

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

18 November 2021

Call to Order

President Lee Ensley called the Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors of The Southwest Virginia Chapter, Military Officers Association to order at 1006 hours Eastern Standard Time on 18 November 2021.

Directors and Chapter Officers Present

President Lee Ensley, 1st Vice President Matthew Haag, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chair Robert Brown, Secretary Steve Jamison, Legislative Affairs Representative and Awards Chair Robert Habermann, Community Services Volunteer Representative Dan Karnes, Smith Mountain Lake Satellite Representative Rick Cocrane Chaplain and Past President David Gilleran, Surviving Spouse Representative Mary Lou Summers, Director Roger Burnett, Director John Miller, Director Tom Dalzell.

Directors and Chapter Officers Absent

Sergeant At Arms Michael Kasnick, Transition Team and Director Michael Leigh, Director Larry Johnson.

Opening Prayer

Chaplain David Gilleran led the Board of Directors in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

1st Vice President Matthew Haag led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited by all present online.

Approval of Board of Directors Meetings Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of 16 September 2021 were approved as submitted.

Presidents Report –

- President Lee Ensley reported on the chapter participation in the 18 September Military Appreciation Night at the Red Sox stadium. President Ensley and Col Tom Dalzell carried the MOAA banner during the Massing of Colors on the field before the game. A number of veteran organizations had information tables set up

during the event. A suggestion was made that the Chapter consider setting up a similar table at future events.

- The Roanoke Valley Veterans Council met on 27 September 2021.
- President Lee Ensley and Col Tom Dalzell rode in the Roanoke Veterans Day Parade on 6 November 2021. Chapter member Capt Gary Powers committed his Shore Patrol jeep to MOAA for next year's Veterans Day parade.
- President Le Ensley was the guest speaker at the 10 November Downtown Roanoke Kiwanis Club Veterans Day Lunch.
- President Ensley mentioned that the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers will participate in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers annual Wreath Laying Program on 18 December 2021.

Secretary's Report -

- Secretary Jamison reported the chapter membership is the same at 123 as of 18 November 2021. There are 112 regular members and 11 surviving spouses on the rolls.

Treasurers Report

- A financial report was provided to the Board members. Reference was made to the emailed files. The first is the current Income and Expenditures through 31 October 2021. The second is the 2021 Budget compared to the draft budget for 2022. Key changes proposed for 2022 are:
 - Less projected income from direct public support to be in line with the current year actual income.
 - A slight increase in member dues.
 - A increase in Lunch costs due to inflation;
 - A proposal that the Board consider using \$2000 of the leadership fund from the donated funds received from the defunct VFW unit for grants to ROTC/JROTC programs for special leadership projects that the Board would approve.
 - The expenses increase reflects awards including the proposed \$2000 in leadership grants.
 - Business expense remains essentially the same.
 - Operation expenses increases due to meeting meal costs starting in January 2022.
- The report format includes "Income and Expenses" through 30 October 2021 including; "Budget", "Current Year" and "\$ Difference "columns. Prime checking account balance – \$9,816.26
- The Profit and Loss statement, Budget vs. Actual, 1 January through 30 October 2021.
- Leadership and savings fund balance - \$6,909.33
- Secretary Steve Jamison suggested a committee consisting of President Lee Ensley, Secretary Steve Jamison, Treasurer Bob Brown, Awards Chair Bob Habermann and Board member Tom Dalzell constitute the committee
- John Miller reminded the Board of our commitment of \$100 annually to the Veterans Assistance Fund, Hospitality House of Blue Ridge. Treasurer indicated he would send check. .

1st Vice Presidents Report

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Membership Chair Report

- Membership Chair COL Bob Brown indicated he mailed 44 letters to MOAA members listed on the old master list of all MOAA members in our area who are not in a local chapter - almost no responses. He believes that he has exhausted this list and is now focused on the "Near Realtime Report" that lists changes of address in our area. Thus far he has mailed 20 letters to this group with no results. He will continue to mine the monthly NRT but believes further growth will need to come from individual outreach to fellow officers by our members and setting up a MOAA recruiting table at events expected to draw non-MOAA member officers. Steve Jamison suggested we may need to consider an incentive program, perhaps a prize drawing at the end of the year among members who brings in a new member.
- As the chapter representative attended the MOAA Virtual Workshop Mid-Atlantic Region on 17 September 2021. The day long virtual workshop provided a lot of good information re government relations, membership and retention challenges, communications, and surviving spouse involvement. All the training presentations are available on the MOAA national website and highly recommend to Board Members to review especially as they relate to the new officer and Board members for 2022. He will send out a copy of his notes from that training session.

