

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
4/10/21

The meeting commenced at 8:29 AM and there were 10 of 16 Officers present. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Post members Bob Franke, John Madaloni and Jim Burt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cmdr Larroque opened the meeting and gave the opening prayer.
2. 1st Vice Cmdr Steve Didio reported that the Post has 483 new and renewed members and is at 100% of our total membership goal of 483 for 2021. Gary Smith mentioned that the last National dues notification would be sent out April 30.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$38,511.24. The building fund is \$31,825.89. Total funds in the account are \$70,337.13.
4. Gene Wickey stated the Color Guard/Honor Guard, supported by Commander Larroque and Adjutant Smith, participated in the Vietnam Veterans Day event at Davis-Monthan AFB, the funeral for Maury Bergh, and will be participating in the MIAP event at the Arizona Veterans' Cemetery in Marana on April 17. Dan McGregor, Ken Hunt, Bob Franke and Fred Sheaffer are now outfitted with uniform. There will be a meeting/practice session in the next couple of weeks.
5. Larry McNamee, as previously reported, stated that Boys State for 2021 has been cancelled and that the Post had interviewed three boys from Pusch Ridge Christian Academy before the cancellation was announced. It was cancelled because Northern Arizona University would not allow large group events due to COVID.
6. Bob Franke stated that with Leon returning to Washington state for the summer and Rick out with arm surgery, he will be sending out an email asking for volunteers to help with the flag collection program. Bob has been collecting at the Saddle Brooke locations.
7. Bob Franke stated that there have been no requests for Flags for Eagles.

8. Dan McGregor provided the Marana ANG/Reserves report stating that planning for annual training is in process and that we should expect to see requests for gift cards should pick up later during the late April through June timeframe.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Gary Smith reported on efforts to establish a separate 501(c)(3) corporation stating that the IRS is behind schedule and we shouldn't expect to have an EIN assigned until around May 11. Once we have the EIN, the IRS Form 1023, which requests non-profit status, will be submitted.

10. Steve Didio stated that no other nominees for Post officer positions have been received. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor during the April General Membership meeting and final slate nominations will be presented during the May General Membership meeting prior to the election of officers. Installation of Officers will be June 17.

11. Gene Wickey stated that the audit process was completed with minor discrepancies noted. Gary will send out the Audit report to the EC along with the minutes of this meeting. Gene Wickey moved to provide Alane Asp a \$200 VISA gift card as a thank you for doing the Post Audit, seconded by Leon Donahue, and the motion passed.

12. Bob Franke stated that the Post picnic is scheduled for September 26 at the Cataline State Park. Since the park will still only allow a group of 50, Bob will look into reserving a second, additional picnic area.

13. Cmdr Larroque stated we are officially the sponsor of Oro Valley Troop 270 of the Boys Scouts. George Eveland and John Madaloni will offer services to the Troop such as flag etiquette and Merit Badge guidance and testing. They will also see if the Troop is lacking any equipment. George is the official Post liaison to the Troop and will be assisted by John Madaloni and Jim Martens.

14. Gary Smith reported on the 2021 Department Convention stating that we need to form a formal committee and send up to 3 individuals up to the Department Convention in June to shadow Department and Host Post members to learn what and how activities are necessary in preparation for Post 132's hosting of the Department Convention in 2022. Gene Wickey moved that up to 3 nights hotel lodging costs and registration be paid by the Post for up to 3 committee members, seconded by Joe Hornat, and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Steve Didio gave a report on the annual golf tournament stating that he expects that we will have a full complement of 132 players this year and will set up the initial golf committee meeting via Zoom for Wednesday, April 14, at 10:00am. Steve is looking for additional members for the committee.

16. The Post's Color/Honor Guard will participate in the MIAP ceremony on April 17 at 10:00am

17. Deceased member Charles Gutekunst will be honored at the General Meeting. He was 102 years old.

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18. The EC decided that a social after the general meeting was still unwise and will ask the General membership what they would like to do during the May meeting. There will be a 50/50 drawing, membership attendance award and coin drawing.

19. Cmdr Larroque and Adj Smith will attend the Sun City Veterans Club at the Community Center on Monday, May 3 at 1:00pm. Cmdr Larroque will provide a short presentation on The American Legion and Post 132.

20. Larry McNamee stated that Tom Roblee has taken over the Adopt-a-Road program and the next cleanup event will be May 8 at 9:00am.

21. Gary Smith will provide a short briefing on the CPR at the next EC meeting.

22. Gary Smith has submitted 3 Post Newsletters from 2020 for the TALMA competition.

23. Gary Smith recommended purchasing standing pads for use by the Color/Honor Guard. Bob Franke will check price and style of pads and report at the next EC meeting.

24. Gary Smith reported that the ALR needs to change the title of leadership to Chairman or Director instead of President. The Director title was favored the most.

25. John Madaloni volunteered the services of ALR Chapter 132 at the 2022 Department Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

Submitted by Gary Smith, Post Adjutant