

**MINUTES OF THE NFMC ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING  
OF THE NAVY FOUNDATION MUMBAI CHAPTER HELD IN IMSC  
AT 1130 HRS. ON SUNDAY 08 MAY 2022**

The Annual General Body meeting of the Navy Foundation Mumbai Chapter was held at 1130 hrs on Sunday 08 May 2022 in the Sea-Lounge of IMSC and was attended by 187 members. This AGM was organized in IMSC after 2 Virtual AGMs online on 09 Aug 2020 and 25 Apr 2021.

The following Core Committee & Co-opted members of NFMC and a large quorum of 187 members, including our former CNS Adm Vijai Singh Shekhawat, PVSM, AVSM, VrC ; former DGCG VAdm RF Contractor, PVSM, AVSM, VSM ; VAdm IC Rao, PVSM, AVSM; RAdm V Balachandra, AVSM, NM, VSM; and RAdm DN Thukral, VSM attended the AGM :--

- a) Cdr Vijay Vadhera, NM -----President
- b) Cdr Rajinder Dutta ----- Hon. Secy
- c) LCdr. Farokh Tarapore , VSM -----Hon. Treasurer
- d) Cdr Nozar Engineer ----- Rep Western Suburbs
- e) Dr Mrs. Kanta Mukherjee ----- Rep Western Suburbs
- f) Cdr Manjul Mayank -----Rep Western Suburbs
- g) Cmde Anand Singh -----Rep Navi Mumbai
- h) Cdr GC Rai -----Rep Navi Mumbai
- i) Cdr Kannan Ramdas----- Rep Powai
- j) Cdr-At-Arms S K Patnaik----- Rep Powai
- k) Captain Rakesh Agrawala -----Rep Central Mumbai
- l) Cdr Dinesh Rai, -----Rep South Mumbai
- m) Cdr Puran Rawat -----Rep South Mumbai

In addition, Cmde Sunil Rishiraj (CO Kunjali), Cmde Aditya Hara (CO Angre), Capt Sunil Anand (CRSO WNC), Cmde Sridar Ramaswamy (OIC NAVPEN), LtCdr Abhimanyu Shekhawat (NAVPAY), Cmde Ranadip Bose (OIC NAVPAY) also attended the AGM.

2. At the outset Cdr Vijay Vadhera, President NFMC welcomed all members present at the AGM and expressed his delight on Veterans turning up in large numbers. He briefly went about the schedule of the AGM proceedings as follows.

**3. OBITUARIES.** The AGM started with observance of 2 minutes silence in honor of the Veterans, Spouses and Veer Naris who left us for their heavenly abode since the last AGM held on 25 Apr 2021. The last post was played as all stood up to observe 2 mins silence: ---

- a) Mrs Rena Pinto, W/O Cdr VJ Pinto (02763-B)(MUM-0277) - 26 Apr 2021.
- b) VAdm SW Lakhkar, PVSM, NM, VSM (00191-H)(MUM-0114) – 29 Apr 2021
- c) Cdr DD Chopra (50251-F)(MUM-0582 TY) – 05 May 2021
- d) LtCdr S Kalanidhi (01806-B)(MUM-0373) – 07 May 2021
- e) Mrs Lajwanti Kaushal (MUM-1264), W/O Late Cdr RL Kaushal - 23 Jun 2021
- f) Cdr KS Sumbria (40675-T)(MUM-0455) – 27 Jun 2021
- g) Cmde Man Singh (00911-W)(MUM-0248) – 10 Jul 2021
- h) Cmde Anil Dabir (50073-A)(MUM-0061 TY) – 05 Aug 2021
- i) RAdm Kirpal Singh (00017-N)(MUM-0333 TY) – 10 Aug 2021
- j) Mrs Shashi Kala Bhushan (40060-B)(MUM-1128) – 06 Jun 2021
- k) Cdr PP Soman (50830-K)(MUM-0909 TY) – 24 Aug 2021
- l) Mrs Jatinder Sidhu, wife of LtCdr HS Sidhu (01769-W)(MUM-0139)-18 Sep 2021
- m) LtCdr HS Hira (89062-N)(MUM-544) - 04 Nov 2021
- n) Cdr Mohan Nair (41010-B)(MUM-0635)-05 Nov 2021
- o) Mrs Hema Rajan, wife of Late Cdr TVS Rajan (40012-K)(MUM-0785) - 15 Nov 2021
- p) Capt DB Mohindra (00091-F)(MUM-0150) -19 Nov 2021
- q) Cdr KV Subbarao (01194-N)(MUM-0660)- 01 Jan 2022
- r) Cdr Teck Sharma (00433-H)(MUM-0010)- 04 Jan 2022
- s) Cdr RS Sharma (00563-B)(MUM-0014)-10 Jan 2022
- t) Cdr VK Mohan (60050-R)(MUM-0174)- 27 Jan 2022
- u) Cdr Anup Prakash Das (89770-Y)(MUM0905) – 10 Feb 2022
- v) Mrs Sheela Kuruvilla, wife of Cdr M Kuruvilla (01343-A)(MUM-0328) -13 Apr 2022.

