

NORTHWEST VALLEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION SERVING VETERANS

****MINUTES****

19 September 2009 AT 0900 Hours

SUNLAND MEMORIAL PARK CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Called to Order: 0900 hours -- Vice Commander, Bob Burns-Registration of attendance and welcome/introduce guests.

Invocation: Chaplain Ray Rodes

Pledge of Allegiance: Treasurer Harold Stern

Mission Statement: Sergeant-At-Arms Ray Mills

Roll Call of Member Organizations and Officers: Adjutant Ron Capek.

Officers/Organizations: Present=19, Excused = 12, Absent = 7

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion made, seconded and approved as posted on Website; no corrections or additions from last meetings minutes.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Harold Stern submitted report for months June, July, August and September, motion made, seconded and approved as per audit.

Old Business: **Polo Shirts:** George Cushing: Ongoing ***payments must be received before future orders are made. **Communications:** Received an invitation from the Military Order of the World Wars-Phoenix Chapter-Massing of the Colors on 13 September 2009. NOTE: Attendance was low. POW/MIA recognition ceremony , Luke Air Force Base, 16 September 2009 @ 4PM, Attendance was low. Gave notice of Southwest Arizona Stand down 2009 in Yuma, 16 & 17 October 2009. VAVS Committee Meeting Report, 18 September 2009. Thank you letter received from Sun City Sheriff's Posse for contributing \$200.00 to them. Tom Schaefer sent letters to City of Peoria representatives thanking them for donations given to the NWWVA.

New Business: **Flag Retirement:** 0900 Hours 24 October 2009, Sunland Cemetery Garden of Valor. American Legion Post #29 will perform the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts will be involved with the preparation of the flags on Friday the night before. Members of our association expressed their concerns of the youths safety ant they cannot be involved with the flag burning itself. **UAV Report:** Past Commander Cushing: The Military and Veterans Hospitality Room at Sky Harbor Airport are requesting donations again. The Crypts at our Arizona National Memorial Cemetery are complete. There will be the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Luncheon at 1100 hours , 30 October 2009. To be held at Shiners Auditorium: 552 N. 40th Street (1/4 mile south of Loop 202) New Members to the UAV are U.S. Vets, Madison Street Veterans Association. **Veterans Day Program Reports:** Committee Chairs reporting everything is proceeding smoothly. Discussion made on what day of the week Veterans Day will be celebrated, it is definitely Wednesday , 11 November 2009, with the Desert Brass Band beginning playing at 0900 hours. Rehearsal of the flags, and flag placement in the cemetery: Date and Time to be clarified at the next meeting.

Good of the Order: Sunland Cemetery will celebrate the Mortuary's 25th Anniversary, the NWWVA have been asked to participate and it was stated we will do so. Their program starts at 1000 hours, 17 October 2009. VFW Post #10695 Buddy Poppy Drive will be 6 & 7

November 2009 from 0800 to 1600 hours. To volunteer, members of your organization please contact Chairman Dennis K. Grau, Home Phone# 623-546-4035. City of Chandler will be hosting a VA Exposition issues, at a Town Hall Meeting, 26 September @ 0900 to 1400 hours, American Legion Post #25 is coordinating this event. U.S. Vets -- Phoenix, their expansion was announced by one of the members. AZ Veterans hall of Fame Members of this year's induction were announced.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Ray Rodes, a moment of silence in honor of our departed Comrades.

Adjournment: Hand Salute. Meeting adjourned 1020 hours.

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2009 AT 0900 HOURS

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