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**MINUTES OF THE 26TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF
NAVY FOUNDATION HELD AT VIZAG ON 11 MAR 18**

1. The 26th Governing Council Meeting (GCM) of the Navy Foundation was held at Vishakapatnam on 11 Mar 18 under the chairmanship of Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff and President Navy Foundation. The following were present:

(a) **Invitees.**

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| (i) | V Adm Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM | FOC-in-C (East) |
| (ii) | Cmde K A Bopanna, NM | CO, INS Circars |

(b) **Members.**

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| (i) | V Adm R Hari Kumar, AVSM, VSM | Vice President, NF |
| (ii) | R Adm Pradeep Joshi, VSM | Secy RGC (West) |
| (iii) | R Adm Deepak Kapoor, VSM | Secy RGC (East) |
| (iv) | Cmde Joginder Chandna, VSM | Secy RGC (South) |
| (v) | Cmde Vivek Karnavat | Secretary, NF |
| (vi) | Cmde HS Chopra (Retd) | Treasurer, NF |

(c) **In Attendance.**

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| (i) | Capt Subroto Mukherji | JDESA, NF |
| (ii) | Cdr Swanuj Harshavardhan | JDESA, NF |

(d) **Chapter Representatives.**

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| (i) | V Adm R P Suthan (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM | President, NF Kerala |
| (ii) | R Adm Sushil Ramsey (Retd), YSM | President, NF Delhi |

(iii)	R Adm S Srihande (Retd), AVSM	President, NF Goa
(iv)	R Adm T Sudhakar (Retd), AVSM, NM	Vice President, NF Vizag
(v)	Cmde VK Gautam (Retd), NM	President, NF Chandigarh
(vi)	Cmde D Jena (Retd), NM, VSM	President, NF Odisha
(vii)	Cmde S K Pawnday (Retd)	Vice President, NF L'know
(viii)	Cmde KM Nair (Retd)	Vice President, NF B'gluru
(ix)	Capt R S Chowdhary (Retd)	Treasurer, NF Kolkata
(x)	Cdr Vijay Vadhera (Retd), NM	Secy, NF Mumbai
(xi)	Cdr L Radhakrishnan (Retd)	Secy, NF Chennai
(xii)	Cdr Mohan Philip (Retd)	Secy, NF Pune
(xiii)	Cdr G Eswara Reddy (Retd)	Secy, NF Hyderabad
(xiv)	Cdr Ashutosh Sharma (Retd)	Secy, NF Jaipur
(xv)	Cdr I Aravanan (Retd)	Secy, NF Coimbatore

Item I - Opening Address by President Navy Foundation

2. At the outset, the President, Navy Foundation extended a warm welcome to the presidents and representatives of various chapters present for the 26th GCM. He stated that it was his honour as well as pleasure to chair the meeting. He observed that the Foundation nurtured strong bond between seasoned veterans and the present generation of naval personnel. The Foundation also gave continuity of vision as well as immense motivation. He further stated that having been a part of the 'Naval family' since birth, this unique bond held special significance for him.

3. He then stated that from its humble beginnings in 1988, the Foundation had expanded leaps and bounds and now consisted of 15 chapters. The formation of Regional Governing Councils had brought about a refinement in the organisational structure and thereby enhanced the overall functioning of the organisation. He was happy to note that the meetings of Regional Governing Councils and individual chapters had brought in a healthy exchange of views.

4. The President expressed his satisfaction regarding the focus and commitment to the founding principles and objectives of the Navy Foundation. He noted that these activities would go a long way in enriching the society at large and in spreading awareness about the navy amongst our civilian brethren. The Foundation also served as a bridge to ensure that information about welfare measures is disseminated to all the veterans and assured everyone present that the Naval Headquarters remained committed to support the functioning of the Navy Foundation.

5. He stated that the objective of the forum was to brainstorm and deliberate measures to further streamline and strengthen the organization and functioning of the Navy Foundation. Towards this, he welcomed suggestions as well as guidance and hoped to generate actionable ideas which could be implemented for the benefit of the veteran community. Thereafter, he once again conveyed his best wishes to the Navy

Foundation and hoped that the association between serving officers and the veterans would continue to flourish and help the service grow from strength to strength.