Program Directors Report

- Meeting programs scheduled for 2021-2022
 - 18 November 2021 - . Zoom program – Mr. James Triesler, Director of Education Virginia War Memorial Richmond Virginia
 - 16 December 2021 – Board of Directors Zoom meeting. Installation of Officers and Board of Directors for 2022 by Lt Col Walter J. Smiley Jr., USA (Ret) a member of MOAA's Board of Directors followed by a program on the current state of MOAA
 - 20 January 2022 – In person membership meeting followed by a program by Mr. Ron Bradbury, Director of Admissions Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.
 - 17 February 2022 – Board of Directors in person meeting. TBD - Program by either Ms. Estelle Cooke Sampson on her background as a Medical Doctor, Army National Guard veteran and Korean War orphan or by Carilion Clinic Life-Guard air medical service.
 - 17 March 2022 – In Person program TBD - Program by either Ms. Estelle Cooke Sampson on her background as a Medical Doctor, Army National Guard veteran and Korean War orphan or by Carilion Clinic Life-Guard air medical service.
 - 21 April 2022 – Board of Directors meeting. Program by Ms. Ginny Ayers on her experience as a historian and author about Mother Jones an Irish-born American schoolteacher and dressmaker who became a prominent union organizer, community organizer, and activist. She helped coordinate major strikes and co-founded the Industrial Workers of

the World. She was called "the most dangerous woman in America" for her success in organizing mine workers and their families against the mine owner and the mining wars in West Virginia.

- 19 May 2022 – Program TBD. Invites for future programs will be either Zoom or in person depending on the coronavirus situation. The chapter will invite previous program presenters to attend the first available in person gathering to personally thank them for their Zoom presentations.
- Suggestions and recommendations were put forth on programs for future meetings including Afghan refugee resettlement, meetings outside of the country club including BBQ picnics, outings at the Red Sox ball field, Mr. John Long, Director of Education D-Day Memorial on “Remembering the Reuben James.”

Surviving Spouse Representative Report

- The 9th Annual Wreath Laying ceremony is scheduled for 18 December 2021 at 1300 at the Wall of Honor in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Dublin, VA. Funding support to purchase wreaths is requested.
Chapter representatives participating in the ceremony are:
US Army Representative - LTC Bob Habermann, USA (Ret)
US Navy Representative - CDR Lee Ensley, USN (Ret)
US Marine Corps Representative - COL Thomas Dalzell, USMC (Ret)
US Air Force Representative - COL Mark Clark, USAF (Ret)
US Coast Guard Representative - CDR Richard At Lee, USCG (Ret)
POW-MIA Representative - COL John Miller, USA (Ret)
- Mary Lou Summers briefed the Board on the *Veterans Tribute Arch Project* will not start until January, 2022. We have to get the Wreath Program over first. Here is the current information on the project budget:
 - The Lions AVETS were not able to continue with their program so they gave a donation of \$12,000 to the Dublin Cemetery. When you donate to the cemetery it becomes their property and they can handle it any way they wish. DVS decided to add \$2,000 to the \$12,000 to purchase the digital carillon unit that plays musical selections, including patriotic songs and seasonal favorites. It is also a clock which chimes the hour and half hour. It also includes the other parts such as speakers, amplifiers, etc.
 - The Volunteers had already applied and received a grant from Northrop Grumman for \$1,500 to be used at our discretion for any project at the cemetery. We voted to donate this to the Arch project in addition to donating our dividends & interest from our investment account at the end of each period. We have also received \$1,500 in personal donations at this date. The cost of the Arch itself will be \$75,000.

