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MINUTES OF December 4, 2014 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. AMVETS had an excused absence.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chair Hayden
- b. Introductions: Tom Snee (FRA) welcomed TMC back and presented the new conference room. Snee welcomed Morgan Brown (AFSA) as the new TMC co-chair. AUSN introduced Edgar Rodriguez. ROA introduced Susan Lukas.
- c. Presentations: none
- d. Minutes approved for November 6, 2014 meeting.
- e. The Treasurer's report was approved.

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) provided an update on the defense bill. The House will be taking the bill up today, and the Senate will address it next week. Key provisions in the compromise bill were sent out previously via email.

Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) provided a brief on a continuing resolution for the government. Congressional leadership will not bring the "cromnibus" to the floor until next week.

3. Coordinator Announcements: A final request for congressional directory orders was made. Orders will be placed at the end of next week.

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

a. Awards. No report

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-chair McElligott (COAUSPHS) provided a briefing on forced arbitration and its impacts on SCRA. The Federal Registry is currently allowing open comments on the issue until Dec. 26. A TMC letter is being prepared for coordination.

Co-Chair Madison (TREA) presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

The next committee meeting will be December 11 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

c. **MilCon/MWR.** Co-chair Holleman (TREA) announced that her proposed goals had not been approved by the committee. As such, they were not ready for a broader TMC vote. Once the committee goals are finalized, they will be sent out electronically for approval.

The next committee meeting will be December 10 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-Chair Grugin (AFSA) presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

The next committee meeting will be January 16, at NMFA.

e. **Retired Affairs.** Co-chair Barron (MOAA) provided a briefing on a recent Rand study on two proposals for changes to the military retirement system.

Co-chair Barron presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-chair Moakler (NMFA) presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

g. **Taxes, Social Security.** Co-Chair Odom (MOAA) provided an update on the tax extenders package that has been stalled in the Senate.

Co-chair Odom presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) provided an update on HAC/SVAC makeup following the November election.

Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) attended a meeting with Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) on advanced appropriations for the VA.

Co-chair Brown presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Washington (FRA) announced that the committee's annual holiday event will be Dec 16 at the Royal (734 N St. Asaph St) at 8:30 AM.

Co-chair Washington presented a motion to accept the committee's 2015 goals. The motion was approved and the goals were accepted.

j. **Membership and Nominations.** No report.

k. **Website.** No report.

5. Old Business. None.

6. New Business. Fred Sanford (AMSUS) thanked people for attending the AMSUS convention and noted that attendance was double that of last year.

7. Good of the Order. The National Guard's birthday will be December 13.

John McElligott invited people to visit the Dog Tag Bakery in Georgetown. The bakery had recently been publicized in the [Washington Post](#).

a. Appreciation was extended to AFA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **10:00 AM, January 8, 2015 at FRA.**

8. Adjournment: 11:15 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator