

NORTHWEST VALLEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION SERVING VETERANS

****MINUTES****

10 October 2009 AT 0900 Hours

SUNLAND MEMORIAL PARK CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Called to Order: 0900 hours -- Commander Phil Hanson, Welcome and Introduction of guests.

Invocation: Chaplain Ray Rodes

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Commander Bob Burns

Mission Statement: Sergeant-At-Arms Ray Mills

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

Officers/Organizations: Present=17, Excused = 10, Absent = 11

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, 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:** NWVVA Post Office Box keys are in position of Harold Stern (2 keys). **Veterans Day Program Reports:** Committee Chairs Report, Flyers need to be copied and distributed throughout the Westside Communities. Rabbi Emeritus - David Davis to give the invocation and benediction. All organizations shall be represented on stage by either the Commander or an alternate. Motion made, seconded and approved to obtain a plaque and dinner tickets to present to Vertis Roberts, Superintendent of Sunland Memorial Park. Phil Hanson charged Adjutant Ron Capek to notify local newspapers two to three weeks before Veterans Day Program. Motion made, seconded with discussion and approved to purchase Bola Tie with Marine device to be presented to Guest Speaker, Rick Romley. Rehearsal of flag presentations to be held on Tuesday, 10 November @ 1630 hours @ Sunland Cemetery all Organizations with their flags shall be present.

New Business: **Flag Retirement and Ceremony:** Friday afternoon, 23 October. Flags will be cut and placed by the fire barrels, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts with adults present. Saturday morning, 24 October 0900 flag retirement ceremony will be performed. Comrade Phil D'Bourget presented an incinerator product that was very well received by his presentation and he will pursue it as asked by the members of our organizations. **UAV Report:** Just a reminder the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Luncheon 30 October @ 1100 hours @ Shiners Hall, Phoenix Arizona.

Good of the Order: Sunland Cemetery will celebrate the Mortuary's 25th Anniversary, the NWVVA 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. Comrade Dennis Grau Notified our Organizations that Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel and Cremation Center in Sun City West will celebrate the 234 birthday of the United States Marine Corp , 10 November

@1100 hours and a Veterans Day Celebration the next day @ 1100 hours same location. Contact 623-584-6299. Commander Phil Hanson Requested that all Veterans organizations get involved in Veterans Day activities, (Wear Your Medals). Comrade Dan Riley made mention , with a flyer, of Operation Adopt A Soldier. He also made known about dropping off used cell phones at collection locations that will be able to obtain phone cards for soldiers in conflict. Commander Phil Hanson introduced Patriot Jerry Houston about being inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame later this month. He also obtained National Patriot of the Year from the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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

Adjournment: Hand Salute. Meeting adjourned 1003 hours.

NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY, 21 November 2009 AT 0900 HOURS
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