

# NORTHWEST VALLEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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## **\*\*MINUTES\*\***

19 December 2009

### SUNLAND MEMORIAL PARK CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Called to Order: 0900 hours -- Commander Phil Hanson, Introduction of Guests: Geroge Cushing's Son in Law, United States Navy Captain Ken Lincoln, Irv Gold (VFW), Junior Vice Commander Lewis Payne (MOPH).

Invocation: Chaplain Ray Rodes

Pledge of Allegiance: Comrade Dan Reilly

Mission Statement: Sergeant-At-Arms Ray Mills

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

Officers/Organizations: Present=20, Excused=9, Absent=10

Minutes of previous meeting: Read by Adjutant Ron Capek, 4 corrections noted and entered into minutes read. Motion made, seconded and approved with corrections noted.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Harold Stern submitted report, motion made, seconded and approved as per audit. Note: Audit of all financial transactions was made on 15 December 2009 and was approved as presented.

Old Business: **Polo Shirts:** George Cushing: Ongoing \*\*\*payments must be received before future orders are made. **Communications:** Commander Phil Hanson read Thank You/Appreciation letters from the Sun City Fire Department, Paradise Educations Center, K-4 Learning Lab, Sun City Sheriff's Posse. **UVA Report:** VA Director Gabriel Perez announced the dedication and ground breaking of the new Arizona's Veterans Home in Tucson, 15 February 2010. Three new flag poles were installed in front of the State Capitol Building, they are in need of three Garrison Flags that need replacing and are asking various Veteran Organizations to purchase them. The Copper Sword/Copper Shield Presentations will be held at the Dobson Inn, Mesa, Az., 12 February 2010, \$40.00 per ticket please note this is a fundraiser for scholarships. American Legion Post 101 Commander Alan England made a presentation of the "Barn Burner" Incinerator to retire flags. The cost is \$1380.00 plus shipping and handling; motion made, seconded, and approved to spent up to \$1600.00 to purchase 1 "Barn Burner" incinerator.

New Business: **Commanders 2009 Annual Report:** Commander Phil Hanson read his report and then it was submitted to Adjutant Ron Capek for the record keeping. **Annual Dues:** Commander Phil Hanson addressed those present, the importance of all 16 Veteran Organizations to submit their yearly dues in a timely manner. Our By-Laws state that our dues are to be paid before 31 January 2010. Note: Treasurer Harold Stern said two checks were submitted by the MOPH Chapter 691, and American Legion Post 94. **NWVVA Past Commanders:** Lloyd Kilmer-1999 through 2004, George Cushing-2005 through 2007, Phil

Hanson-2008 through 2009. A NWWVA Polo Shirt w/Past Commander Logo and a restaurant gift certificate was presented to Phil Hanson as a memento for his services to our organization by the 2 Past Commanders. Thank you Phil from all of the members of our NWWVA. Past Commander Phil Hanson made comments and reviewed his 2 years as our Commander.

Nominations of Officers for the Year 2010 were read to the elective body present: 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. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept all of the Officers to serve the NWWVA. Past Commander George Cushing inducted all officers as per our By-Laws.

Good of the Order: Upcoming fundraisers, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Michael E. Mahoney Chapter #691 Viola Drive, 12-13 February 2010 @ 3 Fry's Food Store Locations, DAV #24 will be having their Forget-Me-Not Drive on the same weekend but at different locations. Please remember to sign up for these drives, your help will make a difference. A request was made by Comrade Ray Mills for someone to take his place as "Uncle Sam". Comrade Tony Saputo asked the members if anyone had "K" or "C" rations to show the school children what they look like. This presentation will be made while visiting various schools through the Joe Foss Institute Program. VFW Post# 10695 made mention that over 1000 presents were given to the local Veteran Hospitals, and 500 presents given at the Prescott VA Hospital.

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

Adjournment: Hand Salute. Meeting adjourned 1032 hours.

## NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 16 JANUARY 2010 AT 0900 HOURS

Election and Swearing in of new officers

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