

Timber Greens Veterans Group
Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2018

Time: 9:00 am Arts and Crafts Room

TGVG Officers: Tom Clements, President

Tom Knight, Vice president

Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer (Absent)

Gary Hunt, Secretary

Members Present: Paul Stepkoski, Charlie Ditta, Dennis Donegan, Mary Loeffler, Bob Fling, Ernie Wartenberg, John Ventura, G Thomas Toerner, Tom Toner, John Simmons Carl Mogavero, Robert Kahmer, Cheryl Kahmer, Al McClutchy, Bob Bertram, Dan Crawford, Nate Scarpelli, Ronnie Guy, Frank Tix, Dane Woytek, Dan Eastburn, Dick Langton,

Meeting Agenda

1. Pledge of allegiance: Tom Clements
2. Report of POW/MIA Accountings: Gary Hunt
 - a. Three MIA/KIA Veterans were recovered and returned home during the period from 12/6/2017 thru 12/8/2017.
3. Secretary's Report: Gary Hunt
 - a. The minutes from 12/8/2017 were sent to all members by email. No recorded omissions or mistakes were reported and the minutes were accepted without further discussion.
4. Treasurer's Report: Don Andriuzzo (Gary Hunt filling in for Don)
 - a. At the December 8th meeting twelve members came forward to pay their 2018 dues which brought an additional \$240.00 to our treasury. The bank account at Harbor Community Bank is now \$5,354.49.

Old Business

1. Re-order of shirts (Tom Clements)
 - a. Need to re-order or order any new shirts with Ronnie Guy today in order to assure they will be available for the Officers Installation dinner on February 9th.
2. "K9 Partners for Patriots" visitation and presentation Friday January 12th (Gary Hunt)
 - a. Representation from TGVG and Helping Hands will visit with Mary Peter and her staff at their new K9 Partners.. facility in Brooksville on Friday January 12th . We will present Mary with gas cards for her veterans'/K9 training program. These cards will be used to help veterans who are currently going through their 19 week training program. Many of these veterans need this financial assist in order to continue and complete their weekly training sessions.
 - b. Mary Peter has invited as many Timber Greens residents as possible to attend so that she can take us on a tour of the new facility.
 - c. Time is set for 10:00 am so if we leave by 9:00 am, we will have sufficient to get there on time.
 - d. So far, the following individuals indicated that they will be going.
 - i. Gary and Marie Hunt, Trish and Kevin Mahoney, Tom Clements, Dennis and Linda Donegan, Charlie and Jean Ditta, Mary Loeffler, Bob Bertram, Paul and Helen Stepkoski
 - ii. **If any of you are interested in going please call me (Gary Hunt) at 264-7416 by Tuesday 9th so that I can let Mary Peter know the numbers to expect.**
 - e. K9 Partners for Patriots new location:
15322 Aviation Loop Drive
Brooksville, Fl 34604

(Approximate travel time is 35 minutes via Rt 52 to Veterans Expressway)
Please make your own travel arrangements.
3. Name tags are available for all members so please pick them up and keep them to wear at each meeting. Name tags for new members today will be available at the next meeting. (Gary Hunt)
4. Coffee and refreshments(Tom Clements and Gary Hunt)
 - a. Tom arranged for Coffee from the 19th Hole and Gary provided the Zeppole pastries from Mozzini's Pizzeria
 - i. The Owner of Mozzini's provided the pastries at no charge but Gary contributed \$20.00 to help Mozzi feed homeless veterans every Thursday. Please consider visiting this Pizzeria and support his efforts.
 - b. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and agreed that it would be appreciated at all of our meetings. Funds could come out of our treasury or from donations.

New Business:

1. Elected officers for 2018
 - a. President: Dennis Donegan
 - b. Vice President: Tom Knight
 - c. Treasurer: Don Andriuzzo
 - d. Secretary: Chuck Broes
2. Annual Dinner for Officers (Current TGVG members are free) (Tom Clements)
 - i. Friday February 9th
 1. Cocktail Hour 5:00 to 6:00
 2. Dinner 6:00
 3. Menu Choices
 - a. 5oz Filet Mignon (\$17.95)
 - b. 8oz Salmon (\$17.95)
 - c. Chicken Baton Rouge (\$15.95)
 - i. All dinners include Caesar Salad, Twice Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter, and Salted Caramel Gelato
 4. All guests or non-members will be charged the appropriate price listed above
 5. Music will be provided by Gary Hunt
 6. Sign-up with your menu choice with Sandy by February 4th.
 7. Checks for dinners can be made out to "Timber Greens Veterans Group" as they will not be charged to your community account. Please give your checks to Tom Clements or Gary Hunt.
 8. Dress is casual and please wear your TGVG monogrammed shirt if you have one.
 9. **NOTE: IF 2018 DUES ARE PAID BY FEBRUARY 4TH TGVG MEMBERS WILL EAT FOR FREE.**
3. "Spaghetti Open Golf Tournament and Dinner" (Bob Fling)
 - a. January 28th (Sunday) Watch for flyers and information regarding this most successful event.
4. Bob Huffaker will be continuing with his military history group so watch for upcoming flyers. (Tom Clements)
5. Mary Loeffler asked that if anyone becomes aware of any homebound veterans in our community, she would be very interested in baking cookies and perhaps visit

them with her certified therapy dog “Little Buddy”. Please let Mary know if you hear of anyone who might benefit from her offer.

6. 495th Legends (Ronnie Guy)
 - a. The 495th Legends will be sponsoring 3 golf tournaments this coming year(Ronnie Guy)
 - i. The first tournament will be here at Timber Greens on May 26th
 1. The 495th has committed to partner with “K9 Partners for Patriots” and also to raise money for a new scholarship program entitled (Last Mile). This scholarship program will assist returning veterans to continue their education when their GI bill has been depleted.
 2. The 495th has already donated \$500.00 to “K9 Partners for Patriots” this year and plans to assist them financially through the upcoming golf tournaments
 3. Ronnie is looking for volunteers to assist in the upcoming tournament and a Memorial Day Ceremony. Please let Ronnie know if you would be willing to help out.
7. Bob Fling will be cleaning the items and table cloth on the “Missing Man Table” during the next week or so.
8. Tom Clements asked the membership to provide input as to where the TGVG could provide financial support for groups helping veterans in our area. This support to come in a variety of ways other than financial. The new board will be looking into various options so please let them know your thoughts.
9. Efforts will be made to try and schedule a time and day for regular meetings to take place so please provide your input.(Dennis Donegan)

Next meeting **will be very short** and occur the evening of February 9, 2018 during the dinner.

Adjournment 10:10 am

Respectfully submitted
Gary Hunt, Secretary TGVG