

CSCP MEETING  
SILVER SPRING, MD  
JANUARY 11, 2018

Called to order by Chair Rex Moody at 9:00 AM

Devotions and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members and Officers

Chair-Rex Moody

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – excused

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Gumisindo Gomez

Secretary – Richard Lindbeck

Alabama	Arizona	Arkansas	California	Colorado	Florida	Georgia
Idaho	Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Missouri	Nebraska	Nevada
New Hampshire	New Mexico	New York	North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio	Oklahoma
Oregon	Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico	Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	Virginia	Washington	West Virginia	Wisconsin		

Question on attendance of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. The minutes were checked and she was at the April meeting. She was not at the October meeting. This would be the second meeting in a row that was missed. This is an excused absence due to death in the family.

Meeting agenda – approved and carried

Minutes of the last meeting. Reynolds – Fleming Carried

John Rowan reported that this year is the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tet. He also gave information on the history on the origin of VVA. 1983 was the founding of VVA.

Region 7 will have several changes in State Presidents this year.

President Trump signed an executive order to give assistance to returning vets for one year.

Rowan gave some concerns on contamination at Air Force Bases. Jet Fuel spills, deicing fluids, chemicals to wash the aircraft. What happens to this material?

Charlie Stapleton asked are we returning to the Hill in April. Rowan says we should look into doing it. The problem is in April most of Congress is not here. You should contact the staffers and members at home since most are there in April.

The State Presidents can set up their system as they want to meet with members of Congress. With the larger state it is a good idea to meet since travel can be a problem.

Rex Moody: Reimbursement of expenses. We are still not getting it right. Some receipts are not done until we return home. The Finance Department will take care of. The larger items are the ones we are concerned about. Those that are in a different hotel, those using other than Let's Travel.

Wes Guidry – We will be in Greensboro, NC for the 2021 National Convention.

Leadership registration is being finalized. Hotels can be done now.

Dr. Tom Berger: Million Veterans Program. Make your own decision if you want to participate. Some data is being used against the veteran on claims.

Bob Seal: Reported on Chapter Suspensions and how they are handled.

Question: What does National do with the Finance Reports. They are filed since it is required for a 501c3. National does not audit or review, they just look to see if they are filed and the 990N was completed.

Tom George-It should be the SC President to inform the chapters of their requirements to file the report with National and State Council.

We as the SC Presidents report to the National Board on why the chapter has not complied and if necessary shut them down.

The SC President has the authority to call a meeting of the chapter is needed.

Ned Foote: The reports are simple and they have been made more simple..

Rex Moody: Working on the budget for the next term. He has contacted Joe Sternburg since we are now in individual rooms the cost has doubled for us.

Gomez: Travel reimbursement forms to be in by 1-12-18 so he can review and give to Rex Moody for authorization.

Reynolds: The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee met this morning (1-11-18) and has come to some fantastic conclusions. The program will be October 20, 2018, which is Saturday. Each SC President will receive two (2) free tickets. Funding will be done outside. This is For Us About Us.

Stenvold: The dress will be business attire and a cash bar.

Numerous questions on extra tickets, dignitaries, etc. NO

Government Affairs; Lindbeck: Read the reports from Rick Weidman that he sends out as well as the weekly review from Mokie Porter.

Contitution - Nothing at this time.

Legislative – Nothing at this time.

Minority Affairs: McIntire: Want to establish some type of minority recruitment and retention base.

Honorary Life Members. Goes to Bill Meeks and there is a 30 day time frame so it can be on the agenda. If not it will be on the following agenda.

Dave Simmons-Veterans Against Drugs. Free Skate Night is this evening (1-11-18). Come out and watch if you can. 6-8pm. There are several DEA, Secret Service, FBI in attendance.

Agent Orange-contamination at 27 Air Force bases. Round-Up in California is outlawed. North Carolina is also looking at banning its use. Monsanto has 5 million farmers suing them.

Gomez-Puerto Rico is considering suing for the contamination left behind by the USMC.

Health Care: Gene Grego and Tom George will work with Dr. Berger.

Political Action Committee-Dennis Howland and Tom George will work with National on this.

Barry Rice-VN Commemoration Program. Doing the presentation and then explaining the meaning of the pin. This has resulted in new members joining.

Dennis Howland-Utah has raised a half million dollars for the 50<sup>th</sup> program.

Jack Mattingly-April 8<sup>th</sup> is the VN Helicopter dedication. Kentucky has a traveling wall and will be taking it to each county.

Charlie Stapelton- has pins with him all the time and gives to VN vets and explains the meaning. Rex Moody-Is there a printed format? Also there is a Spouse and Gold Star Family Pin available.

Roland Mayhew-Kansas is focusing on Care for Veterans. Fund raising for personal care items. They do this program twice a year.

Kelsey Yoon gave a presentation on the service officer program and gave a report on each state.

Training of service officers is an issue. VVA has a good program and we do not have mandatory yearly training. VVA is a two (2) year program. All the programs are on-line and they can recert there. February 2019 the entire claim process will be reconfigured.

Dennis Howland-the report shows No Program. Yoon-that means they do not have a VVA certified VSO to handle claims.

Tom George-Some people are in the five year program. The leadership conference in 2018 will cover the recertifications.

Gomez-Asked who the VSO report to. Someone at the Regional Office will handle the claim.

Wayne Reynolds-What is the status of the MOU? Currently we are not doing claims with the Association of CVSO's. A new MOU is going to be submitted this week after the BOD meeting. With the new MOU no one will be certified without the authorization of the SC President.

VVA/AVVA accreditation. There are some problems that need to be worked out and should be completed by April. Kelsey does not have control over the AVVA program.

Roundtable-Gomez gave an update on the Massachusetts SC and have received a grant of 60K for VVA. POW/MIA monument state wide. They do not want it in the prison system, want it available to all. There will be a 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Parade in Boston. The NE Patriots honored all VN Vets.

Tom George- Nevada is working with NVDA to put to and from courts on a program for veterans. May have two programs with the way the state is configured. Veterans Courts-Making donations where there is monies on hand to provide transportation to and from court.

Mattingly-Kentucky has been in the news and can a new handbook be revised. There is a New President Guide that tells how to make reservations and travel. It is on the web site.

Pennsylvania- there is an individual that wants to put up a monument without our input. Consensus is we do not get involved.

Puerto Rico-The situation is not a pretty picture and it will take some time before we can get it all back. 48K veterans in PR. Thank you all for the contributions that the SC and Chapters that send funds.

Rex Moody-Deadline for reimbursement forms turn is is due 1-12-18.

Make sure the State Council Handbook to the new officers.

Flemming-Oregon puts in \$20 and some Chapters also do \$20 so the new life member only pays \$60. 1% of the lottery funds goes to Veterans Programs.

Recess until the National Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted;

Richard Lindbeck