

TIMBER GREENS VETERANS GROUP (“TGVG”)

October 5, 2018, meeting minutes

Time: 9:00 am Arts and Crafts Room

TGVG Officers:

Dennis Donegan, President

Tom Knight, Vice President

Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer

Linda Donegan, Secretary

Members Present: Walter Beasley, Bob Bertram, Tom Clements, Dan Crawford, Bob Fling, Ronnie Guy, Mark Hanlon, Bob Huffaker, Gary Hunt, Dick Langton, Mary Loeffler, Kevin Mahoney, John Ventura, Gary Weyer, Dane Woytek, Gene Fletcher

Guests:

Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting called to order: Dennis Donegan, President@ 9:00 am
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Dennis Donegan
3. Reading of MIA/POW who have been recovered.
4. The president welcomes new members and guest.
5. Secretary’s Report: The Secretary’s report was presented for the months of August and September. A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports.
6. Treasurer’s Report: Don Andriuzzo Treasurer. Don reviewed the treasurer report for September which was followed by motion and second to approve the report.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Stand Down will be the weekend of October 19th. Tom Clements that hospice is sponsoring. They will be providing the pins for the closing pinning ceremony so TGVG does not need to purchase. Tom reported that Stand Down needs volunteers. Go to standdown.org for specifics.
 - b. Ronnie Guy updated information on the 495th Golf Tournament. The tournament will be on November 3rd. Sign up sheets are on the MGA board. He also shared information on the 495th scholarship project. Three scholarships were awarded in the past week. One to an Airforce Doctor, one to Army Intelligence and one to a Marine Fighter Pilot. In addition, the Last Mile project continues to help GI’s finish college. Ronnie was happy to report there was formerly a 40% dropout rate when funds ran out, that is now down to 27%.
 - c. Update on golf outing by Tom Clements. Tournament is November 10th. Courses that will be represented are: 7 Springs, Crescent Oaks, Timber Greens and Heritage Springs. We have 41 people signed up from Timber Greens. We need more golfers and volunteers to help the day of the tournament. See Tom if you can help. Cost is \$50 for Timber Greens residents and \$60 for outsiders.

- d. A check will be written for \$255.00 to Mary Partington for the beatification of the flag area at our entrance. We will need to determine a dedication date for the Blue Star Plaque.

8. New Business

- a. Gary Weyer presented the benefits that veterans have for claiming additional homestead exemptions. These include disability, service connected exemption, surviving spouse and combat related exemptions.
- b. Mark Hanlon presented about additional benefits available to Vietnam Vets through the VA. This includes payment of attorney's fees to represent you.
- c. The board asked the members to come up and submit ideas regarding the disbursement of funds to Veteran approved causes. After the golf tournament we will have significant funds in the checking account that need to be used for our stated purpose. Please submit ideas, to include a paragraph how this improves the lives of Veterans, to the board for consideration. We will have a vote to decide after the January 1st.

In closing Gary Hunt presented the "Poem of the Common Soldier" and Bob Huffaker presented El Selencizo, an American Battle Monument in the Netherlands.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Donegan
Secretary TGVG