Public Relations Report

- Communiqué Newsletter – 4th quarter (OCT-NOV-DEC) to be published in December 2021.
- Chapter Website & Face book – Up and running. Public Affairs/Media – Need a volunteer to fill this position.

- Southwest Virginia Chapter awarded the 5 Star 2020 Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Awards for print newsletter and website.
- Chapter received the 5 Star Chapter Levels of Excellence Award for 2020. LTC Dan Karnes represented the Chapter at the MOAA Annual Meeting 14-16 October 2021 and accepted the Award for the Chapter.

Past Presidents Report

- No report.

Directors Report's

- John Miller reiterated information on the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council Legislative Forum by- monthly meeting at 1900 hours on Tuesday 7 December 2021 at the American Legion Post 3, Apperson Drive, Salem, VA. **Highlighted the need for a SWVC chapter representative to attend.**
- The Roanoke Valley Veterans Council meets on 22 November 2021.
- Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations meets Wednesday, December 15, 10 a.m. (In person) Richmond Times-Dispatch Building, 8460 Times Dispatch Blvd, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Legislative Liaison Report

- MOAA's Legislative Priorities for advocacy as the 117th Congress continues its work. Their focus remains on all eight of the uniformed services and their service-earned entitlements. As protecting health care and service-earned benefits is a challenge, MOAA will press forward to engage Congress to shape outcomes in these vital areas. There are steep hills before us. Our nation has a rising debt of more than \$30 trillion and a deficit of more than \$3 trillion. Because of this, MOAA anticipates robust attempts to control federal budgets, reduce or eliminate unprogrammed expenditures, and reduce entitlements. MOAA needs you to be ready to reach out to your legislators and keep that engagement going as necessary to make sure your voice is heard.

- **Recognize the COVID-19 Pandemic Changed the Landscape for Many of Our Priorities**

OVERVIEW: We will assess programs relative to our priorities and ensure a credible accounting of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on servicemembers, families, survivors, and the government entities on which we rely to effect legislation related to these people and their concerns.

ACTIONS:

- Assess congressional influence already executed, such as economic stimulus, actions under consideration, and the need for influence not yet discussed. Some of our concerns can be addressed through such spontaneous legislation.
- Ensure awareness of the impact of COVID-19 on all issues, from authorizations to appropriations and the mounting deficit.
- Do not treat COVID-19 as a catch-all to explain difficult times, nor use COVID-19 to justify our priorities; instead, COVID-19 remains a

discussion point, and its impact may be significant, scalable, marginalized, or discounted altogether.

- **Protect the Value of the Military Health Care Benefit**

OVERVIEW: Budget pressures, together with shortfalls in both the Military Health System's readiness and benefit provision missions, led Congress to pass MHS reform legislation in the F.Y. 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). MOAA will not fight to reverse MHS reform laws to address medical readiness issues, but we will not stand by if reforms turn into cost-cutting exercises.

ACTIONS:

- Oppose any proposal for TRICARE for Life enrollment fees, increases to TRICARE Prime costs for active-duty family members, or increases to working-age retiree costs that exceed retiree COLA.
- Secure reduction in mental health and physical, speech, and occupational therapy copays. This will eliminate cost as a barrier to accessing mental health care and other essential treatments and align them with high-quality commercial plans.
- Continue efforts to increase transparency, DoD reporting requirements, and congressional oversight of MTF restructuring and medical billet cuts.
- Oppose cuts to military medical research and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences are essential to the uniformed provider pipeline and increase the number of culturally competent providers for beneficiaries.

- **Protect the MHS Pharmacy Benefit and Achieve Flexibility in TRICARE Pharmacy Copays**

OVERVIEW: MHS reform legislation has eroded the value of the pharmacy benefit and poses a threat to MTF pharmacy access and zero copay prescription medications. Inflexibility in TRICARE pharmacy copays, governed by statute, requires beneficiaries to pay full copays even when TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery is unavailable, or the prescription quantity cannot be filled.

ACTIONS:

- Oppose any plans to restrict access to MTF pharmacies.
- Secure an appeals process for Tier 4/non-covered drugs to protect military families from financial risk.
- Require DoD to report on the frequency of TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery out-of-stocks and the feasibility of offering lower mail-order copays at retail cost for drugs unavailable due to Home Delivery program shortages.
- Secure legislation allowing DoD to charge prorated pharmacy copays for partial prescription quantity fills.