**4. WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT.** Cdr Vijay Vadhera in his opening address once again welcomed all Veterans at the AGM and briefed them on the activities undertaken by NFMC since the last AGM. The Address by the President NFMC follows.

Dear Members,

*As you all know we had virtual AGM held on 25 Apr 2021 attended by 122 members . With the aim of reaching out to our members who could not come today , our proceedings , right now, are being streamed live on YOU Tube also. We have now moved in to an Era where we have combined high touch with high Tech.*

- Having conducted the Veteran Day events in Jan 2020 in an exemplary manner , we had also planned similar functions this year, but due to Mr. OMICRON, we had to shelve the Sailing Race & “Veterans Day Parade in January this year and conducted Admiral Soman Memorial lecture Virtually. Hopefully next year 2023 , we will be able to once again conduct Veterans Day Parade along with other events, Corona permitting, for which our Calendar is already finalized. T-15 Cricket Match on Sunday 08 Jan , Sailing Race on Monday 09 Jan , Soman Memorial lecture on Sat 14 Jan and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Veterans day Parade on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023. Due to the Pandemic , Veterans Day at Sea also could not be conducted over the past 3 years . HQWNC have accepted our request and have promised Veterans Day at Sea after the monsoon.
- 19th Admiral Soman Memorial lecture was conducted virtually on 14th Jan 22 wherein VAdm Pradeep Chauhan , our former Chief of Staff and DG,NMF spoke eloquently on “ CHINA”S MARITIME MISSTEPS “ which was very well appreciated by the Veterans including our Commander-in-Chief VAdm A B Singh who sat through the full lecture of 2 hours.
- To keep our members fruitfully busy during the Pandemic , we have been conducting WEBINARS every month on the topics of interest and useful to the Veterans which we will continue even though Covid is almost now over. So far 30 Webinars have been held since the start of Pandemic which were well received by our esteemed members. The last such Webinar was held on 11 Mar 2022 by Cdr Abhilash Tomy who spoke on “ Golden Globe race-2018” .For your info, Abhilash is all set to take part in the forthcoming

Golden Globe Race commencing from France on 04<sup>th</sup> Sep 22 which this time he intends not only to complete it but win it bringing Laurels to the Navy , Our Country and our Foundation of which he is a proud member .

- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year in succession , this year again on Veterans Day on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 22 , to honor our Veer Naaris as well as Octogenarians and Nonagenarians members , our Managing Committee arranged to courier Veteran Day gift of American almonds to 140 Veer Naaris and Octogenarians, to make them feel wanted and in keeping with the ethos of our Foundation , that our Managing Committee cares for them . This gesture was once again very well appreciated by them and therefore as far as possible, we intend continuing this tradition as part of Veteran day celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan every year.
- In another first by NFMC, this year on 27<sup>th</sup> March , a get together exclusively for the Veer Naaris , was organized by us at IMSC which was attended by 41 Veer Naaris . This get together was a super success as was evident from the feed back received which was shared with all members. The Managing Committee has therefore decided to organize once a year get together / Picnic exclusively for Veer Naaris as well as for our Octogenarian Members to make them feel wanted and part of our organisation.
- To be able to take timely decisions and run our foundation efficiently not withstanding Covid , we have been conducting VCons with the Managing Committee every week, ever since the Pandemic started in March 2020. So far Managing Committee has met 46 times over VCon , the last of which was held 3 days back on Thursday 05 May 22.
- As a result of publication of Matrimonial profile of the wards of our Members , last year we had our 4<sup>th</sup> success wherein daughter of a Veer Naari residing in Hyderabad got married to the son of a Veteran Officer residing in Bangalore even though both were not members of NFMC. On behalf of all members of NFMC, our outstation Ty member Cdr Samy even presented a gift to the couple in Chennai where the marriage was solemnized .
- We have already successfully conducted 3 Foreign tours over the past 4 years ,the latest one was by 87 Veterans including 7 Veer Naaris on board Italian Cruise ship “ Costa Victoria” in Feb 2020 just before the start of the Pandemic. . Our 4<sup>th</sup> foreign tour to South Africa is now being planned from 11 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2022 . We intend taking only 45 individuals for this trip on first-cum-first-served basis , the Whats App message for which will be posted soon.

- Our Area CM's have been very pro-active in helping out the Veer Naaris and Octogenarian members as also keeping in constant touch with them throughout the Pandemic .I am indeed lucky to lead wonderful & committed team of Committee members.My request to the Mentors is to please keep in touch with your respective Veer Naari and enquire about their welfare atleast once a month.If you are unable to solve their problems,do pass them on to me or Hon Secy.
- Our major accomplishment during the Covid has been the updating of Master Excel Directory where one can get the details of any NFMC member including outstation Ty members . in addition all our Area Committee Members have also made their sub-directories for the members residing in their respective areas which they use for quick dissemination of useful info .Members are requested to intimate any change of Mobile no / email id / Res address etc. to Hon Secy for keeping the Master Directory updated all the time.
- We take pride in carrying out dignified last rites for the Veterans as well as Spouses when they leave us for heavenly abode. Following Air Force tradition of draping an Ensign on the mortal remains, we are the only one amongst 16 Chapters who have been doing the same till NHQ vide their letter dated 16 Aug 21 objected and it had to be put on hold by us.. I am now glad to inform that after my continued persistence with HQWNC and present CNS Adm Hari Kumar, this letter was cancelled by NHQ on 31 Dec 2021. So we will continue doing dignified Last rites for our esteemed Veterans as before.
- Ladies & Gentlemen , It is evident that We all have passed through difficult times during the Pandemic over the past 2 years plus. Even though Corona has subsided , my sincere advise would be to still be careful without being complacent . Pse remember JAAN HAI TO JAHAAAN HAI.  
SAM NO VARUNAH . JAI HIND.

**5. WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS.** The Hon. Secy welcomed the 60 new members who have joined NFMC since the last AGM and requested 11 of the new members who were present to introduce themselves to the Veterans present. The following new members

have joined NFMC (The 11 new members present for AGM are highlighted in Blue, who came forward and eloquently introduced themselves and volunteered their services to the foundation.) :

