

**21<sup>st</sup> MCITTA Gathering**  
**Minutes Of MCITTA Business Meeting October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Williamsburg, VA**



1. Meeting called to order at the Hospitality Room, Woodlands Hotel and Suites, 105 Visitor Ctr Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185 at 1000 hrs.
2. Pledge Of Allegiance to The Flag – Curtis Ferrell
3. Roll Call – A Quorum of 15 members were present for the business meeting, 5 board officers and 10 regular members.
  - a. Chairman – Curtis Ferrell
  - b. Assistant Chairman – Don Mathis
  - c. Financial Officer – Jack Parker
  - d. Executive Administrative Officer – Chuck LeGeyt
  - e. Member at Large – Tom Myers
  - f. Regular members present –

(1) Jim Tortorici	(2) Harry Todd	(3) Ed Cameron
(4) Jess Presas	(5) Robert Gault	(6) Paul Anctil
(7) Nick Bemish	(8) John Lavin	(9) Joe Hough
(10) O.J. Hickok	(11) Brett Shanor (departed before meeting)	
  - g. Associate members and guest at Gathering –

(1) Mary Ellen Bianchino	(2) Pat LeGeyt	(3) Marge Mathis
(4) Janelle Parker	(5) Christina Ferrell	(6) Renee Bemish
(7) Lois Todd	(8) Barbara Tortorici	(9) Linda Hickok
(10) Larry Hickok		
4. Invocation and Remembrance – Ed Cameron
  - a. Michael R. Getsey – 11 October 2023
  - b. Francis “Frank” Steimer – 4 March 2024
  - c. Harold W. Weist – 7 April 2024
  - d. Donald W. James – 22 July 2024
5. Proof of Notice of Meeting – Presented by Chairman, Curtis Ferrell
6. Review of the Minutes from the 2023 Gathering was made by Chairman Curtis Ferrell and approved by membership with no changes.

7. Financial Report – Financial report by Jack Parker. Motion made, seconded, and voted to approve Financial Report by membership.

Carry forward balance Regular (30 Sep 23)	\$4,277.57
Carry forward Balance Monument (30 Sep 23)	\$1,645.50
Donations Received	\$2,980.00
Gathering Income	\$4,835.00
Total Revenues	\$7,831.55
Expenses	
Administration (Web Site, Coins)	\$1,818.89
Preliminary Gathering Costs	\$1,000.00*
Total Balance Regular	\$9,290.32*
Total Balance Monument	\$1,645.50**

\*Invoices have not been received/paid to determine total Gathering costs.

\*\*Funds are sequestered to fund lighting of monument when completed.

#### 8. Committees' Chair Reports

- a. New Member Report – Through a USPS letter campaign, Tom Myers has helped MCITTA connect/re-connect with numerous O250s and O251s. Tom also maintains and distributes the membership roster on an as needed basis. MCITTA has added five regular members and one honorary member.

##### Regular Members

- (1) Freddy Blanco, GySgt (Ret)
- (2) John Bradley, MSgt (Ret)
- (3) Chris Wahl, Sgt (Honorable Discharge)
- (4) Matthew Carlisle, CWO5 (Ret)
- (5) Kirk Shin, GySgt (Ret)

##### Honorary Member

- (1) Paul Contreras

- b. Awards committee – MCITTA Board

MCITTA Distinguished Volunteer Service Award – For members of the MCITTA and to those who perform outstanding volunteer services to MCITTA of a sustained, direct, or consequential nature.

Paul Contreras  
Matt Carlisle

#### 9. Old Business.

- a. Harry Todd provided an update that the cleaning and weather proofing of the ITT monument was completed earlier this year. Joe Hough was able to obtain photos before access to the monument was restricted because of construction off the new Carolina Museum of the Marine. Harry Todd confirmed the Monument Committee is no longer needed and this concludes reporting on the

monument with the exception of the lighting installation when it occurs. Many thanks to him and Howie Kahn for tracking this all these years.

- b. No other old business.

10. New Business.

- a. Creation of the “Baum Award Committee”. After a discussion regarding the Ronald E. Baum Teamwork award purpose, it’s presentation at the CI/HUMINT course graduations and the new challenge coins that have been procured, it was moved to created a Baum Award Committee. It was seconded and approved. The Committee Chair is Tom Myers and members are Nick Bemish and Chuck LeGeyt. Coins have been distributed to several members and will be maintained by MCITTA members.
- b. Gathering 2025 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kendall Perry graciously volunteered to host the 2025 Gathering in Salt Lake City earlier this year via e-mail. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend this year’s Gathering due to hurricanes Helene and Milton. No dates have been set yet, however, we did have some discussion regarding snow skiing and only one or two people were interested. The main concern was to have it before it starts snowing. It was moved that the 2026 Gathering be held in Salt Lake City, seconded and approved.
- c. Gathering 2026 in Jacksonville, North Carolina. During the discussion of where to have the 2026 Gathering, it was brought up that the Carolina Museum of the Marine should be opening in 2026. We asked for a volunteer that could host the event, and Joseph Hough kindly volunteered. It was moved that the 2026 Gathering be held in Jacksonville, NC, seconded and approved.
- d. MCITTA Website. A discussion was held about the MCITTA website and it was decided that we need a new one. A search is underway for someone who can set this up and maintain it.
- e. Periodic Zoom Meetings. In order to maintain contact in between Gatherings, we discussed having periodic Zoom meetings scheduled in advance where any member could join and share information, or just say hello. We also discussed the Professional Military Education meetings that were previously organized by Don Mathis. There was quite a bit of interest in starting this up again and Jim Tortorici offered to assist Don by using his Zoom account to host the meetings.

11. Motion made to adjourn meeting, seconded, and approved at 1125 hrs. Meeting adjourned.