

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER MEETING
MINUTES 9/14/21

The meeting commenced at 8:30 AM and there were 14 of 16 Officers present. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Post members Larry McNamee, Jim Seppala and Don Besse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cmdr Larroque opened the meeting and Chaplain Danny Lemon gave the opening prayer. Cmdr Larroque, in a tribute to the 13 service members lost in Afghanistan, read a prayer “From the Goodness of Our Hearts”.
2. Steve Didio reported that the Post has 270 new and renewed members for 2022 and is at 54.1% of our total membership goal of 499 for 2022. We are running behind goal compared to last year.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$70,517.28. The building fund is \$32,346.22. Total funds in the account are \$102,863.50.
4. John Madaloni stated that the Color Guard held practice session on 8/27, rendered funeral honors on 9/2 for Navy veteran Glenn Tirey, and performed a flag folding ceremony with Cmdr Larroque at Saddlebrooke on 9/6. There are upcoming events scheduled for 9/23, 10/2, 10/8, 11/3 and 11/11. The CG/HG also performed at 6 other events during July and August. Don Besse was introduced as the newest Guard member. Cmdr Larroque held a luncheon with CG/HG members to recognize their efforts and funds donated specifically to the Guard will be used to organize a Christmas function as additional recognition for the many hours of the Guard puts in to perform at functions.
5. John Madaloni gave the ALR report stating that the Chapter is doing a fundraiser and will raffle off a Harley-Davidson XL leather jacket. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. The Chapter also updated their Bylaws which will require EC approval. Adjutant Smith will provide a summary of the changes to the EC.
6. Tom Roblee stated that the next Road Cleanup is scheduled for September 18 and meet at St. Mark’s Church at 9:00am.
7. Bob Franke stated there has been no new requests for Flags for Eagles.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Cmdr Larroque will ask for a motion at the general meeting to approve a donation of \$3000 previously approved by the EC to Auxiliary Unit 132 for their assistance in receiving a large donation from the SaddleBrooke Troop Support (STS) organization, which disbanded.

9. The 501(c)(3) Post Foundation was approved by the IRS and a separate checking account was opened. The officers of the Oro Valley Post 132 Foundation were elected and are as follows: Wayne Larroque – Director, Steve Didio – Deputy Director, Gary Smith – Secretary, Steve Kendall – Finance Officer, Ed Davis – Public Relations Officer, and Bob Franke – Director-at-Large. Ed Davis will update/generate a fact sheet for the Foundation.

10. Due to low participation feedback and Bob Franke's recommendation, Danny Lemon moved to reschedule the Post picnic date to April 24, seconded by Gene Wickey, and the motion passed. Only 10 members responded to the RSVP for the picnic necessitating the need to reschedule.

11. George Eveland stated that Scout Troop 270 is back to having meetings in the park and in October they will have a Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) which involves HAM operators. Re-charter of the Troop will occur in or around December. The Troop still needs new members.

12. Steve Didio gave a report on the annual golf tournament stating that the tournament netted over \$24,600. The tournament was very successful. Steve Didio moved to donate \$600 to Auxiliary Unit 132 for their participation and assistance during the tournament, seconded by Danny Lemon, and the motion passed. This will require general membership approval. Gene Wickey moved to permit Steve Didio represent the Post and sign a 3-year contract with the Views Golf Club for future tournaments at \$45.00 per player, seconded by Laurne Frey, and the motion passed.

13. 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 on October 21 at 9:00am.

NEW BUSINESS

14. George Eveland searched Post members and provided a list of 9 potential Quilt of Valor nominees that live in Saddlebrooke. Cmdr Larroque and/or Steve Didio will get more details on how many nominees the Post can submit.

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15. Larry McNamee and George Eveland will begin visiting schools in October to identify Oratorical candidates. Gary Smith will provide Post Oratorical contacts within District 2.

16. George Eveland has contacted Rosati's restaurant for pricing to cater a Christmas dinner. A bid will be submitted by Rosati's.

17. Danny Lemon provided the closing prayer.

18. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.

Submitted by Post 132 Adjutant Gary Smith