

Heritage Shores Military Club

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 2, 2022

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 10:00am Wednesday March 2, 2022. Following the call to order, the members and guest conducted the flag salute. A moment of silence was held to honor those serving all over the world and thoughts and prayers for all residents of Heritage Shores fighting their own issues. Attendees were requested to introduce themselves with their name and branch of service.

Minutes: minutes from the February 2022 meeting are delayed. Alan Pointer who has done an outstanding job as Secretary had to resign due to health issues and Carole Rompala has volunteered to take his place.

The military club is seeking a volunteer to support JR Roland in administrating the Donations Committee. Please contact JR or Phil Clark if you are willing to help.

Treasures Report: Charles Smith reviewed the March 2, 2022, Treasurers Report. Charles highlighted the months donations and withdrawals associated with flag purchases, shirts and checks written to various veteran groups. The opening balance was \$6,624.91. Total withdrawals \$3,985.65. The current balance being \$3,625.26. Copy of Treasurer report included with the minutes.

A recommendation was made to donate \$200.00 to the Local Marine Corps JROTC. Bill Pfordt made a motion to approve the donation and it was 2nd by Ray Reilly.

The University of Delaware Army ROTC will be holding a Military Ball in the Ballroom at Heritage Shores on April 15, 2022. We will be placing flags in the main circle and in front of the club house to support them.

Legislation Report: Kevin Ryan – The March Report can be found below.

Concert Update: The Navy Sea Chanters will be playing in the ball room at Heritage Shores on June 23, 2022.

On July 22, 2022, the Navy Commodores will be playing in the ball room at Heritage Shores. We are in negotiations with the Army to host one of their bands in mid-September. Right now, they are offering their Jazz Ambassadors. FYI, we cannot try to schedule the Army Field Band and Choral Group at this time because the local High School is still not allowing outside groups due to covid. I'm sure Jack Gibson will be seeking volunteers to help set up the stage when the time draws near.

Flags For Heroes: Joe Shear advised that he is always looking for volunteers and requested that volunteers should see him after the meeting to have their names added to his flag installation list.

New Business: The Veterans' Administration Mobile Veterans Center will be on site at the Seaford Library located at 600 N. Market Street Seaford, De on March 18, 2022, and April 15, 2022, from 10:am until 3:pm on both dates to serve local veterans seeking help with health care, benefits counseling, and more information.

Club Shirts: Contact Phil Clark to order a shirt. Minimum order to be placed is six.

Club Coins: We are in the process of purchasing new club coins that include the Space Force logo.

Bridgeville Local Hero: Bridgeville Hometown Hero Banner Program is seeking nominees for local military veterans. Must have been a resident of Bridgeville for the past 10 years. See Phil Clark for further information.

Program Speaker: There was no guest speaker this month. Bill Atwood, a long time Heritage Shores Military Club member provided a very moving film. "To What Remains ". The film concerns the search for service members missing in action from World War II. Bill's son, John Atwood is the COO of Image Entertainment which produced the film. Attempts are being made to determine if a streaming site might be available for future screenings.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022. Our Guest Speaker will be HS resident and former NASA Executive who will provide an update on the initial operations of the deep space James Webb Telescope that was launched in February.

Phil Clark

James Williams

Chairman

Temporary Recorder

March 2022 Treasurers Report

Heritage Shores Military Treasury Report as of March 2, 2022

Opening Balance	\$6,624.91
Deposits	
12/01/2021 Deposit \$436.00 \$236 Shirts \$200 Flags	436.00
12/08/2021 Deposit \$50. Donation	50.00
12/13/2021 Deposit \$500.00 Sponsor	500.00
Total Deposits	\$ 986.00
Withdrawals	
11/01/2021 Service Charge	-2.00
12/01/2021 Service Charge	-2.00
12/03/2021 Check #1276 Del Tech Scholarship	- 1,000.00
12/03/2021 Check #1277 Warrior Weekend	- 500.00
12/03/2021 Check #1278 Veterans Awareness Ctr.	-1,000.00
12/03/2021 Check #1279 Warrior Weekend	-1,000.00
12/10/2021 Check #1280 Markers Inc. Flags	-129.65
12/31/2021 Check #1281 Seaford Star	-350.00
01/03/2022 Service Charge	-2.00
Total Withdrawals	\$-3,985.65
Balance	\$3,625.26

HSMC Legislative Update, March 2022

#1 President Biden Signs the 2022 Defense Budget into Law.

The National Defense Authorization Act provides:

- \$740B to the Department of Defense
- \$27.8B to the Department of Energy
- \$10.0B to other Defense Related Activities
- The Active Duty pay raise was only 2.7%

#2 H.R. 4673, Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act

The House of Representatives advanced legislation that would automatically enroll separating service members into the Veterans Affairs Medical System, an effort to streamline their access to that care if they need it. The move is championed by advocates as a way to increase veterans' use of VA care. This measure would affect approximately 60,000 Veteran's separating from service each year. The act would become effective upon the bill becoming law, and would not be retroactive.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the measure would cost about \$3.1 billion over the next five years, with an individual veterans savings about \$3900 in health care costs.

White House officials have backed the measure, but are concerned that implementation could put a strain on VA medical system operations.

The legislation faces an uphill battle in the Senate, if you would like to support please reach out to Delaware Senators Coons and Carper at the phone numbers below.

Your Delaware Congressional Representatives:

- Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) (202) 225-4165
- Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), (202) 224-2441
- Senator Christopher Coons (D-DE) (202) 224-5042