- **Address Barriers to Accessing Care Within the MHS, Including TRICARE Coverage Gaps and Mental Health Care Access Challenges**

OVERVIEW: TRICARE coverage policy is governed by statute and often requires legislation to remain aligned with new technologies and treatment

protocols and benchmarks set by high-quality commercial plans and other government payers. Access problems with mental health care, validated by an August 2020 DoD Inspector General report, are pronounced and must be addressed.

ACTIONS:

- Support a pilot program to test MHS mental health appointment schedulers to assist beneficiaries with access to care. This will also allow the Defense Health Agency to track appointment availability versus access standards more effectively.
- Secure an independent evaluation of TRICARE reimbursement rates for mental health care providers and the impact on access to care under the TRICARE program.
- Extend TRICARE eligibility to dependents up to age 26 with no additional premium to bring TRICARE on par with commercial health plans.

- **Achieve Concurrent Receipt of Service-Earned Retirement Pay and V.A. Disability Pay**

OVERVIEW: Currently, those with a 40% V.A. rated disability, and those forced to retire under Chapter 61 medically have their retirement pay offset for every dollar of V.A. disability received. The Congressional Budget Office estimates fixing concurrent receipt will cost \$33 billion over ten years. An incremental strategy to break up concurrent receipt into smaller cost brackets can gain progress.

ACTIONS:

- Continue to support concurrent receipt legislation and the incremental approach to making progress.
- Develop solutions with professional staff members and the House and Senate for feasible language in the NDAA.
- Amass co-sponsors for concurrent receipt legislation such as H.R. 5995/S. 3393, the Major Richard Star Act.

- **Protect Family Support Programs, and Ensure Military-Provided Services (Housing, PCS, Child Care) are Affordable, Readily Available, and Meet Quality Standards**

OVERVIEW: Programs and services for military and veteran families are often the first to see cuts to staffing, quality, and availability when government funding becomes tight. These benefits are essential to ensure service members can focus on their mission. Military spouses play a vital role in a service member's decision to stay in the military. When DoD prioritizes people first, it can retain a mission-ready all-volunteer force.

ACTIONS:

- Create innovative approaches and incentives to increase access to quality child care providers.
- Address the military spouse unemployment rate through resources, program expansions, and private sector incentives.
- Push for full implementation of comprehensive housing reform and accountability.

- Improve accountability of contract movers and claims during PCS moves.
- Continue to assess the impact of COVID-19 on programs and progress.

- **Reform the Presumptive Process to Support Veterans Claiming Service-Connected Disabilities for Toxic Exposures**

OVERVIEW: When deploying to defend our nation, we pursue cutting-edge weapons, tactics, techniques, and procedures to defeat our enemies. The consequences for service members become apparent later, sometimes decades later. When Agent Orange, burn pits, and other sources of hazardous materials cause illnesses, the current practice is to place the burden of proof and record-keeping on veterans. Many are unable to prove their exposure. While research is done, ill veterans suffer without health care benefits. If veterans pass away early, their widows will not receive the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

ACTIONS:

- Pursue enactment of legislation that concedes veterans serving in the Middle East and Southeast Asia were exposed to hazardous substances.
- Increase transparency and tracking around toxic substance use and exposure.
- Establish an advisory committee to recommend research on emerging conditions.
- Assess the impact of COVID-19 on the health of service members deployed to assist the government response to the pandemic.

- **Achieve Equity of Benefits, Protections, and Administrative Support for Guard/Reserve Members Consistent With Their Active Duty Counterparts**

OVERVIEW: Guard and Reserve troops can be activated with little notice. The COVID-19 pandemic response highlights why we need to ensure service members are always ready. Along with this, the transition to the "total force" concept has transformed the National Guard and Reserve troops into an operational force that is an essential part of America's national defense strategy. However, the reserve component is not receiving the same support despite conducting the same duties as their active-duty counterparts at increasing frequencies.

