

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
8/14/21

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 Larry McNamee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cmdr Larroque opened the meeting and Chaplain Danny Lemon gave the opening prayer.
2. Steve Didio reported that the Post has 232 new and renewed members for 2022 and is at 46.9% of our total membership goal of 499 for 2022.
3. Cmdr Larroque stated that the IRS approved the Oro Valley Post 132 Foundation as a 501(c)(3) private foundation. He also announced that the SaddleBrooke Troop Support (STS) organization disbanded and donated their leftover proceeds of over \$14,000 to the Post with no strings attached. Joyce Sutay, a member of STS and an Auxiliary Unit 132 member, helped in directing the funds to the Post. A job well done and many thanks to the team that worked on the 501c3 which included: Gary Smith, Gene Wickey, Steve Kendall and Dino Cameron and anyone else that contributed to the effort.
4. Rick Gonzales moved to donate \$3,000, of the STS donation, to Oro Valley Auxiliary Unit 132, seconded by Lurnene Frey, and the motion passed. The General Membership will now need to approve.
5. John Madaloni moved to donate \$500 to the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation, seconded by Bob Franke, and the motion passed. Many of our past members are interred there.
6. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$71,366.41 (includes golf tournament gross income). The building fund is \$32,346.22. Total funds in the account are \$103,712.63.
7. John Madaloni stated that the Color Guard will perform the opening flag ceremony at the Veterans Stand Down on Aug. 18 and at the Post 132 Golf Tournament on Aug. 21. The CG/HG is still in need of new members. Also, the Honor Guard assisted in memorial services at Marana Veterans Cemetery on July 30 at 9:00 and 11:00am.

8. John Madaloni gave the ALR report stating that the Chapter is doing a fundraiser and will raffle off a Harley-Davidson XL leather jacket.
9. Bob Franke stated that he and Rick Gonzales collected and disposed of 27 boxes of flags (over 600 flags) for proper disposal. Most of the flags were in our storage facility.
10. Bob Franke moved to purchase 2 plaques not to exceed \$200 for Brendan and the new company that takes the unserviceable flags for proper disposal, seconded by Rick Gonzales, and the motion passed.
11. Bob Franke stated there has been no new requests for Flags for Eagles.
12. Dan McGregor provided the Marana ANG/Reserves report stating that on August 7 & 8, the Post supported the Arizona National Guard and Reserve Family Readiness and Family Assistance Groups Backpacks and School Supplies for Military Kids. Many soldiers and families attended the event and expressed their sincerest appreciation for the school supplies. This event was held in conjunction with the "Arizona Heroes to Hometowns' Backpack for Military Kids Program". Also, The Post is participating with the Family Readiness Group in planning a Brigade level family day for Sunday, December 5, 2021. The Family Day celebration is currently planned to be held in Phoenix with up to 3500 persons attending. As it is still very early in the planning process, we are uncertain how the Post will support this event. In addition, the Post has been invited to participate with the Family Readiness Group in planning an upcoming Family Day for the Western ARNG Aviation Training Site (WAATS). More information will follow on the developments of both Family Day events.

OLD BUSINESS

11. Cmdr Larroque previously installed Rick Gonzales (Sergeant-at-Arms) and Lournene Frey (Executive Committeeperson) as new Post officers for 2021-22.
12. George Eveland stated that Scout Troop 270 still needs new members.
13. 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 2:30pm.
14. Gary Smith reported on the 2022 Department Convention stating that he has thirty (30) 2021 Convention programs that can be used as examples when trying to sell program ads.

15. SAL Squadron 132 membership meetings will resume in September.
16. Steve Didio gave a report on the annual golf tournament stating that 120 of the expected 132 golfers have already signed up. Volunteers should show up at 5:30am. Last year sponsors donated around \$15,000 and this year sponsors have donated \$17,230 so far. All the contents for these snack bags have been acquired.
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 in October.
18. Cmdr Larroque reported for Tom Roblee and stated that the next road clean-up will be September 18th.
19. John Madaloni will provide suggestions for recognition of the HG/CG team.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Cmdr Larroque stated that the Red Raider baseball team finished with 3 wins and 9 losses. Ed Davis will touch base with Alex Blandeburgo about having the team participate in some of our Post charitable/community activities.
21. Danny, George and Ed will identify nominees for the SaddleBrooke Quilts of Valor for a mid-October presentation. Member self-nominations also accepted.

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22. The Cmdr would like George Eveland to start preliminary planning for a Post dinner in the December. John Madaloni suggested displaying Post awards at the December Post dinner and will followup.
23. Bob Franke will be ordering some new, different hats.
24. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53am.

Submitted by Post 132 Adjutant Gary Smith