

## 12/15/2015 – Veterans and Military Law Section – Board Meeting

### 1. Report of the Chair

#### a. Goals

- i. Double the Membership/Goal of 300 Members: encourage people that they don't have to be doing Veterans Law to be a member of the section; think outside the box when reaching out to potential section members
- ii. Revive Newsletter: at least 2 publications this year; Communications committee will work with National office
- iii. Presence on Social Media, Website, and FBA E-Newsletter: send information about upcoming events, photos from past events, news to [Maria](#) or [Marcellus](#) at National office for posting
- iv. Increase Programming: we should consider partnering with other Sections/Divisions/Chapters for programming; partnerships can increase our exposure and membership

#### b. Board Calls (Maria will email to set these up)

- i. Monthly Calls for Executive Board
- ii. Quarterly Calls for Full Board – Committee Chairs should email the full Board prior to each call with an update from their committee
- iii. Twice-yearly for Full Section (likely after Midyear Meeting and Annual Convention)

### 2. Reports/Introductions

- a. Deputy Chair – Frank McGovern
- b. Secretary – Alan Goldsmith
- c. Treasurer – Chase Johnson
- d. Membership Chair – Ray Bily
- e. Legislative Chair – Carol Wild Scott
- f. CLE Chair – Hilary Wandler
- g. Military Justice – Peter Masterton
- h. Communications Chair – Raymond Toney
- i. Requests for Support – Jim Richardson: the Section supported the Jobs for JAGS event with a \$500 sponsorship

### 3. Old Business

- a. Programs/CLE – CLE Committee to review and move forward
  - i. Bridget Montgomery has offered to assist in CLE/Programming
  - ii. Wills for Heroes – Danielle Brewer
  - iii. Possible Indian Law CLE Program – Carol Scott
  - iv. Baltimore event – Jim Richardson
- b. Membership
  - i. Compare membership rolls to Pentagon chapter
  - ii. Local JAGs to join section?
- c. Publications/Communications

- i. *The Federal Lawyer* – regular column 6x/year (Jim Richardson has been handling); possible Veterans-dedicated issue next year?
  - ii. Revival of Section newsletter
- 4. Good of the Order
  - a. Alan Goldsmith brought up the following membership ideas: soliciting the Pentagon Chapter for membership purposes, targeting retired JAGs of the FBA, focusing on people with .mil email addresses, and reaching out to former Judge Advocates
  - b. Alan said that former chief Judge Andrew Efron of the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces had recently headed a committee appointed by the Secretary of Defense to undertake a top-to-bottom review of the military justice system. The committee has completed its work but the report has not yet been made public. When the report hits the street, the section should take a look at it.
  - c. Major goal to focus on CLE events: Maria mentioned webinar opportunities; Carol Scott brought up the idea of partnering with the Immigration Section