- i) Cdr Ashok Kumar Sharma (02516-T)(MUM-0214) – 09 May 2021.
- ii) Cdr PVR Krishnan (89126-H)(MUM-0582) -25 May 2021
- iii) Surg Capt Saumit Roy (75431-H)(MUM-1270 TY) -30 May 2021
- iv) Capt JV Avadhanulu (50277-R)(MUM-1271 TY) -02 Jun 2021
- v) Lt Surinder Singh Dhillon (00811-T)(MUM-0576) – 12 Jun 2021**
- vi) Cmde HS Chopra (02449-R)(MUM-1272 TY) – 15 Jun 2021
- vii) Cdr Anup Prakash Das (89770-Y)(MUM-0905) – 22 Jun 2021
- viii) Capt Swaminathan Sivaram (41229-A)(MUM-1273 TY) – 23 Jun 2021
- ix) Capt RS Chowdhury (02096-N)(MUM-1264 TY) -27 Jun 2021
- x) Cmde Srinivas Ayyagari (03254-W)(MUM-1274 TY) – 02 Jul 2021
- xi) Cdr Anil Kumar Gupta (01761-A)(MUM-1275) – 03 Jul 2021
- xii) Cdr Abhilash Tomy (04988-K)(MUM-1276) – 12 Jul 2021
- xiii) LtCdr Sheeja MS (04299-W)(MUM-1277 TY) – 20 Jul 2021
- xiv) Cdr Ashim Mahajan (04552-W)(MUM-0657) – 2 Aug 2021**
- xv) Cdr Ashutosh Shukla (70578-B)(MUM-1278) – 05 Aug 2021
- xvi) Cdr Sanjay Somkumar (41314-W)(MUM-1279) – 08 Aug 2021
- xvii) Cdr Sharan Ahuja (50366-T)(MUM-1280 TY) – 09 Aug 2021
- xviii) Capt Kuldeep Kochhar (02955-R)(MUM-1281) – 10 Aug 2021
- xix) LtCdr LBS Shakya (01868-W)(MUM-1128) – 11 Aug 2021
- xx) Cdr JS Bhambra (01335-H)(MUM-0333 TY) -22 Aug 2021
- xxi) Surg LtCdr Ankush Chhabra(76207-Y)(MUM-0061) – 27 Aug 2021
- xxii) VAdm Soonil V Bhokare (02654-F)(MUM-0909)- 18 Sep 2021
- xxiii) Cdr KBS Bhadana (87616-A)(MUM-1282)-19 Sep 2021**
- xxiv) Cdr AK Ramnath (40712-A)(MUM-1283)- 30 Sep 2021
- xxv) Capt B Bhatnagar (03256-Z)(MUM-1284) -02 Oct 2021
- xxvi) VAdm Parvesh Jaitly (50166-N)(MUM-1285)- 12 Oct 2021
- xxvii) Cdr Sarita Nagayach (6082-Y)(MUM-1286)- 20 Oct 2021
- xxviii) LtCdr Amit Arvind (04644-B)(MUM-1287)- 02 Nov 21
- xxix) Cdr Saurabh Agarwal (03577-B)(MUM-1288) – 02 Nov 21**
- xxL) Cdr Arnab Ghosh (51473-H)(MUM-1289) -02 Nov 21
- xixL) Cdr GP Mallya (41085-Z)(MUM-1290) – 03 Nov 2021**
- xviiiL) Cdr BS Rainu (83209-K)(MUM-1291) – 03 Nov 2021
- xviiL) Cdr Anand Mohan Chitta (51510-T)(MUM-1292) – 03 Nov 2021
- xviL) LtCdr M Sujatha (70431-W)(MUM-1293)- 09 Nov 2021
- xvL) Cmde Odakkal Johnson (03168-Z)(MUM-1294) – 15 Nov 2021**
- xivL) Cdr Alok Shah (02893-Z)(MUM-0785)-21 Nov 2021
- xiiiL) Lt Nishu Miglani (03900-N)(MUM-1295)- 24 Nov 2021

- xiiL) LtCdr Manish Pal (51583-H)(MUM-1296) -24 Nov 2021
- xiL) Capt Tribhuwan Jaiswal (03042-N)(MUM-1297) -26 Nov 2021
- xL) Capt Lalit Sharma (41833-Z )(MUM- 1298) – 28 Nov 2021
- ixL) LtCdr Angshuman Kotoky (51791-F)(MUM-1199) -17Dec 21
- viiiL) Surg Cmde S Ranjan (75498-K)(MUM-1299) – 20 Dec 21
- viiL) Cdr Rajneesh Kumar (41939-R)(MUM-1300)- 01 Jan 2022
- viL)) LtCdr Vivek Chaudhary (05966-H)(MUM-0512)- 13 Jan 2022
- vL) Cdr A Umesh (42216-W)(MUM-0174)—02 Feb 2022
- ivL) Veer Nari Mrs Marcella Rocque, wife of Late Cdr J Rocque  
(02521-B)(MUM-1301) – 11 Feb 2022
- iiiL) Cdr Bhupesh Tater (41489-T)(MUM-1302)- 13 Feb 2022
- iiL) Capt Vikas Datta, NM (03930-F)(MUM-1303)-15 Feb 2022
- iL) Cmde Mathew Lathra (51112-N) (MUM-1304)- 15 feb 2022

**L) Veer Nari Mrs Shyamal Vijayaraghava**, w/o Cdr Vijayaraghava  
Padmanabhan (88563-B)(MUM-1305)

Li) Cdr (Dr) Chhavi Rathi (5707-W) (MUM-1306) – 06 Mar 2022

**Lii) Cdr MS Vinod Kumar (02542-A) (MUM-1307) – 09 Mar 2022**

**Liii) Cmde Vivek Chawla (40911-B) (MUM1308 TY) – 19 Mar 2022**

Liv) Capt Murli Manohar Sharma (03212-Z) (MUM-1309) -- 02 Apr 2022

Lv) Cmde Chandra Shekhar Azad (01982-B) (MUM-1310) –02 Apr 2022

Lvi) LtCdr Sandeep Kulkarni (52168-N)(MUM-1311 TY) – 13 Apr 2022

LVii) Cmde N Balakrishnan (51027-W) (MUM-1312 TY) – 28 Apr 2022

**LViii) Cdr Madhukar Joshi (02053-R)(MUM-1313) – 02 May 2022**

**Lix) Capt P RajKumar (3489-B)(MUM-1314)- 02 MAY 2022**

LX) LtCdr Niati RajKumar (07110-H)(MUM-1315) – 05 May 2022

**6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** The next item was passing of the Minutes of Meeting of last AGM, that had been circulated to all Veterans on 22 Apr 2022 along with the Financial Balance Sheets of previous year, which were proposed and seconded as follows: --

Proposed by: Cdr SH Kalawat (02122-Y)(Retd)(MUM-0301)

Seconded by: Cdr BM Bhandarkar (40983-T)(Retd)(MUM-0788)

**7. AUDIT OF BALANCE SHEETS.** Cdr Vadhera, President NFMC complimented LtCdr Farokh Tarapore, Hon. Treasurer for having efficiently completed NFMC Audit for FY ending 31 Mar 2021 much before time. The Chartered Accountant Mr Ashok Shetty, had been instrumental in obtaining ITR refunds for NFMC post Audit. Lt Cdr Farokh Tarapore briefed all on the healthy state of our Funds with Rs 59 Lakh in FDs. Cdr Kalawat suggested for investing the funds for social service activities. Cdr Vadhera informed the gathering on the social & welfare activities are already being conducted by NFMC, viz distribution of American Almonds in a specially designed nautical gift wrap to over 140 Veer-Naris and Octogenarians on Veterans Day every year. Conduct of Veer naris get-together annually, distribution of safety masks, shields, Homeo medicines during Covid times etc. He also mentioned that proposals are however invited for any other welfare activity and it shall be examined by the management committee. Confirmation of the Audited balance sheets for the Year ended 31 Mar 2021 was sought and approved.

Proposed by: Cdr DK Srivastava (02401-F)(Retd)(MUM-0062)  
 Seconded by: LtCdr AP Singh (84593-F)(Retd)(MUM-1232)

## **8. DISCUSSION ON OLD AGENDA POINTS.**

Cdr SK Jana (50317 - F) (L-386). Status of INS Tanaji Officers Mess to be used by Veterans as a Club over the week-ends.

**Deliberations** – Cdr Vadhera brought out that Tanaji had opened a mini institute for Veterans of Navi Mumbai and adjoining areas on Sunday afternoons for Beer, Biryani and Tombola since Sep last year. However after the first grand get-together, the attendance has grossly declined. He urged the members to utilize this facility as often as they could, to prevent the facility being withdrawn.



**Decision: Point Closed.**

**9. DISCUSSION ON NEW AGENDA POINTS. Nil received.**

**10. HONOURING THE OCTOGENARIANS.** The Octogenarians on attaining 80 yrs draw enhanced pension and are presented with NHQ and NFMC mementos. The Secy/ Area CMs have been visiting the Octogenarians on their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The following Octogenarians were presented with Mementos by dignitaries present.

A) RAdm PK Sinha, AVSM, VSM (50131-H) was presented memento by our former CNS, Adm VS Shekhawat, PVSM, AVSM, VrC (00189-B).

B) Cmde ED Chauhan, NM (00480-R) was presented memento by VAdm IC Rao, PVSM, AVSM (40061-Y)

**11. ELECTION OF HON TREASURER.** The Hon. Secy brought out that LtCdr Farokh Tarapore (our Hon Treasurer for 12 long yrs) has successfully accomplished his 4th term now. Fresh nominations for the post had been sought by 10 Apr 2022. Since no nominations had been received by due date, Lt Cdr Farokh was re-elected for a further term of 3 yrs.

Proposed by : Cdr SK Jana (50317 - F) (MUM-0386)

Seconded by : Cmde B Mistry (40347-Y)(MUM-0402)

**12. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NFMC.** Cdr Vijay Vadhera had been Hon Secy NFMC for 12 long yrs at a stretch followed by President elect for 3 yrs. Fresh nominations for the post had been sought by 10 Apr 2022. Since no nominations had been received by due date, Cdr

Vadhera stood re-elected for another term of 3 years. It was heartening to see all hands up for proposing and seconding his name.

Proposed by : Cdr HS Rawat (01516-W)(MUM-0133)

Seconded by: Cmde L Sachdeva (40366-R)(MUM-0001)

**13. CONCLUDING REMARKS BY HON. SECY NFMC.** The Hon. Secy spoke on the Genesis of NFMC, the role of the foundation including dignified last rites to the Veterans, spouses and Veer naris, leaving for their heavenly abode, the nomination of Mentors for the Veer Naaris and the honoring of the Octogenarians on their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He wished the Veterans and the Foundation Best wishes in times to come.

**14. VOTE OF THANKS.** Vote of thanks was Proposed by Capt SS Sethi (00710-T)(Retd)(MUM-0060), who complimented the Managing Committee for the dedicated honorable work being done and wished them all the very Best. The Vote of Thanks was seconded by Cdr RP Gupta(01789-R)(Retd)(MUM-0236).

**15. PRESIDENTS CONCLUDING REMARKS.** The president thanked all the Veterans for attending the AGM and making it a historic event with overwhelming attendance of 162 members, reposing faith in the present Managing Committee and re-electing the President and Treasurer for another term of 3 yrs. He thanked the HQ WNC and associated establishments for total support to the Veterans fraternity at all times. He was grateful to RAdm Sanjeev Sharma CSO(P&A), for ensuring all help to the Veterans. He then presented the NFMC memento to CSO(P&A) bidding him a warm farewell on behalf of all Veterans, as he proceeds to NHQ in end May to take over as ACOL. Mrs Sunita Vadhera presented Mrs Archana Sharma the famous book authored by NFMC Veteran Cdr Ashok Shinde, "Health Secrets to light the 100<sup>th</sup> Candle"

**16.** There being no further points the AGM was concluded. Cdr Vadhera requested all Veterans to rise for the National Anthem.

17. These Minutes have the approval of President NFMC.

10 May 2022  
Mumbai

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(Cdr Rajinder Dutta)  
Hon Secy, NFMC

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