#### <u>Timber Greens Veterans Group</u> <u>General Meeting</u>

10:00 AM in TG Clubhouse Card Room

FEB. 25, 2022

<u>Officers</u>: Boyd Duncan, Tim Williams, Linda Donegan, Joanie Duncan, Ronnie Guy.

<u>Members</u>: Robert Back, Bob Bertram, Bill Cameron, Paul Cano, Barb Chorba, Tom Clements, Dan Crawford, Danny Day, Marie Hunt, Gary Hunt, Howard Kahn, Mary Loeffler, Martin Manna, Al McClutchy, Carl Mogavera, Bob Parsons, Frank Scerbo, Adrian Simmons, Paul Stepkoski, Billy Witheringon, Dane Woytek. A quorum was present. (26 incl. officers) Guest: Billy Dees

Call to Order - Boyd Duncan, President

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>- Boyd

#### MIA/POW report:

 Gary Hunt reports that 8 fallen soldiers have been returned, 5 from WWII, 3 from the Korean War. Names and information are on our bulletin board. He then shared that one of our TGVG members passed this week, Richard (Dick) Langton. Visiting will be at Meadowlawn Funeral Home as follows: Feb. 28th 1:00-4:00 and March 1st 10:30 - 12:30, followed by a procession to Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fl A moment of silence was observed.

TAPS is played

• Boyd shared that Dick Langton's family is requesting donations be made to TGVG in memory of Dick. Please try to attend a service for Dick.

Secretary's Report:

• (Report filed in Dropbox) Waive the readings of the last General Meeting Minutes: Bob B. moved; seconded Frank S. Passed 26 - 0

# <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: (detailed report filed in Dropbox)

• Report given by Linda; there are 77 paid members and Membership Cards are available to be picked up. A motion to approve Treasure's Report was made by Bob B Second Tom C. Passed 26 - 0

# Committee Reports:

- K9 Partners for Patriots Gary Hunt: next planned visit to meet new class sponsored by TGVG is on Feb. 28. To attend, please speak with Gary right after the meeting today. A thank you note from Mary Peters, the founder of K9P4P, is posted on the TGVG bulletin board.
- STEPS Adrian announced that the group homes will be replaced by 30 individual dwellings to be built on property purchased off of Trouble Creek
- Heartstrings for Heroes Veteran Johnny Flores was presented with an electric guitar and amplifier at Mission BBQ on 2/15/2022. He received a purple heart after losing a leg while serving in Afghanistan. Music is used to help his rehabilitation and cope with PTSD. This was a very moving event.
- Hilltop Cafe donations continue to come in to help STEPS; please consider dining at the Cafe to show support.
- Communication Committee Gary handed out a survey to help the committee determine what was the most successful mode of communication (ie. emails, Website, Green Scene, etc) He also asked for suggestions to improve communications and a request for help with this committee was requested. Results will be available at our next Gen. Meeting. