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**MINUTES OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMY CHINESE VETERANS ASSOCIATION (MACVA)**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**  
**AT 10.00AM AT 11 BDE OFFICERS' MESS, KEM SUNGAI BULOH,**  
**SUNGAI BULOH, SELANGOR**

1. The Meeting commenced at 10.00am and was chaired by Maj Tan Pau Son (Retired), President of the MACVA.
2. A total of 189 Life Members attended. Attendance list is attached at "Annexure A".
3. The President informed the Meeting that the Notice of the AGM was sent in accordance to the time frame and met the quorum for the AGM required under the Constitution and stated that the MACVA AGM 2018 can proceed officially.

**AGENDA No.1: OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT**

4. In his opening remarks, the President bid a very warm welcome to all members present especially those from Johor Bahru and Penang for making the effort to attend the historic tri-service MACVA AGM 2018. The President felt very honoured and proud to be given the rare opportunity to deliver his inaugural tri-service AGM speech.
5. Before continuing his speech the President invited all present to be up standing and observe ONE MINUTE of SILENCE as a mark of respect to all our comrades who had left us.
6. The President continued his speech by giving the background of the formation of the Malaysian Army Chinese Veterans Association on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017, The Jabatan Hal Ehwal Veteran, commonly known as JHEV approved the change of the Malaysian Army Chinese Veterans Association to the Malaysian Armed Forces Chinese Veterans Association with no change to the acronym "MACVA". The President extended MACVA's appreciation to JHEV for the approval which paved the way for the admission of RMN and RMAF Chinese veterans to be Life Member of MACVA.
7. The President went on to inform all present that the MACVA Constitution and Bye-Laws provide the inclusion of Associate and Honorary Members. However, under the Veterans Act 2012, the number of Associate Members cannot exceed 50% of the Life Members.

For the Honorary Members, MACVA limits to only ten (10). The President was very to inform that the membership has reached 950 Life Members, 15 Associate Members and one Honorary Member. The President believed there are many hundreds or perhaps thousands more Chinese veterans out there who yet have to sign up as MACVA members and urged all present to do their best to sign up any Chinese veteran as we need the numbers to show the unity and strength.

8. The President stressed that when he took over the Presidency of MACVA on 19 March 2017, his priority was the welfare and wellbeing of the members. The President was pleased to date MACVA had assisted quite a number of its members who were in need of financial help. The financial help to the thirteen (13) flood victims at Bukit Mertajam was a good example. The President thanked the generosity of the members who donated generously to the flood victims and also those hospitalised members.
9. The other welfare which the President was very pleased to see is the military last rite given by MACVA to the departed members. This was not carried out before the formation of MACVA. To date more than twenty (20) military last rites were carried out to honour the departed members and non-members. The President noted that some members may think the military last rite is a minor task by MACVA. However, to the family members, relatives and friends of a departed member, the military last rite is very important and significant recognition given to their beloved parent who had sacrificed for the King and Country.
10. The President stated that there is a difference between the Army and the other two services where the pallbearers are NOT allowed by the RMN and the RMAF during the funerals. MACVA is very thankful to the Tentera Darat for the provision of the pallbearers and hope the RMN and RMAF will follow suit in due course. The President informed that the Management Committee of MACVA has agreed that the military last rite will ONLY be accorded to MACVA members with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
11. The president was very pleased with the welfare and wellbeing carried out and MACVA is looked upon to be the shining example of a veterans association among the 118 registered veterans associations under the JHEV. On behalf of MACVA, The President thanked all for the support and hope MACVA will continue to assist its members in the future.
12. On the subject of the very small number of non-Malays especially the Chinese youth joining the Armed forces. The President said it is a huge concern to MACVA. It is believed the current percentage of Chinese in the Armed Forces is less than one percent compared to about 20% to 30% twenty years ago. MACVA has decided to launch a programme called Chinese Youth Recruitment (CYR) Programme and is headed by a Committee Member, Lt Col Carol Loo Lee Fum (Retired).

13. The CYR is looked upon by MACVA to be a national duty for nation building. The main objective is to encourage the Chinese youth to join the Armed Forces. In 2017, MACVA has carried out several military career fairs in collaboration with the Mindef Human Resource Division, the RMN and the TAR University College at Setapak. MACVA also engaged the Confucious School Board to reach out to the Chinese students. We hope our effort in creating a better understanding of the military profession to the Chinese students at the TAR UC will be fruitful in the near future.
14. In addition to the CYR, MACVA has also carried out the Youth Development Programme. The objective of this programme is to assist students from secondary schools in developing discipline, leadership, team work, community service and outdoor adventure training for character building. In 2017, MACVA successfully conducted one pilot course for a secondary school in Bentong involving 40 students of all races.
15. On MACVA's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 about 30 members and spouses visited TiRatana Orphanage in Desa Petaling to celebrate the Merdeka Day. At the end of the visit MACVA presented a cheque of RM16,800.00 to the Chief Reverend Datuk Dhammaratana. The President personally donated RM16,000.00 with the balance of RM800.00 by other members. It was one of the major charity donations in 2017.
16. The President went on to inform all on the ongoing project with the Malaysian Chinese Museum (MCM) to show case the Malaysian Chinese contribution to the nation building at the soon to be opened MCM at Menara Hua Zhong in Sri Kebenagan, Selangor. It is aimed to quell all the unfounded allegations that we, the Malaysian Chinese did not join the Armed Forces in the defence of our beloved country during the insurgencies.
17. At the Press Conference (PC) held at the MACVA office on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the President strongly rebutted against Ismail Mina remarks which were not only historically and factually wrong, but had belittled the contributions of Chinese Veterans. The Defence Minister had to make public an acknowledgement of the Chinese Veterans' contribution as a result of the President strong rebuttal at the PC. The President said any inaccurate and irresponsible assertions made against Chinese Veterans must be rebutted very strongly by MACVA.
18. The President took the opportunity to extend MACVA's appreciation and thank you to Maj Andrew Teoh (Retired) and his family members plus many other Committee Members for their huge effort in the compilation and production of the second edition of the MACVA booklet. The President also hope the ongoing MACVA's Coffee Table Book (CTB) can be completed before the end of 2018.

19. The President was very appreciative of the achievements of MACVA since its formation on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The President is aware of the many aspirations of the members to move MACVA at a much quicker pace. The President is not against any of the suggestions or ideas from the members. However, the President's only concern is we have to look at ourselves closely before embarking on something which is too big or too costly to handle due to the fact that all of Committee Members are unpaid volunteers.
20. The President drew the attention of all present on the members' aspiration to have a MACVA Home which is also in the AGM Agenda. MACVA needs to do a detailed study before embarking on this costly project. The financial implication is huge and the sustainability and the aging members are two other major concerns.
21. The President said to minimise admin cost, he has agreed for MACVA's registered office to use his corporate headquarters at The Boulevard, Mid Valley City at no cost to MACVA. An office was allocated for MACVA and also the free use of the Conference Room. In addition, The President's secretary will assist in admin matters at no cost.
22. Upon the request of VP Army and VP RMAF, the President has agreed to offer probono (Rent Free) for one of the his shops with built up of 2,099 sq ft located at 20-1, Jalan Tengah, Cheras Selatan 118 to be used as MACVA Home. The offer was made to the Management Committee in December 2017 and MACVA is to confirm the acceptance by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to the Tanming Jaya Sdn Bhd.
23. The President said it is never easy to establish an association Home. Many have failed over the years. However, the President urged members should not feel discouraged what was said. The MACVA Home can be reviewed when the MACVA's financial/bank balances are more positive.
24. The President took the opportunity to remind all present on the MACVA 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese New Year Dinner at the Sinchoiwah Restaurant in the evening at Bandar Sri Manjalara and look forward to seeing all at the dinner to celebrate the successes of the MACVA in 2017.
25. The President thanked the Committee Members who had worked very hard to ensure the MACVA AGM 2018 is carried out smoothly. The President also extended his appreciation to all members for contributing to the success of MACVA. A special thank you to the Co-opted Committee Members, the Northern and Southern Chapter for their hard work and contribution for ensuring the success of MACVA.
26. With that note, the President officially declared open the MACVA AGM 2018.

## **AGENDA 2: Passing of the Minutes of AGM 2017**

27. The Honorary Secretary took the Meeting through the Minutes of AGM 2017 and the following amendments were made to the Minutes:

- a. Agenda 5: Electing of Three (3) Honorary Auditors. Delete para 13. c. - Maj Cheong Sang as a member.
- b. Agenda 6: Electing of Three (3) Disciplinary Members. Delete para 14.b. – Lt Col Andrew Kong Hue as a member.
- c. Audited Account: Note 1 of Notes to the Account – “DONATION RECEIVED” to read “DONATION RECEIVED FROM”

28. The Minutes of AGM 2017 was passed by the Meeting.

Proposed by Maj David Ling Heng Woon (Retired)

Seconded by: maj Thomas Oh Teng Lim (Retired)

## **AGENDA No.3: RECEIVING AND ADOPTING THE REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

29. The President’s report was presented in the form of power point covering the following activities:

- a. MACVA PC ON 15 January 2017
- b. Media interviews
- c. Memberships drives
- d. Chinese Youth Recruitments
- e. Youth Development Programme
- f. Welfare activities including MACVA CNY visit to HATTM and TiRatana Orphanage Home
- g. Veterans activities by JHEV
- h. Remembrance Day including Prince Philip visit to the Taiping Memorial
- i. New Zealand Veterans’ visit
- j. Charity activities
- k. Sports and recreational activities
- l. Social activities including the Welcome Lunch for RMN and RMAF members sponsored by the President at the Hakka Restaurant

30. The Meeting adopted the President’s Report.

Proposed by: Maj Cheong Sang (Retired).

Seconded by: Brig Gen Datuk Goh Ah Bah (Retired).

**AGENDA NO.4: RECEIVING AND APPROVING THE MACVA AUDITED ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

31. The MACVA audited account for the year ending 2017 was presented to the members present. The MACVA audited account is attached at Annexure B.
32. The Meeting agreed to have Fidelity Insurance cover for the MACVA account.
33. The Meeting was informed that there is no direct income except from the memberships' fees and some donations along with the memberships' applications.
34. The Meeting approved the audited account for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

Proposed by: Capt Tong Lye Heng (Retired).

Seconded by: Maj David Ling Heng Woon ( Retired)

**AGENDA NO.5: ELECTING OF THREE (3) HONORARY AUDITORS**

35. The Meeting agreed the following members who are duly elected in 2017 to remained as the Auditors of the MACVA account for 2017 and 2018:
  - a. Chairman :Maj Chin Chee Foo (Rtd)
  - b. Member: Capt Larry Low Pak Hoong (Retired)
  - c. Member: Capt Edwin Chong Ah Fatt (Retired) - volunteered to replace Maj Cheong Sang (Retired)

**AGENDA NO.6: ELECTING OF THREE (3) DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY MEMBERS**

36. The Meeting agreed the following members duly elected in 2017 to remain as the members of the Disciplinary Inquiry Board elected for 2017 and 2018:
  - a. Chairman: Brig Gen Dato' Hon Mun Loong (Rtd)
  - b. Member: Lt Col Fong Siew Kit (Rtd)
  - c. Member: To be appointed at a later date

**AGENDA NO.7: ELECTING OF MEMBERS OF THE MACVA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS TERM 2018-2019**

37. The Meeting proceeded to elect the Management Committee for 2018 - 2019 to fill the post of Honorary Treasurer and vacancies reserved for the RMN and RMAF. The members duly elected are as follows:
  - a. Vice President RMN: Lt Cdr Phua Hean Sim (Retired)  
Proposed by: Lt Cdr Neo Tuan Sin (Retired)  
Seconded by: Capt (N) Dato' Lee Kwang Lock (Retired)

- b. Vice President RMAF: LAC Pie Chong Seng RMAF  
Proposed by: Lt Col Wong Ah Jit (Retired)  
Seconded by: Capt Tien Sen An RMAF (Retired)
- c. Honorary Treasurer: Lt (N) Mary Koh (Retired)  
Proposed by: Lt (N) Tara Sundra @ Tan siew Lean (Retired)  
Seconded by: Cdr Ang Cheng Hwa (Retired)
- d. Committee Member: CPO Chen Ka Kim  
Proposed by: First Adm Datuk Kay Hai Thuan (Retired)  
Seconded by: CPO Leong Kai Luan
- e. Committee Member: CPO Ho Weng Kong  
Proposed by: Lt (N) Mary Koh (Retired)  
Seconded by: First Adm Datuk Kay Hai Thuan (Retired)
- f. Committee Member: Maj Lim Wai Fah RMAF (Retired)  
Proposed by: LAC Pie Chong Seng RMAF  
Seconded by: Capt Tien Sen An RMAF (Retired)
- g. Committee Member: WOI Patrick Lee Kai Tong RMAF  
Proposed by: Pie Chong Seng RMAF  
Seconded by: Capt Tien Sen An RMAF (Retired)

WOI Patrick Lee Kai Tong RMAF declined and the Meeting agreed for WOI Teoh Chong Kooi to be the replacement.

#### **AGENDA NO. 8. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

##### **38. Brig Gen Datuk Goh Ah Bah (Retired) - To have 10% Malaysian Chinese youth in the Malaysian Armed Forces**

- a. The matter was highlighted in the President's speech. The Meeting took note of Brig Gen Datuk Goh's view.
- b. The President invited Brig Gen Datuk Goh to assist MACVA's CYR Programme.

##### **39. Brig Gen Dato' Lau Kong Cheng RMAF (Retired) - To form a sub-committee to study MACVA members past gallantry service and post service contribution to the society and to recommend the appropriate National or State awards**

- a. The Meeting took note of the noble suggestion.
- b. A further study needs to be made in regards to the setting up of the sub-committee.

**40. Cpl Lim Thiam Huat RMAF – To restructure MACVA Northern Chapter**

- a. The Meeting took note of the good work carried out by the Northern Chapter especially in the recruitment of new MACVA members and welfare activities.
- b. The President would like to see better interaction with the Army and RMN members in the Northern Chapter.

**41. WO1 Lam Hong RMAF – To set up a Technical Training School or institute to provide training to youth using existing qualified retired members who were once trainers**

- a. MACVA is still in its infant stage and is not in the position to undertake such task at this juncture as it involves licensing and approvals from relevant authorities.
- b. However, this suggestion may be implemented once MACVA is in the better position.

**42. WO11 Phung Yoon Min RMAF – Concept of Caring (MACVA Home, Nursing Home, Assisting MACVA children and generating income through the provision of services among others)**

- a. The MACVA Home was highlighted by the President in his opening address.
- b. This matter requires further study and a detailed proposal as it involves huge finances.
- c. The Meeting agreed the matter to be kept in view pending the completion of the detailed proposal with the financial implications.

**43. Maj Peter Yeow Chow Cheng RMAF (Retired) – To archive the important incidents of MACVA members**

- a. All the MACVA activities are uploaded in the archive of the MACVA website and can be accessed by members and the public.
- b. Members are encouraged to contribute stories and articles to the webmaster.

The President in his closing remarks once again thanked all members from near and a far for making the effort to attend the MACVA AGM 2018. The President also very pleased with the support and camaraderie shown by the members and strongly believed MACVA will achieve greater heights in the near future.

The MACVA AGM 2018 was adjourned at 1.00pm.

LT COL WONG AH JIT (Retired)  
Honorary Secretary

MAJ TAN PAU SON (Retired)  
President

1 March 2018