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MINUTES OF July 2, 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, AMVETS, AUSA, AUSN, GSW, NGAUS, and ROA.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Hayden
- b. Introductions: COA introduced Phil Beddow on behalf of CWOA. NMFA introduced Katie Savant
- c. Presentations: none
- d. Minutes approved for June 4 meeting.
- e. The Treasurer's report approved.

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) thanked the committee co-chairs for putting together the TMC matrix. He said that the professional staff gave TMC a hard deadline for the letter and matrix in order for TMC to influence the defense bill process.

3. Coordinator Announcements: Please contact Jamie Naughton (MOAA) if you have yet to receive your congressional directories.

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

a. Awards. Co-chair Hauck (NMFA) thanked organizations for their nominations. Decisions on TMC Awards recipients will be made at the end of the month.

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-chair Madison (TREA) said that the Guard and Reserve Caucus breakfast will possibly be postponed. Veterans' status was not included in the NDAA.

Co-chair McElligott (COA) met with the staff of Rep. Joe Heck (R-Nev.). Please ask your members to support veterans' status.

c. **MilCon/MWR.** No report.

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** No report.

e. **Retired Affairs.** No report.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-Chair Holleman (TREA) announced that Phil Odom (MOAA) was elected co-chair of the committee. The committee is coordinating a letter of support for a bill by Tammy Duckworth.

Rick Jones (NAUS) urged organizations to support sec. 623 of the NDAA, a provision providing transportation reimbursement to families of deceased servicemembers.

g. **Taxes, Social Security.** No report.

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) recapped the Department of Labor TMC briefing.

There is a meeting with Mike Brink on July 16 at AFSA

i. **Health Care.** John Davis (AMSUS) announced the confirmation of a new VA undersecretary. He also said there was a new Surgeon General of the Air Force.

The next committee meeting will be July 30 at 9:00 AM at FRA

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

k. **Website.** New TMC letters of support were posted to the website.

5. Old Business. None.

6. New Business: Rene Campos (MOAA) invited everyone to attend MOAA's Warrior-Family Symposium.

7. Good of the Order. Bernie Edelman (VVA) encouraged organizations to support legislation on toxic exposure (H.R. 1769 and S. 901).

Scott Porter (AFSA) announced that AFSA would conduct a weeklong advocacy campaign on the NDAA. Please visit <http://www.hqafsa.org/> to see.

Tom Snee (FRA) will send an email out on Agent Orange exposure.

Aleks Morosky (VFW) invited everyone to attend VFW's national convention in Pittsburgh on July 22.

a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **10:00 AM, August 6, 2015 at FRA.**

8. Adjournment: 10:56 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator