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MINUTES OF THE 9th GOVERNING COUNCIL
MEETING OF VETERAN SAILORS' FORUM HELD AT GOA ON 15 OCT 17

1. The 9th Governing Council Meeting (GCM) of Veteran Sailors' Forum (VSF) was held from 0915h to 1030h on 15Oct 17 at Goa. The GCM was chaired by Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, AVSM, VSM, Controller of Personnel Services in his capacity as President VSF.

2. Following were present in the GCM:-

(a) **Committee Members**

(i)	R Adm Pradeep Joshi, VSM	President, VSF Mumbai Charter
(ii)	Cmde Joginder Chandna	President, VSF Kochi Charter
(iii)	Cmde Vivek Karnavat	Vice President, VSF
(iv)	Cmde C L Saini	LOIC, NAVPEN
(v)	Capt DS Rana	MS, INCCB
(vi)	Capt DS Hada	Secretary, VSF
(vii)	Cdr AK Sharma	Secretary, INBA

(b) **Co-opted Member**

(i)	Cmde BK Munjal	PD ECHS
(ii)	Capt VK Gupta	PDPA
(iii)	Cdr V Viswanath	Secretary, NWWA
(iv)	Lt Cdr Vikram Shrivastav	Rep JAG

(c) **Charter Representatives**

(i)	Capt Rajeev Kishore	Secretary, VSF Mumbai Charter
(ii)	Capt S Sreekanth	Secretary, VSF Vizag Charter

(iii)	Capt Anup Kumar	Secretary, VSF Karwar Charter
(iv)	Cdr A K Kukreja	Secretary, VSF Kochi Charter
(v)	Cdr NA Singh	Secretary, VSF Kolkata Charter
(vi)	Lt Cdr VP Senthil	Secretary, VSF Chilka Charter
(vii)	Lt Cdr Inderjeet Yadav	Secretary, VSF Zamorin Charter
(viii)	Lt Sanket Karve	Secretary, VSF Chennai Charter
(ix)	Lt Atul Viswas	Secretary, VSF Gujrat Charter
(x)	Lt V Dalal	Secretary, VSF Goa Charter
(xi)	Nand Lal, MCPO I	Rep, VSF Dehradun Charter
(xii)	LEMR Anil Yadav	Rep, VSF Jabalpur Charter
(xiii)	Sathish K, LPM	Rep, VSF Delhi Charter

(d) **ESM Representatives.**

(i)	Shri Mohan Lal, Ex- H/SLt	ESM Rep, Vizag Charter
(ii)	Shri Benny PO, Ex-H/SLt	ESM Rep, Kochi Charter
(iii)	Shri Rajesh Tiwari, Ex- POAOF	ESM Rep, Delhi Charter
(iv)	Shri DP Sharma, Ex- POME	ESM Rep, Mumbai Charter

Opening Address by the President

3. At the outset, CPS welcomed all the members and invitees for the 9th GCM of the Veteran Sailors' Forum.

4. He brought out that the VSF was established in 2008 and held its first GCM at Delhi on 09 Mar 2009. Since then, eight meetings of the VSF have been conducted at Command HQs and Delhi in rotation. During the last GCM, in order to enhance the reach of VSF, a decision was taken to hold the meeting in locations other than the Command HQ locations where naval veterans had a significant presence. Accordingly, Goa had been chosen as the venue.

5. He stated that there was a need for increasing the corpus of VSF fund. The VSF Funds were not sufficient to implement any meaningful welfare activities. It was heartening to know that many naval veterans were working with big corporate firms and he exhorted all the members of VSF Charters to liaise with these veterans and their firms to seek CSR support for VSF so that welfare activities could be undertaken by VSF.

6. He highlighted that VSF charters, spread over 13 stations, have been playing a major role in addressing the problems of not only veteran sailors and their dependents but also of veernaris. He stated that he was confident that VSF charters and organizations like NAVPEN, DPA, INCCB, and ECHS have been working in close co-ordination to achieve main aims and objectives of the VSF.

7. He then directed Secretary VSF to commence the proceedings of the GCM.
8. **Confirmation of Minutes of Last GCM.** The Secretary, VSF proposed confirmation of the minutes of the 8th GCM held at Kochi on 26 Sep 16. The minutes were confirmed by the GCM and subsequently approved by the President VSF.
9. **Review of Old Agenda Points.** The action points of the 8thGCM were then reviewed by the GCM. The action taken and present status of old agenda points is placed at **Appendix A** to these minutes.
10. **Consideration & Adoption of Audited Consolidated Balance Sheet of VSF for FY 2016-17.** The Treasurer presented the audited Consolidated Balance Sheet of VSF Fund for FY 2016-17, consisting of VSF Funds being operated by all four VSF Charters i.e. Delhi, Mumbai, Kochi and Visakhapatnam.
11. The President then observed that the MoA deals only with funding and specifies that the Forum can raise funds by way of grants from NPF, Membership fees, by appeal to State and Union Govt, corporate houses, institutions, general public for contributions and donations, by publishing magazine/newsletters and other lawful activities. However, the MoA does not specify on how and where to incur expenditure. Therefore, it was incumbent upon GCM to clearly specify as to where the funds could be spent. The Governing council decided that the VSF Fund could be used for:-
- (a) Conduct of Governing Council Meeting (GCM), Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Body Meeting of the VSF Charter.
 - (b) Reimbursement of TA/DA and train fare to the Veteran sailors who are nominated Committee members for attending such meetings.
 - (c) Refreshments, photo coverage, audio/ video recording, publicity etc related to VSF activities.
 - (d) Payment to the Auditors for audit of VSF Funds.
 - (e) Printing of brochures, publicity material, banners, stationary etc for VSF.
 - (f) Other miscellaneous expenditure on unforeseen contingencies related to VSF activities as may arise from time to time.
12. Secy INBA then proposed adoption of the audited Consolidated Balance Sheet for FY 2016-2017 by the GCM which was seconded by Secretary VSF Kochi. The Governing Council then adopted the audited Consolidated Balance Sheet of VSF Fund for FY 2016-17.

