MOPH.
 - a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be 10:00, **11 July** 2013, at FRA.
8. Adjournment: 11:15 AM this date.

Respectfully,

Ed Dockery, Coordinator