

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
5/14/2022

The meeting commenced at 8:30 AM and there were 13 of 16 Officers present. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Post members Jim Seppala, Ray Baldwin, Garry Lawrence, Jim Burt, Michael Bartelle, Jim Martens and 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 membership is approximately 99.03% of goal. Cmdr Larroque encouraged everyone to get new members and encourage unpaid members to renew. Only need 5 new/renewals to make 100% of our goal.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$44,755.77. The building fund is \$36,474.22. Total funds in the account are \$81,229.99. An annual audit was conducted on April 22, 2022 and finance books were found to be in order. The Foundation also had a balance of \$1,550 due to proceeds from Jim Click raffle. Total assets are \$82,779.99. Motion to approve the Finance report subject to audit was made by Gene Wickey, seconded by John Madaloni, and the motion passed.
4. Ray Baldwin stated that the HG/CG participated in the AU veterans' graduation, the MIAP interment ceremony, 3 funerals and a practice session since the last General meeting. Future activities include 2 events on Memorial Day at Marana Veteran and Evergreen cemeteries.
5. Garry Lawrence stated that a few of the Rider's will participate in the Patriot Guard escort and ceremony honoring a fallen veteran at the Marana Veterans Cemetery on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.
6. Rick Gonzales stated that roughly more than 500 unserviceable flags were taken to TransChem for proper disposal the first week in May.
7. Dan McGregor reported on the Marana Guard and Reserves stating that he and Jim Burt will be attending a Family Day event for the 3/140<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion on May 22. Texas Roadhouse provided a nice discount for the pulled pork BBQ and donated 250 rolls. Lisa Torres is replacing Linda Miller while she

recovers from hip surgery. Jim Burt is replacing Dan as the liaison for the Marana Guard and Reserves.

8. Bob Franke reported that he and Gene Wickey attended a Flags for Eagles ceremony for 2 Scouts on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob has ordered 7 more flags through Senator Sinema's office.

9. Tom Roblee stated that the next Roadway Cleanup will be held on May 21 at 9:00am and meet at St. Mark's Church on Tangerine.

10. Jim Martens has agreed to step up as Service Officer and received 2 referrals for assistance, which he is working on. Cmdr Larroque will contact Wanda Wright to see what can be done to improve response and follow-up from the VA when veterans are referred for assistance.

11. Ed Davis reported that the SAL Squadron is at 100% of goal. Also Cmdr Larroque will be installing the Squadron's new officers May 21 at 10:30am.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

12. Michael Bartelle reported the latest status of the State Convention stating that there are still some issues to be resolved with Department. Pima Federal Credit Union will be donating tote bags and will be also reaching out to Vantage West for bags if needed. Cmdr Larroque will research gifts for the local speakers. El Conquistador has rejected our idea for DJ and Karaoke entertainment due to other guests near the hospitality suites. Breakfast and lunch menus and pricing are issues still to be resolved with Department. May 30 is the cutoff date for presenting the program layout to Department for printing. Michael will try to set up a Zoom meeting with the Department Adjutant.

13. Steve Didio reported on the annual Post Golf Tournament stating that 24 persons have signed up so far, 30-40 raffle prizes are needed, and Lorelee Horwedel is coordinating the golf luncheon. The tournament will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mountain View Golf Club in Saddlebrooke. The cost will be \$90 per golfer which includes a lunch. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Steve and Larry will be having a status meeting with the golf pro.

14. Cmdr Larroque received a \$617 donation from the Mountain View Preserve Lady's Niners Golf Association.

15. George Eveland reported that the Post Feasibility committee met on May 7 and stated that a draft cost estimate has been put together but needs to be reviewed by the realtor members and will brief the EC in July.

16. Steve Didio stated that the Nominating Committee's list of nominees and any nominees from the floor will be voted on at the May General membership meeting and installed by Department Vice Commander of Area A, Steve Sperl, during the June General membership meeting.

17. Bob Franke gave the Jim Click raffle update stating that \$2,075 has been raised so far and he still has over 100 tickets left. Deadline is December 5 to had unused tickets back in. All ticket sales are retained by the Post. Please see Bob if you would like tickets to sell. The rifle raffle will be held in the Fall. Additional volunteers will be needed to man the raffle table during the Department Convention. There will be 5 different raffles during the Convention. Bob has also purchased a Purple Heart set containing 3 coins, which will be raffled prior to and during the Convention.

18. Gene Wickey stated that a cooking team made 100 meals for the Fisher House on April 21 to feed residents and guests and freeze for future use. The Post is limited to 10 cooking team members.

19. George Eveland stated that the pre-June General membership meeting meal will be provided by Rosati's. The meal is being planned for 75 persons. Cleanup volunteers will be needed.

20. Steve Didio provided an update on the Buddy Check stating that the calls are nearly complete. By far, most of the members called have appreciated the contact.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

21. None.

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22. Cmdr Larroque stated that 23 unclaimed veterans were put to rest during the last MIAP event.

Chaplain Danny Lemon provided the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55AM by Cmdr Larroque

Submitted by Gary Smith, Adjutant