

**Veterans and Military Law Section – Full Board and Committee Members
January 19, 2016 at 3pm ET**

- I. **Report of Chair – Bob DeSousa:** The Section is up and running and fully staffed, except for Carol’s Legislative and Regulatory Committee; We have a great group of people with lots of ideas – please be sure to check with the appropriate committee chair if you have an idea that falls under their committee; Bob introduced the Executive Committee and explained the structure of the calls moving forward
- II. **Report of Committee chairs**
 - a. **Military Justice – Pete Masterton:** The Committee is hoping to provide an overview of the proposed changes submitted by the Military Justice Review Group to the FBA members via the website, weekly E-news, or Section newsletter
 - b. **Membership – Ray Bily:** Membership plan is in the works; a letter has been drafted, which the committee will review; the question at this point is – where do we target our efforts? Committee is building around the concept of the section being a major resource for practitioners; targeting active, reserve, army national guard; determine how many FBA members have a .mil email address; open to suggestions regarding other groups that we should focus on for membership purposes; idea of placing an ad in *The Federal Lawyer*; Ray moved to pre-authorize the membership committee to spend up to \$500 on membership efforts; Carol seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion passed.
 - c. **CLE – Jim Richardson and Hillary Wandler:** June 3rd in Baltimore – free training for initial qualifications to become a veterans claims representative; the committee has developed a solid list of topics; currently working on some great proposals to submit for 2016 Annual Meeting in Cleveland.
 - d. **Communications – Ray Toney:** first newsletter will likely go out in April; send any ideas directly to Ray
 - e. **Legislative and Regulatory – Carol Wild Scott:** meeting at NCAI is shaping up nicely; meeting with Reba Price is very important, as Reba is Nancy Pelosi’s point-person in regards to Veterans Affairs; Carol would like to identify some people in DC who know what goes on in the Senate and House to add to her committee
- III. **Additional New Business**
- IV. **Old Business** – National BOD is looking to meet in Philadelphia in June (not yet confirmed); section will plan a CLE/reception with local chapters (Eastern District of PA Chapter and NJ Chapter) to push it regionally
- V. **Adjourn**