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MINUTES OF April 3, 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: AMVETS, AMSUS, AUSN, CWO&WOA, NGAUS, and SMCAF

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Hayden
- b. Introductions: COA introduced board chair CDR Jonathan Rash, and Jerry Farrell's replacement, COL Jim Currie. WWP introduced Chris Ford, legislative director. IAVA introduced Lauren Augustine, legislative associate. NCOA introduced Jon Ostrowski, director of veterans and legislative affairs.
- c. Presentations: none
- d. Minutes approved for March 6, 2014 meeting.
- e. Treasurer's report waived until the next meeting.

2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) thanked everyone for coordinating on TMC testimony. TMC will be testifying with Rick Jones on Apr 9 before the HASC military Personnel Subcommittee. TMC will use the same testimony that was used before the SASC. Coordination for oral remarks will be sent out today. There is a tentative hearing on May 6 with the Joint Chiefs, MOAA, AUSA, AUSN, and AFA regarding compensation proposals in the defense budget proposal.

Co-Chair Hayden reminded everyone that TMC testimony is a reflection of committee goals that are passed and approved by TMC members. If there is an issue with a committee's goals, those concerns should be voiced early in the goal setting process (November and December).

3. Coordinator Announcements: No report.

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 Madison briefed on the Guard and Reserve Caucus breakfast.

The next committee meeting will be April 10 at 10:00 AM at IAVA.

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

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-Chair Moakler (NMFA) said that AAFES will be meeting with NMFA to discuss proposals to consolidate commissaries and exchanges, and proposals to expand the commissary benefit to other categories.

e. **Retired Affairs.** Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) provided a recap of TMC testimony. His feeling was that many in the Senate felt it would be best to wait until the recommendations of the MCRMC. Congressman Joe wants to hear more about the financial impact on servicemembers under current budget proposals.

Staff members of the MCRMC will meet with the committee on April 11 at noon.

Co-Chair Davis (FRA) announced that Congress agreed to a one year doc fix that lasts until April 1, 2015.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-Chair Moakler (NMFA) announced that a bill will be dropped the week of April 28 that would extend from one year to three years the amount of time beneficiaries of death gratuities would have to roll over the payout into an IRA.

The next committee meeting will be April 16 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

g. **Taxes, Social Security.** Co-Chair Odom (MOAA) said that the Senate Finance Committee is slated to look at several tax extenders that are set to expire.

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) said that the committee briefed SVAC and strongly encouraged them to pass some form of a veterans omnibus bill by Memorial Day.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Washington (FRA) stated the next committee meeting will be April 24, location TBD.

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

k. **Website.** TMC testimony has been posted on the website.

5. Old Business. No report.

6. New Business. There was discussion about doing a new TMC photo for the website.

7. Good of the Order. NMFA has moved to a new location. FRA's annual meeting will be held on April 10 at noon. There will be a reception at Rayburn 2168. MOAA will have its annual Marix Awards April 8 at 5:30 at Dirksen SD G50. WWP will be hosting a meeting on TBI on April 7 at noon. For details, please email DLynch@woundedwarriorproject.org.

a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **10:00 AM, May 1, 2014 at AFA**.

8. Adjournment: 11:07 AM this date.

Respectfully,
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator