

NORTHWEST VALLEY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

A NON FOR PROFIT CORPORATION SERVING VETERANS

MINUTES

16 JANUARY 2010

SUNLAND MEMORIAL PARK CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting Called to Order: 0900 hours-- Commander Harold Stern, introduction of Guest:

Bruce MacDonald, Alice Gollin, and Andrew St. Lawrence.

Invocation: Chaplin Ray Rodes

Pledge of Allegiance: Adjutant Bob Madden

Mission Statement: Phil Hanson

Roll Call of Members Organizations and Officers: Adjutant Bob Madden

Officers/Organizations: Present 23, Excused 3, Absent 3

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the December meeting, as published in the NWWVA website, were approved by the membership.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Tony Saputo, submitted the financial report. A motion was made, seconded, and approved subject to the annual audit.

Old Business: Polo Shirts: Contact George Cushing*** Payment must be received at the time the order is taken.

Commander Stern read a thank you from Louie Thorn for the business we have given him and his shirt business.

Unified Veterans Association meeting was reported by Phil Hanson

Alan England reported on receiving the new burner for the flag retirement. He paid \$1455.00 and a motion was made to reimburse him for the unit. Alan England stated he needed 2 55 gallon drums for the burning unit. Commander Stern recommended Sunland be contacted to acquire the barrels and do a test of the new burner.

New Business: Jim Katzenberger has been appointed Master of Ceremonies for the Memorial Day Event at Sunland. Korean War Veterans will be Te M.C. for the Veterans Day event. Pappy Egan requested that the rehearsal for Memorial Day be performed at 13:30 hours May 28th.

Good of the Order: Andy St Lawrence was introduced as Vertis's replacement. Alice Gollin was presented by Phil Hanson as the Commander of the California State Department American Ex-Prisoner of War. She stated that she wanted to duplicate our N.W.V.V.A.. Bruce MacDonald was asked to speak concerning his manufacturing of the Boa tie. He stated he would make us a sample with our permission. A motion was made and seconded to allow him to use our trademark for a sample boa tie. Dennis Grau asked for help for the Veterans Stand Down in Phoenix February 5-7. Ray Rodes gave a report on the V.A. Assistance for veterans and spouses that need long term care. Commander Stern received an email from George Cushing reporting a missing D. A. V. flag stand at the Veterans Day Ceremony. Ed Kain requested everyone's participation at the February 9th Massing of the Colors at Faith Presbyterian Church. Tom Shaefer commented on the Cross Roads Veterans Program. They have a car wash every Saturday from 8:00 to noon at 7523 N. 35th Ave. in Phoenix. The National Cemetery has created a new standard operating procedures. Gene Bogata explained the changes including the requirement of a member of the branch of service of the deceased at every funeral. Also a live bugler takes precedent over any recording. The new procedures are available at the National, Cemetery. Ray Rodes reported on the proposed Cold War Medal before Congress. Commander Stern warned of the new Census Scam. Scam Artist are posing as Census takers to obtain Social Security numbers and other financial information.

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

Adjournment: Hand Salute. Meeting adjourned 1015 hours.

NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 0900 HOURS

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