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MINUTES OF May 1, 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, EANGUS, USAWOA, and VFW.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Hayden
- b. Introductions: NGAUS introduced Mike Waite. FRA introduced Stephen Tassin.
- c. Presentations: none
- d. Minutes approved for April 3, 2014 meeting.
- e. The Audit Committee's report was approved. Treasurer's report approved.

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) gave a briefing on the HASC Personnel Subcommittee markup. Included in the markup was language on suicide prevention and MST reforms. The HASC-P markup rejected TRICARE changes and fee increases, reductions in BAH and the commissary benefit. The markup was silent on the active duty pay raise, indicating that a pay cap could occur again this year. There will be a hearing on May 6 at which AFA, AUSA, AUSN, and MOAA have been asked to testify.

Co-Chair Davis (FRA) said that the June meeting will be able to be held at FRA.

3. Coordinator Announcements: No report.

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

a. Awards. Chairman Hanson (ROA) said that ROA has reserved space for September 11 for the TMC awards. The deadline for nominations for awards is July 1.

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-Chair Madison (TREA) announced that the next committee meeting will be May 8 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

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

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-Chair Grugin (AFSA) summarized two provisions in the HASC-P mark (sec. 641 and 631). Section 631 calls for a MCRMC-like report of the commissary benefit to be delivered on February 1, 2015. In May, the MCRMC will be conducting a survey asking servicemembers to rank the preference of their benefits. An interim report by the Commission should be released soon. Co-Chair Grugin also noted that there will be a full HASC mark of the NDAA on May 7.

e. **Retired Affairs.** Co-Chair Davis (FRA) said that Senator Reid (D-Nev.) is expected to offer a concurrent receipt amendment to the NDAA later this year.

Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) announced that the next committee meeting will be May 20 at 9:30 AM at FRA.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-Chair Moakler (NMFA) announced that a bill to extend from one year to three years the amount of time beneficiaries of death gratuities have to roll over the payout into an IRA should be introduced later this afternoon.

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

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) the House passage of the VA-MILCON budget (H.R. 4486).

Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) announced that there will be an SVAC meeting on May 6 to discuss the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Washington (FRA) announced that Express Scripts was awarded a new contract with TRICARE's pharmacy program.

The next committee meeting will be May 29 at 8:30 AM at FRA.

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

k. **Website.** No report.

5. Old Business. No report.

6. New Business. COA discussed a bill that would provide ABA therapy to military retirees inadvertently leaves out members of the uniformed services. The bill will be reviewed by the TMC Health Care committee.

7. Good of the Order. Gold Star Wives announced that their congressional reception will be held May 22 at noon in Cannon Room 334. Details to follow.

a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **10:00 AM, June 5, 2014** at FRA.

8. Adjournment: 11:09 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator