

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
7/10/21

The meeting commenced at 8:30 AM and there were 13 of 16 Officers present. A quorum was established. Also in attendance was Post member George Lipphardt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cmdr Larroque opened the meeting and Chaplain Danny Lemon gave the opening prayer.
2. Gary Smith reported that the Post has 88 new and renewed members for 2022 and is at 17.6% of our total membership goal of 499 for 2022. Steve Didio will send out letters to veterans in the area who are in Post 100.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$41,905.45. The building fund is \$32,346.22. Total funds in the account are \$74,251.67. Steve provided copies of the revised voucher form with the new account codes. Steve will also get with Alane Asp to change our fiscal reporting period from July 1 to June 30, which was previously approved by the General Membership in June. Cmdr Larroque also submitted a voucher to donate \$1000 to the Arizona Service Officers Women's Expo, which was previously approved by the EC in June. The \$450 donation for Backpacks for Kids was sent.
4. John Madaloni stated that the Color Guard performed opening ceremonies at Quail Park of Oro Valley and at the All Seasons Retirement Community on July 4. Kudos to everyone involved in the All Seasons event. Several new members are expected from the event. The Honor Guard will assist in memorial services at Marana Veterans Cemetery on July 30 at 9:00 and 11:00am. Ed Davis was thanked for his generous donation to the CG/HG. Dan McGregor presented a manual of HG/CG guidelines. Dan will have copies made for existing and new members of the HG/CG.
5. John Madaloni gave the ALR report stating that the Chapter is donating \$100 to the Golf Tournament for a Tee Box and stated that the Chapter wants to assist in next year's Department Convention. The Chapter did a recruiting effort at Marana Harley-Davidson and signed up a new member and possibly one or two more. The Chapter is also in the process of updating their Bylaws and will require Post approval.

6. Bob Franke stated that a team has been collecting flags and will take the flags for disposal at the end of July. Storage facilities for the flags needs to be evaluated after our storage facility gets reorganized. May be able to use existing storage or get additional facilities. Joe Hornat and George Lipphardt have been helping out during Leon's and Rick's absence.

7. Bob Franke stated that there will be a Court of Honor held for 4 Eagle Scouts of Tucson Troop 248 on evening of July 10. More flags have been ordered.

8. Dan McGregor provided the Marana ANG/Reserves report stating that on June 27th, the Post provided snack bags, etc. for about 25 members of the Peace Vanguard that left on a 60 day deployment. On July 11th, the Post will help host a BBQ for 30-40 members of the 2nd/285th of Co. B. who are expected to deploy. The Post will be coordinating with the Texas Roadhouse to supply the meal, snacks and beverages.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Cmdr Larroque installed Gene Wickey (Judge Advocate), Carla Hodge (Service Officer), Ed Davis (Past Commander) and Tom Roblee (Committeeperson) as new Post officers for 2021-22.

10. Gene Wickey reported on efforts to establish a separate 501(c)(3) corporation stating that we are still waiting for IRS approval of the submitted IRS Form 1023. The IRS indicated that there is a delay in processing requests because of COVID.

11. George Eveland stated that Scout Troop 270 gained a new member and they will have a Court of Honor in August – possibly the 10th.

12. Bob Franke stated that the Post picnic is still scheduled for September 26 at the Cataline State Park in the Gila Pavilion. Volunteers will need to show up at 9:00am for setup and preparation and the picnic will run from 12:30 to 3:00pm.

13. Cmdr Larroque and Gary Smith reported on the Department Convention attended by Cmdr Larroque, Gary Smith, Joe Hornat and Ken Robinson stating that their observations during this year's convention were distributed to the EC members. The biggest requirement for resources inside the convention will be at the registration desks and the hotel liaison for any complaints that arise. Another requirement for resources will be the creation and ad sales for the Convention Program.

14. Gary Smith reported on the SAL stating that the Squadron provided 5 different medals and certificates for outstanding cadets of the Flowing Wells JROTC. The Squadron received 3 different plaque awards and 2 flag staff ribbons for meeting membership goals and being the first Squadron in the state with under 100 members to reach 100% of our membership goal for years 2020 and 2021.

15. Cmdr Larroque stated that the Post received a nice membership award for achieving 100% membership goal for 2021 and an Outstanding Color Guard award for 2020 at the Department Convention.

16. Steve Didio gave a report on the annual golf tournament stating that 94 of the expected 132 golfers have already signed up and registration will be online as well as mail-in. While tournament registrations are expected to meet goal, tournament sponsorships are lagging and need more. Danny Lemon is coordinating the raffle prizes and Dan McGregor is coordinating the volunteers. More volunteers are welcome.

17. Gene Wickey gave the Fisher House report stating that a cooking team of 10 or less (due to COVID) will be needed later this year.

18. Carla Hodge spoke of the Aid and Attendance program based on at least 90 days war time, active duty service and a financial need. The VA has also recently reopened Agent Orange cases that were previously denied. Family (except spouse) can be reimbursed for providing care. She also stated that all veterans are now eligible for the Arizona Family Relief Fund. There are restrictions based on residency and financial need. Carla will send out an email clarifying the AZ Bill that was recently passed.

19. Tom Roblee indicated that the Adopt-a-Road authorization with the Town of Oro Valley has been extended for 2 years.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

20. Joe Hornat suggested that Post volunteers be recognized in some way. The item will be put on the next EC agenda for discussion. Cmdr Larroque asked the EC members to provide suggestions.

21. Meeting was adjourned at 10:03am , Chaplain Lemon gave a closing prayer.

Submitted by Post 132 Adjutant Gary Smith