



## THE MILITARY COALITION

Office of the Coordinator  
201 N Washington St  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2539  
Tele: 703-838-5807 FAX: 703-838-8173

Corporation President: Herb Rosenbleeth, JWV, 202-265-6280  
Co-Chairmen: Mike Hayden, MOAA, 703-838-8103  
Coordinator: Jamie Naughton, MOAA 703-838-5807

Corporation Secretary: Phil Odom, MOAA, 703-838-8534  
John Davis, FRA, 703-683-1400  
Treasurer: Mike Blum, MCL, 703-207-9588

### MINUTES OF June 5, 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: CWO and EANGUS.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance: Co-Chairman Hayden
  - b. Introductions: FRA introduced John Ippert, National Vice President. AMVETS, AUSA, FRA, IAVA and ROA introduced summer interns.
  - c. Presentations: none
  - d. Minutes approved for May 1, 2014 meeting.
  - e. The Treasurer's report was suspended until the next meeting.
2. Co-Chair Discussion Items: Co-Chair Hayden (MOAA) gave an update on the SASC hearing with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and several TMC organizations. Hopefully the full Senate will take up the NDAA by August. TMC is currently working on writing legislative language for several amendments as well as finding sponsors.

Co-Chair Davis (FRA) said that the MCRMC will release an interim report next week. [Tom Philpott wrote an article](#) about proposals to expand online shopping privileges to veterans.
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 the deadline for nominations for awards is July 1.

b. **Guard and Reserve.** Co-Chair Madison (TREA) gave an update on vets status legislation, as well as proposed cuts in the House version of the NDAA to the Guard and Reserve.

Co-Chair Madison (TREA) announced that the next committee meeting will be June 19 at 9:30 AM at FRA. There will be a guest speaker to discuss warrior wellness.

c. **MilCon/MWR.** Co-Chair Holleman (TREA) announced that the next committee meeting will be June 17 at 10:00 AM at TREA.

d. **MilPersonnel/Compensation/Commissaries.** Co-Chair Grugin (AFSA) summarized two provisions in the SASC mark (sec. 631 and 1041). Section 631 calls for procurement changes at commissaries. Section 1041 calls for a reduction in the number of civilian employees at commissaries. A survey by the MCRMC asking servicemembers to rank the preference of their benefits went live.

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. Davis announced that the next committee meeting will be July 15 at 9:30 AM at FRA.

f. **Survivor Benefits.** Co-Chair Moakler (NMFA) announced that Congressman John Tierney (D-Mass.) dropped [H.R. 4741](#), a bill that would increase in percentage calculation for DIC. A TMC letter of support is currently being coordinated.

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

h. **Veterans.** Co-Chair Norton (MOAA) discussed a TMC letter that has been sent out for coordination regarding a veterans' omnibus bill.

i. **Health Care.** Co-Chair Beasley (MOAA) announced that the committee received a briefing from USHFP. The results DoD's review of health care access should be released Aug. 29.

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

k. **Website.** No report.

5. Old Business. No report.

6. New Business. No report.

7. Good of the Order. Kate O'Gorman (IAVA) was issued a certificate of appreciation for all of her hard work as she leaves to attend graduate school.

AFSA has a new CEO, CMSgt Robert Frank.

MCRA will be hosting a congressional reception on June 17. Please RSVP to the event by June 12.

a. Appreciation was extended to FRA for hosting today's meeting. The next TMC meeting will be **10:00 AM, July 10, 2014 at AFSA: 5211 Auth Rd, Suitland, MD 20746.**

8. Adjournment: 11:10 AM this date.

Respectfully,  
Jamie Naughton, Coordinator