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MINUTES OF February 5, 2015 MEETING

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 VFW.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Hayden
 - b. Introductions: MOPH introduced Ernesto Hernandez, AFWOA introduced Cheryl Daly, and MOAA introduced Rene Campos.
 - c. Presentations: none
 - d. Minutes approved for September 4, 2014 meeting.
 - e. The Treasurer's report approved.
2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) provided a recap of the MCRMC's proposals. There will be congressional hearings on the Commission's proposals on Feb 11 and 25. Several TMC organizations have been invited to testify. DoD has 60 days to respond to the Commission's report.

Co-Chair Hayden discussed the outcome of TMC co-chair deliberations of the MCRMC report. Questions and concerns about the findings and recommendations should be directed to the respective TMC committee.

Co-Chair Hayden submitted a motion that the TMC committees develop a position on the report findings by the end of February. The motion was approved.

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Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) said TMC is looking to meet with HASC and SASC staffs to get their opinions on the report.

Co-Chair Hayden also went over the administration's FY 2016 budget request. In it, the president proposed elimination of sequestration, however, the proposal will likely be a non-starter due to controversial funding requirements. The budget is a mirror of last year's budget submission: TRICARE consolidations, another year of pay caps below private sector wage growth, and severe reductions of the commissary benefit.

Co-Chair Brown thanked IAVA for their efforts on securing the passage of the Clay Hunt Act.

3. Coordinator Announcements: No report.

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

a. Awards. Co-chair Hauck (NMFA) announced that the tentative date for the TMC Awards ceremony will be September 10.

b. Guard and Reserve. Co-chair Madison announced that the Guard and Reserve Caucus breakfast is currently in limbo and working to resolve it.

The next committee meeting will be February 12 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

c. MilCon/MWR. Co-chair Holleman (TREA) will schedule a committee meeting soon.

d. MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries. Co-Chair Grugin (AFSA) announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for March 13; however, the committee may schedule an additional meeting in February. Committee members should be on the lookout for a separate email announcing the time and location.

e. Retired Affairs. Co-Chair Davis (FRA) announced that Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) reintroduced H.R. 454, a bill that forgives any overpayment of military retired or retainer pay for any period after the death of the recipient through the last day of the month in which such death occurs.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 17, however, the meeting may change. Committee members should be on the lookout for a separate email announcing the time and location.

f. Survivor Benefits. Co-Chair Holleman (TREA) announced that Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) will reintroduce a bill that would repeal the SBP-DIC offset on or around February 13.

g. Taxes, Social Security. No report.

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) provided details of the VA budget.

Co-chair Norton (MOAA) announced that the House and Senate both have bills that would provide CHAMPVA benefits to adult children up to age 26. The Institute of Medicine released a report regarding Agent Orange exposure for certain flight crews in Viet Nam.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Washington (FRA) announced that the committee will go over the health care recommendations of the MCRMC report.

The next committee meeting will be February 26 at 8:30 AM at FRA.

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

k. **Website.** No report.

5. Old Business. Susan Lukas (ROA) suggested the committees develop a standard template for goals. The matter should be taken up by the TMC Communications Working Group.

6. New Business. None.

7. Good of the Order. IAVA will be rolling out its annual survey. For an advanced copy, please contact Bill Rausch bill@iava.org. Bill Rausch thanked everyone for their support on the Clay Hunt Act. He asked the White House to extend invitations to the signing ceremony to TMC organizations.

AMVETS will be hosting a congressional breakfast on March 5 at 10:00 AM in Cannon HOB 334. Please RSVP to Diane at dzumatto@amvets.org.

John McElligott (COAUSPHS) congratulated organizations recently [honored by HillVets](#).

Co-Chair Hayden made a motion to change the next TMC meeting time to 2:00 PM. The motion was approved.

a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **2:00 PM, March 5, 2015 at AFA.**

8. Adjournment: 11:35 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator