

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
3/12/2022

The meeting commenced at 7:57 AM and there were 14 of 16 Officers present. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Post members Jim Seppala, Ray Baldwin, Garry Lawrence, Jim Burt, Larry McNamee, Michael Bartelle and Don Besse.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cmdr Larroque opened the meeting, and Chaplain Danny Lemon gave the opening prayer.
2. Steve Didio reported that the Post membership is approximately 90% of goal. Cmdr Larroque encouraged everyone to get new members and encourage unpaid members to renew.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$49,477.92. The building fund is \$36,474.22. Total funds in the account are \$85,952.14.
4. Gene Wickey stated that the HG/CG team remains very busy and acquired one new member, Jim Horton. Four (4) funerals, a presentation of the colors, and a practice session with 14 members was held since the last EC meeting. Future activities include the Tucson Stand Down on March 16 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Grand Luxe Hotel in Tucson and funerals on March 17, 21, 22 and 24.
5. George Eveland stated that two Oratorical candidates, Caleb Rasor and Grace Shin from Basis Oro Valley HS, sponsored by Post 132 will participate in the State Oratorical competition on March 12 at Post 36 in Tucson. Rick Gonzales, Fred Sheaffer and Tom Roblee volunteered to help at the State competition.
6. George Eveland stated that he, Larry McNamee and Fred Sheaffer interviewed 2 Boys State candidates at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy and he, Larry McNamee and John Madaloni will interview 2 more candidates from CDO HS on Wednesday, March 16. John Madaloni is also working on some other schools to get more candidates.
7. Garry Lawrence stated that the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, which will be held by the Riders from 5-10 pm on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Elks Club #385, has 91 reservations so far. Door prizes and silent auctions for gift items from a local

Chiropractor and Home Depot will be held. All monies raised will be donated to the AZ Veterans Home and Esperanza En Escalante. Tickets are \$15.

8. Bob Franke stated that one more round of flag collections will be completed before the flags are disposed at the end of March. A plaque and gift certificate will be given to the flag disposal vendor.

9. Bob Franke reported that Flags for Eagles ceremonies are planned for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Six more flags were ordered from Sen. Sinema's office and have been received.

10. Dan McGregor reported on the Marana Guard and Reserves stating that the WAATS Maintenance Battalion's Military Ball was held February 18.

11. Tom Roblee stated that the Roadway Cleanup was successfully completed on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> with 10 volunteers.

12. Bob Franke stated that the Post's picnic is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> 12:30-2:30pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

13. Michael Bartelle reported on the 2022 Department Convention stating that he is getting great support from the Oro Valley and Marana Chambers of Commerce to support the Convention. Michael also stated that Ed Davis has done fantastic work on the flyer for sponsors and vendors and getting the information on the website. The two outstanding issues are the locations & prices for the breakfasts and lunches.

14. Ed Davis reported that the SAL Squadron is at 100% of their membership goal. The Squadron meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:30am. The Squadron also approved sponsoring 1 boy to Boys State.

15. Steve Didio reported that the annual Post Golf Tournament will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain View Golf Club in Saddlebrooke. Sign-ups will begin around April 1 and there will be contests on about 10 of the 18 holes this year and a \$5,000 Hole-in-One prize. On one hole, a golfball cannon will be used, which will add some fun, additional revenue and help speed up the tournament.

16. Cmdr Larroque reported that the Marana Veteran's Cemetery is trying to find a new vendor for the commemorative engraved granite stone.

17. Cmdr Larroque recognized the recent graduates of the AZ Legion College, which were Rick Gonzales, Jim Burt and Gene Wickey. More candidates for the college need to be identified. At the March General members meeting, the trio will provide an overview of the course and application process.

18. Steve Didio provided an update on the Nomination Committee stating that he will present the Committee's results to the EC and the General membership in April. Officer elections will be held during the May General membership meeting and nominations from the floor will be accepted. Officers will be installed during the May General Membership meeting.

19. The 501(c)(3) update was given by Bob Franke who stated that he has Jim Click Charity Fundraising raffle tickets, which will be sold at \$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100. The Post receives all funds from the ticket sales. Persons wanting to sell the tickets should contact Bob Franke. Ed Davis will provide a flyer for the fundraiser and send it out in the next Post newsletter. Also, the Post will have a gun raffle this year at Sportsman's Warehouse. Bob has also purchased a Purple Heart set containing 3 coins, which will be raffled. The Post will have a raffle table at the State Convention. Bob Franke, Danny Lemon and Gene Wicky have volunteered to find ways to leverage the Post's 501(c)(3) Foundation. Steve Didio moved to have Bob Franke spend up to \$799 for the Purple Heart 3-coin set, seconded by Danny Lemon and the motion passed. A motion was made by Gene Wickey and amended by Steve Didio to have Bob Franke purchase a shotgun from Sportsman's Warehouse for up to \$1,500 plus applicable taxes, seconded by Danny Lemon and the motion passed.

20. George Eveland reported on the Post Feasibility study and provided excellent handouts of the process and a list of assumptions. The EC approved his approach and George will provide periodic updates to the EC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

21. Cmdr Larroque stated that Laurnene Frey resigned from her Committeeperson position but will remain on the CG/HG. The position will stay open until the upcoming officer elections.

22. Steve Didio moved to have the Post fund Gary Smith's campaign \$500 to become State Vice Commander for Area A, seconded by Gene Wickey, and the motion carried.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION**

23. The EC agreed to post our Post Flag and banner at our General Membership meetings.

24. Cmdr Larroque stated that MIAP has requested water for the next event. It was agreed that 2 or 3 cases will be provided by the Rider's Chapter.

Chaplain Danny Lemon provided the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 by Cmdr Larroque

Submitted by Gary Smith, Adjutant