ACTIONS:

- Eliminate pay, benefit, and retirement credit inequities to honor the vital role of our Guard/ Reserve service members.
- Expand Military Lending Act protections to the Guard/Reserve forces to support their activation with reduced stress to meet financial obligations. Financial readiness equals operational readiness.
- Eliminate forced arbitration agreements for Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and Service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to protect service members' rights.
- Eliminate Guard/Reserve retirement pay processing delays, and support timely health care benefits for retirees.
- Assess COVID-19 impact on short-notice deployments relative to employers and concerns noted above.

- **Sustain Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Foundational Missions and Services**

OVERVIEW: Since the VA MISSION Act was signed into law in 2018, VHA has been aggressively pursuing implementing one of the most historical shifts in how V.A. will deliver care in the coming years — a system virtually untouched by a significant transformation in more than 25 years. Myriad challenges face the V.A. as it attempts to sustain its four health care missions (clinical, research, education and training, and emergency management response) and associated programs and services that have earned VHA its reputation as a high-quality health care system.

ACTIONS:

- Strengthen and modernize VHA's workforce.
- Eliminate health disparities for women and minority veterans and ensure equity in accessing timely, sensitive, and quality care and benefits through the V.A.
- Expand access to care giving, palliative, geriatric, and extended care programs for veterans and wounded warriors.

- **Through Expansion, Protect Arlington National Cemetery as an Option for Those Currently Eligible to Receive Full Military Honors**

OVERVIEW: The Army secretary has approved draft eligibility changes for interment and inurnment at ANC to extend the cemetery's life. Unfortunately, if eligibility changes are approved, many counting on in-ground burial at ANC will have to change plans.

ACTIONS:

- Advocate with DoD and lawmakers for a halt to the current proposal for changes at ANC.
- Engage MOAA members and The Military Coalition to make a strong comment to DoD.
- Secure new language in the NDAA that will direct expansion of our national cemetery, protect full military honors for 20-year retirees and prevent reduction of current eligibility.
- Simplify planning by establishing a reservation system.

- **Sustain Pay Raises for Servicemembers and COLA Raises for Retirees**

OVERVIEW: Pay raises for service members and COLA raises for retirees represent a commitment to our government to recognize their service and sacrifice, past and present. Budget challenges often focus on reducing such outlays to help fund weapons acquisition and other programs. No doubt such challenges will appear in the coming years.

ACTIONS:

- Protect COLA and maintain pay raises tied to the Employment Cost Index.
- Monitor the president's budget for indications of DoD cost-saving measures at the expense of service members and retirees.

- Continue to monitor COLA and pay raises each October.

- **Improve Survivor Benefits**

OVERVIEW: After the repeal of the widows' tax in 2019, injustices remain on survivor issues.

ACTIONS:

- Create a platform with TMC's survivor committee to garner support for efforts with the 117th Congress.
- Build co-sponsors for The Caring for the Survivors and Families of Veterans Act of 2020.
- Continue to support Dependency and Indemnity Compensation improvement to bring it on par with federal employees.

- **Ensure the Coast Guard Receives Pay During a Government Shutdown**

OVERVIEW: During a government shutdown, the USCG is not paid. Legislation such as The Pay Our Coast Guard Act would protect Coast Guard service members' pay in the event of a lapse in appropriations or a shutdown. For the 117th Congress, the act will require significant support for inclusion in the NDAA.

ACTIONS:

- Support and renew the TMC letter for the 117th Congress.
- Advocate lawmakers to co-sponsor The Pay our Coast Guard Act.

