

Minutes from Sept 19 2019 CARMA Luncheon

Location: Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant 11:30am - 1:30pm

Attendees: 34 members and 5 Guests

Presiding Board Member: Terry Ricks, CARMA President

1. The meeting began with the Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Republican Creed
2. Two significant actions by the Board were reviewed:
 - 2a. The "Bundling Project" for supplemental donations to selected candidates in local contested races was explained. This project directed by Michael Brown, Treasurer, is a great new approach for prompting additional donations by mailed checks and cards.
 - 2b. Also the "CARMA By-Laws Revision Project", also directed by Michael Brown, was explained. Key changes were highlighted. The revisions make the by-laws reflect the actual operations of CARMA. They had been posted on the CARMAgop.com website. All Board members reviewed the revisions multiple times and discussed edits as a team before posting the final draft. The approval vote by the members present at the luncheon was unanimous
3. Meeting dates and times for the next WJCCRC meetings (9/26) and CARMA luncheons (10/17) were announced.
4. Terry Ricks announced that informal member breakfasts and happy hours will be scheduled. Members should watch their emails for dates, times and locations. Members and guests are welcome to attend when convenient and buy their own drinks and food from the servers. To begin, there will 9:30am breakfasts at the Williamsburg National Golf Course (WNGC) on the following Saturdays, Sept 28, Oct 5 and Oct 12. Casual discussions, story-telling, rants and jokes are expected. The members were asked for suggestions about locations and dates for future breakfast and happy hour meetups.
5. Jack Greenhalgh, CARMA member, told everyone about the new Old Dominion Honor Flight to Wash DC on Nov 2. ODFH Mission 1 will take World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifice and service. They will also visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps (Quantico), the Air Force Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. The trip is FREE for Veterans.
6. The Guest Speaker was Robert Heffley, the Hampton Republican Committee Chairman. He gave a fascinating presentation with informative slides about the Muslim Brotherhood and their worrisome activities in the Tidewater area. Questions and answers followed. Mr. Heffley received a round of applause.
7. The luncheon meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.