

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
1/14/2023

The meeting commenced at 8:30 AM and there were 15 of 16 Officers present. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Post members 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 417 have paid their 2023 dues and we are at 80.35% of goal, which is 519. Next targets and dates are 85% by February 13. We need 25 members to renew by February 13 to make goal.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$73,648.97. The building fund is \$40,663.22. Total funds in the account are \$114,312.19. The Foundation also had a balance of \$1,253.40. Gene Wickey moved to accept the Finance Report as read subject to audit, seconded by Garry Lawrence, and the motion passed.
4. Ray Baldwin stated that during the past month a training session for members of the color and honor guard was held, two funerals were supported, and one flag presentation was conducted.
5. Garry Lawrence stated that during the past month the Chapter donated 53 hours to the Post, 74 hours for veterans' issues, added a new member, and had their annual Christmas dinner. A raffle will be started and winner would have a choice of a Traeger smoker and accessories or a \$1500 gift card from Home Depot.
6. Rick stated that he and Bob Franke will be making 2 unserviceable flags collection receptacles to replace the cardboard boxes in a couple of Ace Hardware stores.
7. Bob Franke reported that no new requests have been received for Flags for Eagles.
8. Jim Burt reported on the Marana Guard and Reserves stating that no new requests have been received.

9. Jim Burt stated that 5 students have signed up for the Oratorical contest. The Post contest will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Vistoso Funeral Home. Fifteen volunteers have signed up to help so far.

10. Jim Martens stated that as Service Officer he assisted 3 veterans in November and 1 veteran in December.

11. Tom Roblee scheduled the next Road Cleanup for March 4.

12. Ed Davis stated that 33 members have renewed their membership in the SAL and the Squadron is at 91.67% of its goal of 36.

OLD BUSINESS

13. Steve Didio stated that the Nominating Committee had their first meeting. There are quite a few spots to fill and members having a desire to serve are highly encouraged to contact Steve Didio or any other member of the team. 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. Members are encouraged to attend any of the EC meetings to understand what transpires during a meeting.

14. Steve Didio stated that a groundbreaking ceremony for the AZ Heroes Memorial will be held on Feb. 28 at 11:00am. Wayne Larroque moved to donate an additional \$3000 to the Memorial to purchase a bench with a Post 132 name plate, seconded by Ray Baldwin, and the motion passed. The general membership will need to approve the expenditure.

15. Michael Bartelle gave update on the 2023 Department Convention, stating that the first committee meeting has been held and assignments made. Those wishing to volunteer should contact Dan McGregor who will be the Volunteer Coordinator and Steve Didio as his alternate.

16. Bob Franke stated that the winner of the coin raffle will be drawn on Jan.19 during the January General membership meeting.

17. Bob Franke gave an update on the Vistoso Funeral Home flag pole project stating that the hole will be dug later this month.

18. Wayne Larroque has volunteered to chair the Post's Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter program.

NEW BUSINESS

19. Gary Smith stated that the Leading Candidate for National Commander for 2023-24, Daniel Seehafer, will be visiting southern Arizona and some Posts on Jan. 26.

20. Danny Lemon stated that we are now able to participate in Hospice Family Care's veteran recognition events. Let Danny know if you would like to be involved in this program.

21. EC members discussed various options on how to track financial motions to ensure payments are made and reporting of budget vs actual expenditures.

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22. Rick Gonzales stated that the next MIAP event is scheduled for April 15.

23. Gene Wickey will research the laws regarding the Post's liability and using an Automated External Defibrillator.

Chaplain Danny Lemon provided the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22AM by Cmdr McGregor

Submitted by Gary Smith, Adjutant