

ORO VALLEY POST 132 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
3/11/2023

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 Ed Davis, John Madaloni, Garry Lawrence, Stu Lind Joe Hornat, Larry McNamee and Jim Horton.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Cmdr McGregor opened the meeting, and Chaplain Danny Lemon gave the opening prayer.
2. Steve Didio reported roughly that 480 have paid their 2023 dues and we are at 92.49% of goal, which is 519. Next targets and dates are 95% by April 19.
3. Finance Officer Steve Kendall reported the operating fund balance is \$30,638.43. The building fund is \$709.00. The Foundation also had a balance of \$1,258. New in the Finance report are a 10 mo. CD at Advantage West for \$40K at 3.75% taken from the Operating Budget and a 15 mo. CD at Advantage West for \$40K at 4.25% taken from the Building Fund. Both CDs will remain dedicated to the Operating Budget and Building Fund respectively. Total funds in the account are \$111,347.43. Gene Wickey moved to accept the Finance Report as read subject to audit, seconded by Wayne Larroque, and the motion passed.
4. Ray Baldwin stated that during the past month, one funeral was supported, and one flag presentation for the Arizona Heroes Memorial ground-breaking ceremony. The CG will post & retrieve colors at the Veterans' Stand Down on Mar. 15.
5. Garry Lawrence stated that during the past month the Chapter donated 98 hours to the Post, 181 hours for veterans' issues, their finances were audited and no problems were found, delivered supplies to Esperanza En Escalante, and one member participated in the Road Clean-up. Garry encouraged members to join the Area A FB page to post items and read what is going on within Area A. Garry also mentioned that the next MIAP event to be held on April 15 conflicts with the Post's next EC meeting. Garry stated that the Riders have been asked to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> Fallen Soldiers Memorial Motorcycle Ride on September 21-22. Tickets are also now available for the Riders' raffle and the winner will have a choice of a Traeger smoker and accessories or a \$1500 gift card from Home Depot. Only 250 tickets will be sold.

6. Rick stated that 2 new members have volunteered for flag collection.
7. Bob Franke reported that no new requests have been received for Flags for Eagles.
8. Cmdr McGregor reported no new requests have been received for the Marana Guard and Reserves.
9. Larry McNamee stated that 2 students from Oro Valley will be participating in the State Oratorical contest on March 11.
10. Larry McNamee stated that 5 boys have been interviewed and will be sent to Boys State in June.
11. Jim Martens stated that as Service Officer he assisted 2 veterans during the last month and referred them to Jeri Harwood.
12. Ed Davis stated that 34 members have renewed their membership in the SAL and the Squadron is at 94.4% of its goal of 36.
13. Ed Davis reported on Public Relations stating that the newsletter is sent out twice a month, recruiting article is sent to the Sun City Tipster magazine once a month, recently started sending posters of upcoming patriotic and military events to adult communities, sent articles to the Oro Valley Chamber to promote various veteran related programs, articles are sent to 3 SaddleBrooke newsletters, OV Style, and Marana small business owners, keeps the Post's FB page up to date, and has sent all forms for the State Convention to the Department.
14. John Madaloni reported on Membership Recruitment stating that a recruiting effort was held during the Archery Competition in Naranja Park sponsored by the Firefighters Association and another recruiting event is scheduled for March 25.
15. Tom Roblee stated that a Road Cleanup event was held March 4 and the next event date is tentatively May 27 or June 3.
16. Ray Baldwin stated that the Initiation Committee would like to do initiations 3 times a year starting in June.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

17. Steve Didio stated that the Nominating Committee has completed their task and results will be delivered to the EC and General during the April meetings. Officers will be elected in May and installed in June.

18. Steve Didio stated that a groundbreaking ceremony for the AZ Heroes Memorial was held on Feb. 28 at Naranja Park in Oro Valley and 302 people attended. Excavation has begun.
19. Ed Davis reported on the Veterans Stand Down stating that volunteers are needed on Mar 14 to sort clothes and help set up. Stand Down will take place on at the Grand Luxe Hotel located at 1365 W. Grant Rd. in Tucson from 9:00am to 2:00pm on March 15 and from 10:00am to 2:00pm on March 16. Volunteers are welcome.
20. Michael Bartelle gave update on the 2023 Department Convention, stating that Department is still working to contract over-flow rooms at the Fairfield Inn, 118 seats for a Linda Ronstadt tribute performance at the Gaslight Music Hall have been set aside for entertainment, and tasks have been assigned. The 90-day out meeting with Department is scheduled for March 21 at 10:00am.
21. Bob Franke gave an update on the Vistoso Funeral Home flagpole project stating that the hole will be dug on March 13.
22. Bob Franke has 25 Post ball caps at \$15 each.
23. Bob Franke reported that the following raffles will be available for the Convention: 2019 American Legion proof coin set, Vietnam War Memorial print, and Jim Click raffle tickets.
24. Bob Franke stated that the annual picnic will be held April 23 at Catalina State Park.
25. Danny Lemon reported on Hospice Care stating that 2 persons are going to be recognized: a WWII Navy veteran age 98 and a Korean War Coast Guard veteran in his 80s.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

26. Steve Didio stated that the annual golf tournament will be held on August 26 using the Preserve Golf Course in SaddleBrooke. There was also much discussion about the possibility of merging our event with the MOPH, but more information is needed to make a decision.
27. Stu Lind reported that Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Year Commemoration organization would like the Post to be a partner in their program. As a Post we should help celebrate this event March 29 of each year.

28. Bob Franke provided an estimate of for a 1 ¾ inch Post 132 challenge coin for consideration by the Post. Bob will get a quote for a 2” inch coin.

29. Steve Kendall recommended that the Post pay a CPA to do IRS work for the Post. This is due to the income levels for the Post have increased to more than \$50K and the Form 990, which is a more complicated form, will need to be filed to the IRS each year. Steve Didio moved to create an additional line item in the yearly budget to not exceed \$499 to pay a CPA to do the yearly IRS filings for the Post and Foundation, Wayne Larroque seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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

30. Ed Davis recommended that more social activities need to be done for the Post members. He volunteered to chair a Social Committee and invited John Madaloni to be part of the Committee.

31. Garry Lawrence gave the history of the Riders. He asks that the Riders be referred to as the American Legion Riders and not as a motorcycle club.

32. Wayne Larroque is looking for someone that can help with grant research and writing.

33. Steve Didio recommended that the Post not forget our WWII veterans when it comes to recognition and other activities.

Chaplain Danny Lemon provided the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM by Cmdr McGregor

Submitted by Gary Smith, Adjutant