

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
12/10/2022

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 Larry McNamee, John Madaloni, and Garry Lawrence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Cmdr McGregor opened the meeting, and Chaplain Danny Lemon gave the opening prayer.
2. Steve Didio reported that 400 have paid their 2023 dues and we are at 77.07% of goal, which is 519. Next targets and dates are 80% by January 16. We need 16 members to renew by January 16 to make goal.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$78,360.45. The building fund is \$40,582.22. Total funds in the account are \$118,942.67. The Foundation also had a balance of \$1,160.38. Gary Smith noted that the building fund was missing \$81 donated at the last General meeting. Wayne Larroque moved to accept the Finance Report as read subject to the correction noted, seconded by Gene Wickey, and the motion passed.
4. Ray Baldwin, Color/Honor Guard Captain, stated that a training session was held, one funeral is scheduled, and 3 new members of the team are currently being outfitted. Inactive members are asked to return their uniforms.
5. Garry Lawrence stated that during the past month the Riders Chapter donated 116 hours to the Post, 154 hours for veterans' issues, participated in the Tucson Veteran's Day parade, donated \$100 to the PGR Giving Tuesday Campaign, participated in a PGR funeral escort, visited 4 different Posts, replaced a homeowner's tattered flag, and donated \$400 to the 1 Veteran program.
6. Bob Franke stated that he and Rick Gonzales will be making 2 flag disposal boxes to replace the cardboard boxes in a couple of Ace Hardware stores.
7. Bob Franke reported on Flags for Eagles stating he received a request for 1 flag but since the Eagle Scout has moved out state, the flag will be sent to him.
8. Cmdr McGregor reported on the Marana Guard and Reserves stating that a certificate of appreciation was received for supporting the joint 2/285 Aviation Battalion and 422nd Signal Battalion Family Day event on Dec. 4. The Western

Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (WAATS) is having their Family Day event today, December 10.

9. Larry McNamee stated that 4 students from Oro Valley Basis HS signed up so far for the Oratorical contest and hopes to get more participants from other schools. The Post contest will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Vistoso Funeral Home. Volunteers will be solicited to help out during the competition.

10. John Madaloni stated that the Department Boys State website still has not been updated for the 2023, therefore he is unable to provide current information to the schools and potential candidates. Candidate submissions are due at the end of March, so there is still ample time to work the issues.

11. Jim Martens stated that as Service Officer he assisted 2 widowers of veterans.

12. Larry McNamee reported that the Road Cleanup was only partially completed because they were rained out.

13. Gary Smith stated that 30 members have renewed their membership in the SAL and the Squadron is at 83.33% of its goal of 36.

14. John Madaloni reported on Public Relations and Membership Recruitment stating that he would like to set up monthly recruitment tables at specific locations. Cmdr McGregor stated that National wants to get out of the business of supplying recruitment brochures so the Post will generate its own trifold brochure for recruiting purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

15. Michael Bartelle gave update on the Fall Conference, stating that total attendance was 562 which included the Auxiliary and that only minor problems were experienced. Steve Kendall stated that between the two events, the Post netted approximately \$24,000. Steve Didio moved to have the Post host the 2023 Department of Arizona Convention and Conference, seconded by Gary Smith, and the motion passed. Garry Lawrence volunteered to manage the vendors with assistance from John Madaloni.

16. Steve Didio stated that the Nominating Committee will start in January. Members of the Committee are Steve Didio, Dan McGregor, Jim Burt, Gary

Smith, Danny Lemon, and Garry Lawrence. Ed Davis will be a consulting member of the team.

17. Bob Franke stated that 198 of 200 Jim Click raffle tickets have been sold. Winners will be selected on Thursday at 4:30pm at Reid Park. The Sportsman raffle winner will be chosen this Thursday – 124 tickets have been sold so far. Also, 70 coin tickets have been sold and the winner will be selected during the December General membership meeting.

18. Bob Franke gave an update on the Vistoso Funeral Home flag pole project stating that the hole will be dug in January.

19. Gary Smith stated that 3 individuals have been accepted to attend the AZ Legion College in January: Tom Roblee, Ray Baldwin and John Madaloni.

20. Gary Smith stated that newly promoted OVPD Sgt Nate Vera has been selected as Post 132's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and will be presented a plaque and a \$100 gift certificate during the January 19 Post meeting.

21. Bob Franke stated that the Post Christmas dinner will be held at the December meeting and start at 5:15pm and catered by Rosati's Restaurant.

NEW BUSINESS

22. Bob Franke stated that OVPD has a Cops for Kids program in which that take kids to local stores and buy Christmas gifts for them. Bob moved to donate \$499 to Cops for Kids, seconded by Jim Barnhart, and the motion passed.

23. Steve Didio was asked by a member if we have an Automated External Defibrillator. Even though it is automated, there is a liability associated with its operation on persons with unknown health conditions.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

24. John Madaloni reminded everyone of the LIT program. He also described a school program called Rancho Remembers that might be of interest to the Post. John will propose a similar program to a local school.

25. Cmdr McGregor received a request to contact a wheel-chair bound veteran that lives in Oracle to see if he could attend a meeting and meet other Navy veterans. Steve Didio will contact the veteran to evaluate his situation and possibly get him to a meeting.

Chaplain Danny Lemon provided the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59AM by Cmdr McGregor

Submitted by Gary Smith, Adjutant