13. **Selection of Date and Location for 10th GCM/ AGM of VSF.** It was proposed by the Secretary, VSF that the 10thGCM/ AGM be conducted at Chennai in 2018. Based on the consent of rep of President VSF Vizag Charter and the discussions, the Chairman directed that

(a) Next GCM be conducted at Chennai in 2018. Local festivals and school exam schedule must be taken into consideration prior fixing the date for next GCM/AGM.

(b) Logistic support such as transport and food is to be provided to the veteran members representing their respective VSF Charters at the GCM meeting.

Action: VSF Vizag Charter

14. **Concluding Remarks.** The President, VSF brought out that the aspirations and demands of the retired community were increasing along with growing numbers. It was therefore, necessary to address their issues sincerely with patience and tolerance. All the uniformed personnel should always be ready to extend a helping hand to needy veterans. He urged all present to actively pursue VSF activities with a clear objective to make VSF more attractive to naval veterans. He once again reiterated the need of increasing the corpus of VSF fund. In the end the Chairman of the meeting conveyed his appreciation and thanks to HQGNA and INS Gomantak for excellent arrangements.

15. There being no other points for discussion, the meeting was concluded.

16. These minutes have the approval of President, VSF.

(Digvijay Singh Hada)
Captain
Secretary

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9th GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF VETERAN SAILORS FORUM
STATUS OF PREVIOUS AGENDA ACTION POINTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Final Decision</u>
<p><u>Item IV - Enrolment of VSF Members.</u> The President stated that VSF should focus on increasing the attractiveness of VSF. He also directed that:-</p> <p>(a) A capsule be conducted at NAVPEN to enhance awareness of retiring sailors on VSF and to facilitate maximum membership. <u>Action: VSF Mumbai / NAVPEN</u></p> <p>(b) DESA website must promote two-way communication amongst VSF members and Navy across all locations, after providing suitable authentication mechanisms. <u>Action: Secy VSF</u></p> <p>(c) Enhance linkages between NRS and VSF with the final objective of providing greater support to the retired community. <u>Action: DESA</u></p> <p>(d) Initiatives betaken to provide publicity for VSF in the advertisements published during Navy week activities. <u>Action: DESA</u></p>	<p>(a) A new membership form with relevant details including Aadhar no has been provided to NAVPEN, VSF charters and uploaded on DESA website INBA would fund VSF membership fee for sailors retiring wef 01 Oct 17 so that maximum sailors become VSF members. Fees as specified in the MoA will be levied for sailors who retired prior 01 Oct 17.</p> <p>(b) A capsule at NAVPEN by Secy VSF for retiring sailors batches (Jul and Jan) has been implemented.</p>	<p>Point to be closed</p>
<p><u>Item VI – Requirement of Laptop for Regional Charters (Secy VSF Karwar).</u> One laptop may be sanctioned for VSF Regional Charters for presentations and to disseminate various welfare measures/policies during visits to different</p>	<p>(a) The case was examined at IHQ MoD(Navy). The membership of Regional Charters as on 31 Aug 17 is as follows</p>	<p>Point to be closed</p>

<p>stations.</p> <p>Decision. DESA to take up a case for procurement of Laptops for VSF Regional Charters based on the AoN for procurement of Laptops for CRSOs.</p> <p>Action: DESA</p>	<p>(i) Goa - 466 (ii) Chennai - 373 (iii) Karwar - 257 (iv) Chilka - 232 (v) Ezhimala - 220 (vi) Dehradun - 167 (vii) Porbandar - 14</p> <p>(b) As the number of members in regional charters was still small, it was premature to decide on procurement of laptops for regional charters.</p> <p>(c) Organisational support may be extended to Regional Charters for dissemination of information and conduct of presentations.</p>	
<p>Item VII – Publicity Material for VSF Members (VSF Karwar). Calendars and diaries may be centrally procured and distributed to each VSF member</p> <p>Decision. All VSF Charters to forward requirement of Navy and DESA calendars to DESA for consolidation. DESA to forward the requirement to DMPR and arrange issue of the Navy calendars. VSF Charters to arrange collection and distribution of the calendars to VSF members through their respective Commands.</p> <p>Action: DESA / All VSF Charters</p>	<p>(a) Requirement from all VSF charters is collated at DESA. Calendars, diaries and other publicity materials are distributed to all. 10,000 DESA calendars are printed and distributed every year. This has been done for last 4 years. If more are required, same could be projected to DESA well in time.</p>	<p>DESA to cater for more calendars for NAVPEN.</p> <p>Point to be closed</p>
<p>Item IX Date and Location for 9th AGM of VSF (Secretary VSF). 9th AGM/GCM of VSF to be conducted between Aug-Oct 17. AGMs be conducted in major stations with significant presence of naval veterans.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>	<p>Point to be closed</p>