Executive Committee Meeting
Marriott Orlando World Center Resort
Orlando, Florida
July 11, 2009

MINUTES

National President, RADM Paul Kayye; President-Elect, Col Walker Williams; Immediate Past National President, COL Ladd Pattillo; Vice President Army, BG Mike Silva; Junior Vice President Army, 1LT Dena Goble; Executive Committeemen Army, COL John Davenport, COL Judi Davenport and LTC Chad Stoddard; Vice President Naval Services, CDR Rafael Ortiz; Executive Committeemen Naval Services, CAPT David Epstein and CAPT Don Grant; Vice President Air Force, Col Scott Russell; Junior Vice President Air Force, Capt. Len Sobieski; Executive Committeemen Air Force, Lt Col Ann Knabe, Col David Leta and Col Kathy Karr; and Acting Executive Director, MG David Bockel. Advisory member present was Judge Advocate, MAJ Bill Pentecost. Other elected and appointed National Officers present were: Historian, LT Steve Guendert; and CAPT Henry Plimack, Public Affairs Chairman.

Committee members absent and excused were Naval Services Junior Vice President, LCDR Will Brooks; Executive Committeeman Naval Services, and COL Tom Ragsdale. Other elected National Officers absent were CIOR Vice President, MG Bob Smith; Surgeon and CIOMR Vice President, MG Robert Kasulke; Dental Surgeon, LTC Cheryl Becker; and Chaplain, Maj Vince Cummings.

Invited guests in attendance included Chairman of the Board of Trustees, MG Roger Sandler; Chairman of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee, Col Jim Rebholz; and Chairman, Department National Council Members, Lt Col Don Stockton.

A quorum being in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Colonel Pattillo.

Swearing In:
Colonel Pattillo began the meeting by swearing Admiral Kayye in as the 76th president of the association. Admiral Kayye then swore in the new Executive Committee.

Introductory Remarks:
Admiral Kayye gave opening remarks, stating his goals for his 2009-2011 term. They are:

- Explore ways to modernize the Constitution and Bylaws. He has charged the PWG-21 with presenting a draft version of a new C&BL to the National Convention in February 2010. The plan is to give the members one year to look at it. His goal is to achieve a new C&BL at the 2011 National Convention.
- Hire a new Executive Director with the ability to reach out to raise funds from institutions, businesses etc.
- Review and energize committee structure with a goal of appointing national committees by the end of August.
- Build trust between membership, EXCOM, National Staff and National Council.

Reports/Briefings:

- *Executive* Director *Search*: Colonel Pattillo, chairman of the Executive Director Search Committee, stated he will provide a shortlist of people for a new Executive Director from the search committee by October 2009 for the ExCom to make a decision.

- *Financial Update*: Major General Bockel provided a financial update covering the FY2009 Annual Audit, FY2010 Budget Review, the Balanced Budget Initiative and Department Dues Rebate Schedule.

- *Board of Trustees*: Major General Sandler provided a Board of Trustees update educating members on the various trust funds and the Balanced Budget Initiative.

- *Insurance and Financial Services*: Col Rebholz provided an Insurance and Financial Services Committee update, primarily speaking about the concept of the committee's responsibilities to maximize the return on various programs, particularly the insurance programs. Funds have not grown in the last 5 years.

- Staff Reports: National Staff provided reports as follows: Colonel Will Holahan provided a member services update on the Marriott Membership Survey and a preliminary report on the draft actuarial study; Captain Marshall Hanson provided a Legislation and Military Policy Update; Bob Fiedler provided an update on the Defense Education Forum; David Small briefed the EXCOM on available communication tools and responsibilities as communicators; Lani Burnett provided an Industry Affairs update; and Captain Sam Wright introduced the new Servicemember's Law Center.

Future ExCom/National Meetings:

The next national convention will be held at the Washington Hilton, 7-10 February 2010. The next National Council meeting will be held at the Las Vegas Hilton, 23-28 June 2010.
The following future EXCOM dates were proposed: October 2009 (on site); 11-12 December (Conference Call); 5-6 February (During National Convention); April 2010 (Conference Call); 23-26 June (During National Council meeting); 10-11 September (on site); December (Conference Call); and February 2011 (During National Convention).

C&BL Amendment:

All members were provided a copy of a proposed Constitution and Bylaws amendment presented by the ROA Audit Team that amends Article B-8, Funds, Section 1, Life Membership Trust Fund by adding language to create a base line for trust fund rebates. This will allow the association to increase the level of annual dues for term members as it deems appropriate without further negatively impacting the funding levels for current life members. ROA can then increase future distributions from the Life membership trust fund based solely on operational budgetary needs and funding level concerns independent of annual term fees. Without this change in language any increase in term dues will automatically translate into a larger rebate for departments and a greater amount being withdrawn from life membership trust assets. EXCOM members were asked to look at the amendment, provided for informational purposes only and will be further studied by the staff.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1615.

Minutes submitted by MG David Bockel, Acting, Executive Director.