

NORTHWEST VALLEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION SERVING VETERANS

****MINUTES****

21 November 2009 at 0900

SUNLAND MEMORIAL PARK CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Called to Order: 0900 hours -- Commander Phil Hanson, Welcome and Introduction of 2 guests, Richard Oxford from Oxford Legacy Planning, and Dylan Dalzatto from the Joe Foss Institute.

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=22, Excused = 4, Absent = 13

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. Included in his presentation the individual cost of the most recent Veterans Day Ceremony: Brass Band \$300.00, Sheriff's Posse \$200.00, Sun City Fire Department \$200.00, Greenway H.S. JROTC Unit \$200.00, Total = \$900.00.

Old Business: **Polo Shirts:** George Cushing: Ongoing ***payments must be received before future orders are made. **Communications:** None **Veterans Day Program Reports After Action Report:** Commander Phil Hanson praised all of the involved Veterans groups for all of their efforts to make the program successful, wonderful and it was very well received from all of the people in attendance. Vertis Roberts ,Grounds manager of Sunland Cemetery/Mortuary, he was given a plaque and a restaurant gift certificate for all of his efforts that helped our Veterans programs/ceremonies since the beginning of the NWVVA.

New Business: **Flag Retirement after action report:** Judge Advocate Bob Madden , on Friday night the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts prepared the flags for burning, the next morning about 150 -175 Scouts were in attendance (they did have fun while working on the flags to be retired.) There were 5 volunteer adult instructors presiding over them. Four members from the Luke AFB color guard made a huge difference to get the work done earlier than anticipated. A motion was made, seconded and approved to give each of these Airman a \$50.00 gift certificate at their post exchange. Bob Madden also introduced us to Richard Oxford, Investment Advisor Representative from Oxford Legacy Planning, to sponsor this program in the future. Comrade Phil D'Bourget presented information about an incinerator that could be used to dispose of retired flags. The cost could be as high as \$2800.00 per Unit. He will look into it further if a lower price could be obtained from the manufacturer. **UAV Report:** Commander Hanson gave a report of the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Luncheon and

introduced MOPH Patriot of the Year, Jerry Houston who was in attendance, the newest member to be inducted and honored from the NWWVA. The annual Copper Shield and Sword Dinner on February 12, 2010 it will be held in a Mesa Hotel (TBA). Any further information about this event contact: Commander Phil Hanson. **New Business:** Dylan Dalzotto, Program Coordinator, from the Joe Foss Institute, he gave us a presentation about this program that Veterans that go to various schools around our State and give a historical background of our Military Personnel, representing all Branches of Service, in what they do to protect our Republic's Freedoms that all of us enjoy. He distributed information pamphlets and other "goodies" to all members in attendance.

Nominations of Officers for the Year 2010 were accepted by Commander Phil Hanson: Commander-Harold Stern, Vice Commander- Ron Capek, Treasurer -Tony Saputo, Adjutant-Bob Madden, Judge Advocate-Dennis Grau. This slate of Officer Nominations have accepted to serve their respective positions this coming year. As per our Bi-Laws, other nominations were asked for from those in attendance and no other names were presented.

Good of the Order: A fellow Comrade, Al England, mentioned that because all Interstate Rest Stops will be closed until further notice the Flag Pole at one of the Rest Stops will be moved to Flagstaff, Arizona. There will be a Pearl Harbor Remembrance program at the Wesley Bolin Plaza U.S. Arizona Anchor, at 1055 hrs. 7 December 2009. There will also be a program at the State Capitol Museum at 1200 hrs., the Guest Speaker will be, World War II POW Joe Q Johnson.

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

Adjournment: Hand Salute. Meeting adjourned 1017 hours.

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 19 December 2009 AT 0900 HOURS

Election and Swearing in of new officers

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