

Timber Greens Veterans Group
Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2018

Time: 9:00 am Arts and Crafts Room

TGVG Officers: Dennis Donegan, President (Excused)

Tom Knight, Vice president

Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer

Linda Donegan, Secretary (Excused)

Members Present: Don Andriuzzo, Bob Back, Walt Beasley, Ted Bussey, Bob Fling, Rich Henk, Bob Huffaker, Gary Hunt, Bob Kahmer, Cheryl Kahmer, Tom Knight, Mary Loeffler, Art Ohlerking, John Partington, Ed Pasco, Paul Stepkoski, Ernie Wartenberg, Gary Weyer, Ed Desrochers

Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting called to order: Tom Knight, Vice President
2. Pledge of allegiance: Tom Knight
3. National Anthem : Gary Hunt
4. Report of POW/MIA Accountings: Gary Hunt
 - a. Fifteen MIA/KIA Veterans were recovered and will be returned home during the period from 7/5/2018 thru 7/30/2018. (10 WWII, 5 Korean War)
 - b. Korean War Veterans returned from North Korea (power Point)
 - i. 55 cases of remains returned now to be analyzed at the forensic lab in Hawaii.
5. Taps: Gary Hunt

Old Business

1. Secretary's Report: Gary Hunt
 - a. The minutes from 7/6/2018 were sent to all members by email and website. No major discrepancies were reported. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed.
2. Treasurer's Report: Don Andriuzzo
 - a. We are extremely grateful to Debra Guy and the ladies of Timber Greens for their generous gift of \$400.00 raised from a recent jewelry sale.
 - b. Don reviewed the treasurer report for July which was followed by a motion and seconded to approve the report
3. Garden Club Update: Everything is approved. Mary Partington is putting paperwork together for signature. Planting will begin in September, 2018. Timber Greens

Veterans Group and the 495th Legends will share the cost of purchasing the Blue Star Memorial Plaque.

4. Update from Tom Clements on Veterans Golf Tournament
 - a. The four communities who will participate in the November 10th golf tournament will be Timber Greens, Crescent Oaks, Meadow Oaks, and Seven Springs. More detailed information will be forthcoming.
 - b. Please contact Tom if you are willing and able to volunteer to help at the tournament.
 - c. Paul Stepkoski said he would volunteer to help at the golf tournament.
5. Update on the 495th Golf Tournaments from Ronnie Guy: No updated report at this time. See 495th web site for upcoming tournaments and dates thru TGVG website link.
6. Veterans Stand Down Project. Dennis sent out an email regarding gathering needed personal hygiene items for donation. Dennis and Linda will be the collection point.
 - a. Al McClutchy offered to transport articles with his pickup truck if needed
 - b. The Women's club will be collecting feminine hygiene articles as well for the event. Perhaps a coordinated effort could occur between the Women's Club and TGVG.
7. K9PP presentation of cash contribution July 16, 2018 (Power point pictures)
 - a. Thanks to Tom Toner who wrote and submitted a press release to Tampa Bay Times.
 - b. Letter of thank you from Mary Peter, CEO and Founder of K9PP was received and shared with the group at the meeting

New Business:

1. Website sponsors: Bob Fling shared that Terry (from Affordable Golf Carts) has been on vacation but should be back soon. Dennis is following up with Pit Boss on sponsoring and donations.
 - a. Gary Weyer wanted to know if we have received a commitment from attorney George Psetas for sponsorship to date
2. MIA/POW Veterans Picnic: September 21st in the Club House. Assignments will need to be firmed up in the near future
 - a. We need someone to cook: (Possibly Charlie Ditta and Dennis Donegan),
 - b. Cut onions (Linda Donegan)
 - c. Decorating room (Bob Fling, Don Andriuzzo, any others?)
 - d. Sound system and Patriotic Music (Gary Hunt).
 - e. Who can go to look for sodas and water?
 - f. Beans and potato salad (Dennis approached Pit Boss)
 - g. Condiments, plates, and cutlery (Tom Clements)

- h. Check in guests and give them drawing tickets (Louise Murphy or Debbie Guy)
 - i. Hot dogs and buns (Dennis is looking into this)
 - j. Signage for various tables (Gary Hunt)
 - i. Greeting and sign-in
 - ii. New and current member dues sign-up for 2019
 - iii. Sign-up for TGVG Golf Tournament November 10th
 - iv. Others as needed, yet to be determined
 - k. A floor plan will need to be sketched out so that Keith Harris can have everything set up for the event. This will include the grills, trash receptacles, ice chests for ice, etc.
 - l. Will there be some type of formal ceremony prior to eating? (Identifying MIA/KIA, blessing/invocation, Missing Man Table, etc)
 - m. Cheryl Kahmer offered to volunteer to help at the picnic
3. Points of interest
- a. Poster of WWI flying aces donated from Diane Cratty. Bob Huffaker will take the poster and use this as part of his military history discussion group. Thanks to Diane for her continued support of TGVG with this donation
 - b. Gary Weyer presented an explanation of those remains of MIA/KIA servicemen from the USS Oklahoma who have been accounted for within the past few years. The remains were exhumed from the Punchbowl Cemetery in Hawaii and were analyzed through mitochondrial DNA procedures that now enable this improved identification process.
 - c. PHSC performance "Salute to Veterans" Friday, November 9, 2018 @ 2pm (Tickets \$10.00 and \$5.00 for veterans). Announcement will be posted on our bulletin board and our website. (phsc.tix.com or call 727-816-3707)

Next meeting will be on 9/7/2018 at 9:00 am in Arts and Crafts Room

Adjourned at 9:45 am

Respectfully submitted

Gary Hunt, (Filling in for Linda Donegan, Secretary TGVG)