

Vietnam Veterans of America
Conference of State Council Presidents

October 6, 2011

Silver Spring, MD

Approved Minutes

Meeting of the Conference of State Council Presidents was called to order by Chair Charlie Montgomery at 9:00 am on Thursday, October 6, 2011.

Wayne Reynolds of Alabama led “In Memory” round-table and invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was done and a moment of silence followed for POW/MIA’s, and our troops in harms way.

Roll Call of States: The states represented at the meeting totaled 39; a quorum was met. The following States were present:

ALABAMA	MAINE	NORTH DAKOTA
ALASKA	MARYLAND	OHIO
ARIZONA	MASSACHUSETTS	OREGON
CALIFORNIA	MICHIGAN	PENNSYLVANIA
CONNECTICUT	MINNESOTA	RHODE ISLAND
FLORIDA	MISSISSIPPI	SOUTH CAROLINA
GEORGIA	MISSOURI	SOUTH DAKOTA
IDAHO	MONTANA	TENNESSEE
INDIANA	NEBRASKA	VERMONT
IOWA	NEVADA	VIRGINIA
KANSAS	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON
KENTUCKY	NEW YORK	WEST VIRGINIA
LOUISIANA	NORTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN

Officers present were:

Chair:	Charlie Montgomery - Virginia
1 st Vice Chair	Tom Burke - Ohio
2 nd Vice Chair	Bill Messer - Arizona
Secretary:	Avery Taylor – South Carolina

Housekeeping:

Charlie Montgomery assigned Wayne Reynolds of Alabama as Parliamentarian.

The agenda was adopted with no amendment.

The minutes of April 14-16, 2011, were accepted without objection.

John Rowan welcomed members of the conference.

Wayne Reynolds raised a point of order to point out the per diem amount on the travel form was wrong – it should be \$45/day.

Wes Guidry passed out calendars, left over wall books, and bumper stickers. Reminded everyone about the January meeting in Daytona and suggested early room reservation due to competing activities in the area.

Officers Reports:

Chair, Charlie Montgomery:

Motion 1011-001 by Charlie Montgomery, 2nd by Tom Burke, to Appoint Darrel Martin as chair of the CSCP By-Laws and Policies; John Weiss as chair of Homeless; Darrel Martin, Bob Seal, Bill Messer, and Butch Huber as special advisor, to the task force of CSCP Disciplinary. Passed without objection.

1st Vice Chair, Tom Burke:

Tom Burke reminded all that the service officer reports are due by the end of the month and must include CFC participation data.

Special Presentations:

Suicide Risk Prevention and Evaluation – Norman Boyden conducted a seminar on “QPR” for Suicide Prevention. All state presidents participated.

Ray Saikuis (Ohio) delivered a treatise on establishing March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day as a National memorial in perpetuity.

Motion 1011-002 by Rick Davidge out of committee, to have the CSCP call upon Congress to pass a law making March 29th a National day of remembrance of Vietnam Veterans. Passed without objection. Bill Messer will draft the letter.

CSCP Reports:

Budget – Tom Burke will send VVA Travel policy to all.

By-Laws – Darrel Martin, Will distribute copies of by-laws to anyone needing.

Constitution – Bill Messer announced the new versions of the Constitution and Resolutions will be posted on the National WEB site.

Government Affairs - Rick Davidge said he will be attempting to match resolutions to the legislative agenda, insuring committees are properly tasked with pushing these forward. Also planning on getting letters out to the members regarding various VB bills being considered for cut backs. A new CIB for aviation medics has been adopted for Iraq/Afghanistan vets and will be trying to make this retroactive to KWV.

Women Veterans – Beverly Stewart reiterated her request for all states to provide her with the women veteran contacts.

Break in Agenda for Veterans Benefits Program:

John Margowski delivered a report and update on our Veteran Benefits program, service officer reporting requirements, training courses, and answered questions about various issues.

Back to CSCP Reports:

Credentials – **Jim Blount & Joe Sternberg** presented a case that would seem to improve the credentialing process. The main change would be to change the cut-off date for chapter/council reporting requirements to the previous year.

Membership – Charlie Hobbs discussed some the challenges and ideas for the committee.

Homeless - John Weiss announced appointment.

Conventions Q&A – Dottie Barickman thank the team for the work at the convention.

New Business:

Motion 1011-003 By Beverly Stewart, 2nd by Dave Simmons. To do away with the CSCP meeting at the Leadership Conference. Motion carried.

Announcements:

North Carolina – Region III conference will be in Ashville, March 28 – 31.

Nebraska – Chapters are tracking volunteer hours which will be compiled at the state level.

Alaska – Rick Davidge requested each state do a web search on “veteran bills in state legislature” and send results to him.

Nevada - Thanks for attending the Convention in Reno. There is a new director for the Nevada Veterans Nursing Home. Total of 4 CBOCs to be opened in Las Vegas.

There being no further business, Meeting was recessed at 16:55. Adjourned Saturday at 1:55 p.m. after the BOD meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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