



VVA General Membership Meeting 01/11/2010
Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike Steffes at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Bill Juchartz, Dennis Bielskis, Bob Dew, and Ron King

58 MEMBERS PRESENT

Guest(s): Abe Harrison, Ben Tallman, and Tyrone Chatman, Executive Director, Michigan Veterans Foundation, Detroit Veterans Center.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President –Mike Steffes-

- Rich Whipple volunteered to assume Chaplain duties, replacing Rick Popa.
- Thanked all who helped with the Christmas Clothing Drive and Chapter Christmas Party.
- Asked everyone to continue to work together for a successful year.

1st Vice President -Bill Juchartz--No report.

2nd Vice President- Dennis Bielskis-.No report.

Secretary –Ron King- Minutes from the 12/14/2009 meeting published.

Motion to approve the minutes, subject to corrections. Read correspondence.

M/Jerry Thomason

/SEC/Gordy Dorey

***** **MOTION CARRIED*******

Treasurer–Bob Dew-Presented the Profit & Loss Statements. Motion to approve subject to audit.

M/ Rick Ciaramitaro

/SEC/Dave Banks

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Chaplain – Rich Whipple-He stated that he is glad to step in, and will do his best to honor the position.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius –No report.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux- 194 VVA members and 52 AVVA members.

Susie Wagner was selected as the newest Life Member recipient.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux –Will conduct ceremonies at the Blue & Gold Cub Scout event in March, 2010.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher-.No report.

State Product Sales-John Riling- He will attend the Marine Corps League Board Meeting on January, 16, 2010.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan-No report.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor-Tom Brown-There are over 1300 photos on our website. He also asked members to consider email HomeFront newsletter rather than mailed ones to reduce publication costs.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- No report.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly –No report.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik –Thanked all for the cards, flowers, and prayers when his Mother-in-Law passed.

Agent Orange Chair: Vaughn Hull-Report on file.

V.A. Hospital Rep - Vaughn Hull- Report on file.

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little-No report.

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer- Next State Council meeting in February. Elect replacement for Tom Meinhardt.

Fundraising - Bob Dew- Dennis Bielskis presented the Sportsmans Raffle fundraiser.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

- **“528” Point Man Program**- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro .No report.
- **Kokomo Reunion**: Dale Luebke- See “New Business”
- **2010 State Convention**: Dennis Bielskis Co-host with Dearborn 267. June 11-13, 2010 at the DoubleTree Inn, Dearborn, MI. Registration fee: \$5.00.
- **Sportsman’s Raffle** October 17, 2010: Dennis Bielskis-
 - Please sign up to sell tickets at either ABC Warehouse in Canton and/or Gander Mountain in Novi.
 - 5,000 tickets printed. Ticket cost: \$20.00 each.
- **Chapter’s 20 Year Anniversary Celebration.** Committee--Doug Fox/Bill Hayes. No report.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dale Luebke: Discuss 2010 Kokomo camping sites/payments.

- Howard County wants the lots paid for NLT February 1, 2010. Each lot is \$30.00.
- Kokomo Reunion dates are September 17, 18, and 19, 2010.
- 223 days and a wake up!

Donation-Motion requests:

Motion made for a chapter donation to help pay for items to ship to two military units overseas. This will be discussed at the January 26, 2010 VVA Board meeting and presented at the next general membership meeting.

M/Jim Kimball

SEC/Don Dignan

Announcements:

None

Next General Membership Business Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2010 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Next VVA Board Meeting: January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m.

PRESIDENT
MIKE STEFFES

SECRETARY
RON KING