VCOC Report

- **JLC 2022 Initiatives:** A summary of the 2022 JLC Initiatives Policy papers for each initiative can be accessed on the JLC webpage at: Virginia Joint Leadership Council Legislative Policy Initiatives 2022.
- The Virginia Joint Leadership Council Legislative Policy Initiatives 2022 were submitted to the JLC by Col Monti Zimmerman USA (Ret). MOAA-2 is JLC legislative initiative number two for 2022. Go to the following link for more information. <https://moaavcoc.org/legislativeaffairs/>
 - Military Officers Association of America 1 (MOAA-1) Income tax subtraction for certain low-income disabled veterans.
 - Military Officers Association of America 2 (MOAA-2) Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Services Members “Killed in Action” to also include “Died on Active Duty”.
 - VCOC meeting was held on 5 October 2021 in Williamsburg, Virginia. MOAA Vice President for Government Relations Col. Dan Merry, USAF (Ret) administered the Oath of Office to the VCOC Officer Slate 2022-2024, Fourth Quarter Meeting and Biennial Awards Luncheon at the Ford's Colony Country Club, Williamsburg, Virginia. The featured speaker was MOAA President and Chief Executive Officer Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret). During his remarks, Lt. Gen. Atkins congratulated all of the VCOC Awardees for 2021, highlighting the outstanding bipartisan legislative advocacy of the Council in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- LTC Steve Jamison is currently filling in and making VCOC reports for LTC Jim Flynn.

- COL Anita White, USA (Ret) has volunteered to be the chapter VCOC representative for 2022.

Smith Mountain Lake Satellite Report

- A Smith Mountain Lake Satellite membership meeting was held on 12 October 2021. A program was presented by Mr. John Long, Director of Education D-Day Memorial on “Remembering the Reuben James.”
- A Smith Mountain Lake Satellite membership meeting was held on 9 November 2021. A program was presented by Mr Milt Hobbs, an Emergency Medical Technician and recently retired pilot who decided to get himself certified as an EMT who spoke about EMS Operations in Bedford County.

Committee Chairperson’s Report

- **Community Services Volunteer Representative Report** – MOAA’s Annual Meeting and awards dinner was held at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Va. on 15 October 2021. LTC Dan Karnes received the 2020 MOAA National Level of Excellence 5 Star Award for the Southwest Virginia Chapter.
- **Awards Chair Report** – Notifications to the JROTC, ROTC, CAP units for the 2022 Chapter Leadership Awards, Archer and MOAA ROTC and JROTC Medal Awards will start going out in January 2022

Old Business

- The SWVC donated \$500 to The Air Force Association Aerospace Education Fellowship program in memory/honor of BG Scott Van Cleef.
- Mary Lou Summers and President Lee Ensley have been doing some research concerning a memorial bench or something like that for BG Scott Van Cleef but the cost may be prohibitive, unless we can come up with a plan that’s affordable.
- John Miller expressed disappointment at the lack of participation in the Alleghany Chapter AUSA event on 2 October 2021 at 1500 hours at the Hotel Roanoke to meet and hear the story of the only living Medal of Honor recipient from the Iraq war, Army Staff Sgt. David Bellavia. Various comments were made as to why there seems to be apathy on the part of so many in participating in planned events like this. No consensus was made except we need to keep trying to get members involved.

New Business

- A question was asked about inclusion of USN Sea Cadets in our awards program similar to what the chapter does for the Civil Air Patrol cadets. Mary Lou as information and will forward to the Awards Chair, Bob Habermann.
- The Board approved the slate of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors for 2022.

**MOAA SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER OFFICER
AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022**

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Mrs. Mary Lou Summers

Chapter Membership ZOOM Program

18 November 2021

Call to Order

President Lee Ensley called the Chapter Zoom Membership meeting to order at 1204 Hours.

Opening Prayer

Chaplain Gilleran led the chapter members in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

1st Vice President Matthew Haag led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited by all members and guests present.

Introduction of the Guest Speaker

President Lee Ensley introduced Mr. James Triesler, Director of Education Virginia War Memorial in Richmond Virginia.

ZOOM Program

A Zoom program was presented by Mr. James Triesler, Director of Education Virginia War Memorial in Richmond Virginia. The program was a most interesting and extensive presentation on the Virginia War Memorial. James Triesler used a Power Point slide presentation showing the many exhibits available at the War Memorial, a must visit destination in Richmond. The depth and breadth of the educational programs offered by the Virginia War Memorial is breathtaking. James Triesler's passion for education was most evident in his presentation and the Board of Directors wish more of the membership had signed on to witness the power point slides and his description of the Memorial, its exhibits and programs. More on this program as well as some of the Power Point slides will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Next Chapter Zoom Meeting

- 1200 Hours Thursday 18 December 2021.