6. The President Navy Foundation thereafter directed the JD (Navy Foundation)/DESA to proceed with the GCM agenda.

Item II - Old Agenda Points

7. **Adoption of Revised MoA of Navy Foundation.** The revised Memorandum of Association (MoA) of Navy Foundation was adopted and ratified by the 23rd AGM and GCM respectively on 28 Sep 14. Thereafter, in order to meet the procedural requirement of its ratification by a second special meeting after an interval of at least one month and adoption of revised MoA by 3/5th of the members present, a special GBM was held at Kota House on 05 Jul 15. The revised MoA was adopted unanimously by the Special GBM. The revised MoA was thereafter forwarded to the Registrar of Societies, Delhi for their formal approval in Aug 2015. The MoA has now been approved by the Registrar of Societies and approved copies have been forwarded to all chapters for records.

8. **Decision.** Point closed.

Action: DESA

9. **C-IN-C Interaction with Veterans.** This issue was raised by Kolkata Chapter during 25th GCM held on 12 Nov 16 wherein they requested that interaction of Commander-in-Chief with veterans may be arranged whenever the C-in-C visits the stations located outside the Command Headquarters. This, besides keeping the veterans updated on naval developments, would facilitate social interaction with the highest level in the Command. For the veterans, a sense of belonging to the Navy would be a huge take away. The Chairman had directed that views of the Commands be sought on the issue. Accordingly, views of the Commands were obtained on the issue. WNC and ENC had recommended that C-in-C's visit to the locations of NF Chapters may not be exclusively scheduled and should be left at the discretion of the Command. In addition, Commands had also recommended that meetings of the RGC may continue to be held at Command Headquarters due to administrative ease.

10. **Decision.** The Chairman agreed that the issue be left to the discretion of the Command Headquarters and directed that the point be closed.

Item III - Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting of Last GCM

11. Cdr Mohan Philips (Retd), Secretary, Pune Chapter proposed confirmation of the minutes of 25th GCM, it was seconded by Cdr Aravanan (Retd), Secretary, Coimbatore Chapter. Thereafter, minutes of the 25th GCM were confirmed and signed by the President, Navy Foundation.

Item IV - New Agenda Points

12. **New Membership Procedure of Navy Foundation.**

(a) **Issue.** It was observed that a large number of retired naval officers were not taking membership of Navy Foundation. Whilst it was acknowledged that

membership of the Foundation was purely on a voluntary basis, non-members were found to be at distinct disadvantage as they missed out on important developments, communications and remained unconnected with DESA as well as the larger veteran community. Lack of connect with the parent service through Navy Foundation often resulted in certain unfounded misgivings, apprehensions and eventually in grievances which could have been easily avoided through participation in Navy Foundation activities.

(b) Therefore, a new centralized procedure for membership of Navy Foundation had been introduced wherein all retiring Naval Officers were being given membership forms of the Foundation. Membership fee for each new member was to be paid by INBA and not by any individual officer. Membership amount commensurate to the number of new members enrolled would be transferred to the concerned Navy Foundation Chapter by DESA.

13. **Deliberations.** The point was informatory in nature. It was brought out by PDESA that Navy Foundation Chapters must make an effort to enroll all past non-members and benefits of NF membership must be explained to non-members. Secy NF Mumbai brought out that the new procedure would ensure that the Foundation grows stronger. However, he emphasized that the office bearers must be informed regarding enrollment of new members on a monthly basis. PDESA assured the gathering that various chapters would be periodically informed regarding new members joining the foundation.

14. **Decision.** DESA to intimate number of members enrolled to NF Chapters periodically. Point closed.

Action: - DESA

15. **MoD Recognition for Naval Veterans' Organisations**

(a) **Issue.** A need exists for naval ex-servicemen organizations to be represented in meetings called by MoD and other committees constituted to look into the issues related to ESM welfare. ESM of Indian Army and IAF are represented through their veteran associations and are able to project their point of view to the Govt as their associations are recognized by the MoD.

(b) Currently, no naval ESM organization is recognised by the MoD. In order to enable naval representation during meetings with MoD, a registered naval veterans' association with a total membership of more than 10,000 needs to be created. This could be undertaken either through creation of a new association or through merger of the existing two veterans' associations viz. Navy Foundation and Veteran Sailors' Forum.

