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MINUTES OF November 6, 2014 MEETING

Air Force Association, 1501 Lee Hwy, Arlington, VA 22209

1. The monthly TMC meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Hayden. All member organization representatives were present except: AAAA, AUSN, ROA, and VFW. AMSUS had an excused absence due to their national meeting.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: skipped due to having been done during the TMC board meeting
- b. Introductions: skipped due to having been done during the TMC board meeting
- c. Presentations: none
- d. Minutes approved for October 2, 2014 meeting.
- e. The Treasurer's report was approved.

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) provided an election recap. Congress will have about three weeks to pass a continuing resolution or omnibus to keep the government running. For the defense bill, there are two likely possible courses of action:

- a. The Senate can fully debate the NDAA and all possible amendments (highly unlikely)
- b. The House and Senate can preconference and agree to certain amendments.

Congress hopes to have the defense bill done by December 12. For next here, the retiree COLA will be 1.7%. The projected ECI for 2016 will be 2.3%.

Co-Chair Hayden reminded committee co-chairs that committee goals should be sent out for coordination by **November 14**. TMC goals will be approved at the December meeting. The December meeting will also have a TMC 101 briefing.

Co-Chair Davis (FRA) announced that the conference room at FRA will now be located on the first floor.

3. **Coordinator Announcements:** Congressional directory orders will be placed soon. A coordination email will be sent out shortly.

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 there is a search for a committee co-chair to help with the annual awards ceremony.

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-chair Madison (TREA) announced that NGAUS recently held a briefing with about 20 upcoming military legislative fellows. The committee is also planning the annual House Guard and Reserve Caucus breakfast.

Co-chair McElligott (COAUSPHS) was introduced as committee co-chair. McElligott provided a briefing on forced arbitration and its impacts on SCRA. The Federal Registry is currently allowing open comments on the issue. For additional information, please contact John at jmcelligott@coausphs.org.

The next committee meeting will be November 13 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

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

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-Chair Grugin (AFSA) announced that Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) is looking to introduce legislation on the 90/10 rule regarding for-profit schools.

The next committee meeting will be November 14, at NMFA.

e. **Retired Affairs.** Mike Hayden (MOAA) provided a briefing on recent off-the-record discussions with members of the MCRMC. He also participated on a panel discussion on the sustainability of current and benefits levels.

Co-chair John Davis (FRA) announced the next committee meeting will be November 18, at 9:30 AM at FRA.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** No report.

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

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Brown (AFSA) announced that supporters of H.R. 318, the Korean War Veterans Commission, were looking for associations to support their bill. The committee recommended not taking a TMC position on the bill, but encouraged individual associations to write letters of support if they so choose.

Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) provided an update on the VA Choice Card roll out.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Beasley (MOAA) provided information on a recent proposal to consolidate TRICARE regions from three to two.

The next committee meeting will be November 20 at 8:30 AM at NMFA.

j. **Membership and Nominations.** Co-Chair Rosenbleeth (JWV) announced that the committee requested a vote for full TMC membership for IAVA and VVA; WWP was recommended to remain at supporting member. The motions were unanimously approved.

Elections were held for the position of TMC Co-chair. The nominees were John Davis (FRA) and Morgan Brown (AFSA). No floor nominations were made. TMC elected Morgan Brown to serve as the next TMC Co-Chair.

k. **Website.** No report.

5. Old Business. None.

6. New Business. Hershel Gober (MOPH) will be retiring in August.

7. Good of the Order. Virginia Copeland will be retiring from VA. NMFA will be participating in America's Parade. WWP announced that it will be hiring two new positions. Interested candidates should contact Devin Lynch at dlynch@woundedwarriorproject.org. FRA will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for at their headquarters on November 15 at 10:00 AM.

a. Appreciation was extended to AFA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **10:00 AM, December 4, 2014 at FRA.**

8. Adjournment: 11:10 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator