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**MINUTES OF THE 25TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING (GCM) OF
NAVY FOUNDATION HELD AT MUMBAI ON 12 NOV 16**

1. The 25th Governing Council Meeting of the Navy Foundation was held at WNC(O) Mess Conference Room, Mumbai on 12 Nov 16 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.**

- (i) Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, FOC-in-C (West)

(b) **Members.**

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| (i) | Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, AVSM, VSM | Vice President |
| (ii) | R Adm Pradeep Joshi, VSM | Secy RGC (West) |
| (iii) | R Adm Pradeep Rana, VSM | Secy RGC (East) |
| (iv) | R Adm JS Sekhon | Legal Member |
| (v) | Cmde VK Pisharody, NM | Secy RGC (South) |
| (vi) | Cmde Saleem M Anwer, | Secretary NF |
| (vii) | Cmde HS Chopra (Retd), PDNPF | Treasurer |

(c) **Chapter Representatives.**

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| (i) | V Adm VK Namballa (Retd) | President, NF Vizag |
| (ii) | V Adm Raman P Suthan (Retd) | President, NF Kerala |
| (iii) | R Adm SR Samapathgopal (Retd) | President, NF Bengaluru |
| (iv) | R Adm RM Bhatia (Retd) | President, NF Mumbai |
| (v) | Cmde VK Gautam (Retd) | President NF Chandigarh |

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| (vi) | Cmde Dinabandhu Jena (Retd) | President, NF Odisha |
| (vii) | Cmde SK Pawnday (Retd) | Rep NF Lucknow |
| (viii) | Cmde Sanjoy Gupta (Retd) | Vice President, NF Goa |
| (ix) | Cmde RS Vasan (Retd) | Rep NF Chennai |
| (x) | Cmde VK Thakur (Retd) | Vice President, NF Delhi |
| (xi) | Cmde Sunil Minhas (Retd) | Vice President, NF Kolkata |
| (xii) | Cdr G Eswara Reddy (Retd) | Secretary, NF Hyderabad |
| (xiii) | Cdr Mohan Philip (Retd) | Secretary, NF Pune |
| (xiv) | Cdr Sanjay Bal Subramaniam (Retd) | Secretary, NF Coimbatore |
- (d) **In Attendance.**
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| (i) | Capt Subroto Mukherji | JDESA (NF) |
| (ii) | Cdr Vijay Vadhera (Retd) | Secretary, NF Mumbai |

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 25th Governing Council Meeting. He noted with great satisfaction that the Navy Foundation has been able to undertake all its functions within its charter of responsibility and has now become a vibrant organisation. From its humble beginnings in 1988, the Foundation has expanded leaps and bounds and now consists of 15 chapters.

3. The formation of Regional Governing Councils has brought about a refinement in the organisational structure and thereby enhanced the overall functioning of the organisation. It is natural that newer problems arise with a growing organisation and the objective of this forum is to collectively resolve such issues to further strengthen and streamline the organisation. He brought out that regular meetings of the RGC, and individual chapters are taking place and members are optimally utilising these forums for healthy exchange of views. He welcomed suggestions from members to further improve the organisational structure of the Foundation.

4. The President expressed his satisfaction for the focus and commitment to the founding principles and objectives of the Navy Foundation. He noted that the Chapters are contributing handsomely towards societal betterment and other philanthropic causes. The Foundation has been serving as a platform for the veterans to remain in touch with our fine service. It also has served as a bridge to ensure welfare measures initiated get disseminated to all veterans. He reiterated that the aim of the Governing Council was to further strengthen the Foundation and continue with the good work in the future.

5. He hoped that the scheduled meetings would generate new ideas and thought process for the overall benefit of the veterans. He once again extended a warm welcome to the outstation guests and hoped that they had a comfortable stay at Mumbai.

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

Item II - Old Agenda Point

7. Adoption of Revised MoA of Navy Foundation.

(a) Joint Secretary Navy Foundation brought out that revised Memorandum of Association of Navy Foundation was adopted and ratified during the 23rd GCM/AGM of the Foundation and thereafter it was ratified by a special AGM held in Jul 2015. The draft copies of the revised MoA have been circulated to all the NF Chapters.

(b) The process of approval of the revised MoA by the Registrar of Societies, Delhi has got delayed due to the reorganization of the Registrar of Societies offices in accordance with the current structure of the New Delhi Municipal Corporation. The Office of the Registrar was trifurcated during 2015-16. The trifurcation process was completed by Jul 2016. However, the original documents pertaining to Navy Foundation were found missing and could not be traced in the new office premises despite repeated efforts by the staff. The documents were finally located by DESA team in Aug 16.

(c) Documents required for adoption of the MoA have now been filed with the Registrar. The process of adoption of the MoA is likely to be completed by Dec 16. All Chapters will be intimated upon receipt of approval.

(d) **Decision.** The President directed that the point be monitored by DESA and all Chapters intimated upon completion of the registration process.

Action: DESA

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

8. Cdr Eswara Reddy (Retd), Secretary, Hyderabad Chapter proposed passing the minutes of 24th GCM, it was seconded by V Adm Raman Prem Suthan (Retd), President Kerala Chapter. Thereafter, Minutes of the 24th GCM were confirmed by all the attendees and these were signed by the President Navy Foundation.

Item IV - New Agenda Points

9. C-IN-C Interaction with Veterans.

(a) **Issue.** The point was raised by Kolkata Chapter wherein it was brought out that annual interaction of veterans with the Commander-in-Chief could be arranged when the Cs-in-C visit the stations which are away from location of the command Headquarters. This will, besides keeping the outstation veterans updated on naval developments, facilitate social interaction at the highest level in the Command. A sense of belonging to the Navy would be a huge take away for the veterans.

(b) **Deliberations.**

(i) Cmde Minhas (Retd) Vice President, Kolkata Chapter brought out that whenever the Cs-in-C's visit outstation locations, a meeting/get together with veterans could be arranged. He proposed that this could be done on at least a yearly basis. Such meetings will provide the veterans a much sought after opportunity to meet and interact with the highest in the Command and give an opportunity to know the latest policies on veteran affairs and other general happenings of interest in the Navy as also share the veterans' view point / feedback with the C-in-C.

(ii) The Secretary Navy Foundation brought out that such interactions are taking place on a regular basis in the Command Headquarters location during the Regional Governing Council Meetings. This could also be extended to Foundation chapters located away from Headquarters. Members proposed that Regional Governing Council Meetings could be held by rotation in such locations, which will facilitate such interaction.

(c) **Decision.** The President Navy Foundation directed that the issue be decided after seeking comments from all the Commands.

Action: DESA

10. Organisational Aspects of Navy Foundation.

(a) **Issue.** Points pertaining to organizational aspects received from Pune and Vizag Chapters have been clubbed together. Pune Chapter brought out the fact that since the Navy Foundation is registered at Delhi under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, there should not be a need for registration for any of the Chapters separately. The Vizag Chapter put forth their demand that the Regional Governing Councils of the Navy Foundation should meet more often with the Chapters. The Vizag Chapter also brought out that approved copy of the MoA of the Foundation should be circulated to all the Chapters to bring out more transparency in the working of the Chapters.

(b) **Deliberations.**

(i) Navy Foundation members brought out that a few Chapters have registered themselves on their own with the Registrar of Societies at their

place of functioning and have also obtained PAN cards. JAG (Navy) clarified that the issue was discussed by his team with the Registrar of Societies at Delhi, and there is no need for any individual registrations by the Chapters. Few members thereafter brought out the requirement of obtaining PAN Cards for their respective NF Funds, view insistence by their bankers as bank accounts without PAN are charged a flat rate of 20% TDS deduction. Members requested that more clarity is needed in this regard.

(ii) The President, Navy Foundation stated that while there is no need for individual registrations by the Chapters, the issue regarding PAN Card would need to be clarified from professionals.

(c) **Decision.**

(i) There is no requirement for the NF Chapters to individually register themselves at their places of functioning. However, Chapters who have already registered themselves may maintain status quo.

(ii) Requirement of PAN Cards for the individual Chapters be clarified from professionals in this field and intimated to all Chapters by DESA/DNL.

Action: DESA/DNL

Item V - Venue for Next GCM/AGM.

11. **Issue.** As per existing norms, the Council was to confirm the venue for the next GCM/AGM.

(a) **Deliberations.** The Joint Director NF brought out that the AGM/GCM are held at Naval Stations in rotation which have a NF Chapter and for administrative convenience locations with Naval infrastructure are proposed. Thereafter, he presented the details regarding venues of earlier GCMs/ AGMs held since 2008 and proposed that the 26th AGM/GCM of 2017 be held under the aegis of RGC (East) at Vizag or Kolkata.

(b) **Decision.** President, NF directed that the venue be finalised by ENC.

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

Item VI **Presentation of Accounts**

12. The Honorary Treasurer (PDNPF) presented the Navy Foundation accounts for financial year 2015-16. The major highlights of the account are appended below:-

(a) Corpus of Navy Foundation Fund showed an increase of Rs. 3.74 Lakh.

	(Amount in Lakhs)		
	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Corpus	27.92	31.66	3.74

(b) **Budget Estimates (BE) for 2016-17.** The Budget Estimates (BE) for the year 2016-17 were proposed as under: -

<u>Sl No</u>	<u>Heads</u>	<u>Amount (In Lakhs)</u>
<u>Income</u>		
(a)	Advertisements for QD - 2016	4.05
(b)	Interest Income	2.80
Total		6.85
<u>Expenditure</u>		
(a)	Printing of QD-2016	5.50
Total		5.50

13. The President directed that optimum number of copies of Quarterdeck be printed and approved the budget estimates for 2016-17 and the same was unanimously passed by the Council.

14. The house was thereafter thrown open for any other issue that the members wished to raise. President Kerala Chapter brought out the issue regarding lack of standardization of procedures and ceremonials for funeral of veterans. He intimated that Kerala Chapter was deputing its reps to attend the funeral of members and SNC had been providing requisite support, but there is a lack of institutional policy in this regard. Members intimated that Base Depot Ships in various places are deputing reps to attend and are providing assistance to the bereaved families. C-in-C West expressed the opinion that if any policy is laid down in this regard, then missing out on any funeral due to administrative or operational constraints will create unnecessary problems. Therefore all aspects of this issue needed to be examined in detail prior arriving at any policy guidelines.

15. The President Navy Foundation thereafter directed that the issue be examined in detail prior formulating any policy guideline.

Action: DESA

Item VII Closing Remarks by President Navy Foundation

16. There being no further points, the Chairman thanked all members for providing valuable inputs and reiterated that the suggestions from the meeting would be taken to their logical conclusion. He hoped that Navy Foundation Chapters continue with their good work and become a more vibrant organisation. He asked all present to share ideas and thoughts during these meetings and serve as a valuable interface with the service.

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



(Saleem M Anwer)
Commodore
Secretary NF

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