16. **Deliberations.** It was brought out that the naval point of view and interests of naval veterans' community remain unrepresented with MoD as well as various committees/Pay Commissions, etc, constituted by the GoI. The anomaly could be corrected through either creation of a new association or merger of existing associations in order to comply with MoD guidelines for recognition. However, Navy Foundation being a Society registered under Societies Registration Act 1860, the issue can only be

pursued further through wider consensus amongst Foundation members. Deliberations also brought out that the Navy Foundation on its own would take a long time to have the requisite strength.

17. **Decision.** All Chapters are to discuss the issue with their respective members. Feedback on creating a new bridging organization or merging Navy Foundation with the Veteran Sailors forum be forwarded to IHQ MoD/DESA by 30 Aug 18. DESA to provide update in the next GCM.

Action: - DESA

Item V - Venue for Next GCM/AGM.

18. **Issue.** As per existing norms, the Council was required to decide the venue for the next GCM/AGM.

19. **Deliberations.** The Secy NF brought out that the President NF interacts with NF members of Delhi chapter during the veterans' lunch and the 'At Home' function and hence Delhi was not recommended to be the venue for the next AGM/GCM. Port Blair and Ezhimala were also deliberated. It was brought out that the AGM/GCM are held at Naval Stations in rotation which have a NF Chapter. For administrative convenience locations with adequate naval infrastructure are considered suitable. Accordingly, the Secretary, NF proposed that the 27th AGM/GCM be held at Kochi.

20. **Decision.** President, NF directed that Kochi be the venue of 27th AGM/GCM.

Action: RGC (South)/DESA
Info: All Chapters

Item VI Presentation of Accounts

21. The Honorary Treasurer (PDNPF) presented the Navy Foundation accounts for Financial Year 2016-17. A summary, of the Navy Foundation Central Account maintained at DESA and accounts of various Chapters is placed at **Appendix 'A'**.

Item VII - Grant to Navy Foundation Chapters

22. All Chapters of the Navy Foundation are given financial grant once during the tenure of CNS. Accordingly, cheques were presented to representatives of the Chapters by CNS. The distribution of grant to various chapters is placed **Appendix 'B'**. The President also accepted the request from members for changing the periodicity of grant from 'once in the tenure of CNS' to annual.

23. **Action.** Treasurer, NF to recommend quantum of annual grant.


Action:- PDNPF

Item VIII Closing Remarks by President Navy Foundation

24. There being no further points, the Chairman thanked all members for providing valuable inputs and reiterated that suggestions from the meeting would be taken to their

logical conclusion. He hoped that Navy Foundation Chapters continue with their good work and become more vibrant. He asked all present to share ideas and thoughts during these meetings and continue to serve as a valuable interface with the service.

25. These minutes are issued with the approval of the President, Navy Foundation.



(Vivek Karnavat)
Commodore
Secretary, NF

Distribution: - Normal

Appendix 'A'
(Refer to Para 21)

NAVY FOUNDATION ACCOUNT HELD BY CHAPTERS

The corpus growth/decline of Navy Foundation Chapters for FY 2016-17:-

Sr NO	Chapter	(Amount in Lakhs of Rupees)		
		Opening Balance	Closing Balance	Growth/Decline
(i)	Chennai	10.42	10.83	0.41
(ii)	Goa	06.87	07.19	0.32
(iii)	Jaipur	03.02	02.98	0.04
(iv)	Pune	12.28	15.17	2.89
(v)	Delhi	26.49	19.41	-7.08
(vi)	Chandigarh	06.28	06.35	0.07
(vii)	Vizag	10.26	11.49	1.23
(viii)	Odisha	04.45	04.94	0.50
(ix)	Kerala	15.04	13.90	1.13
(x)	Mumbai	39.76	41.20	1.45
(xi)	Bangalore	20.03	21.48	1.45
(xii)	Secunderabad	10.71	12.25	1.54
(xiii)	Navy Foundation Central Account	31.66	38.28	6.62

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT TO VARIOUS CHAPTERS

<u>SI No</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Grant (in Lakh)</u>
1.	Bangalore	2.00
2.	Chandigarh	1.00
3.	Chennai	1.25
4.	Coimbatore	0.75
5.	Delhi	2.00
6.	Goa	1.25
7.	Hyderabad	2.00
8.	Jaipur	1.00
9.	Kerala	2.00
10.	Kolkata	1.25
11.	Lucknow	1.00
12.	Mumbai	2.00
13.	Odisha	1.00
14.	Pune	2.00
15.	Vizag	1.00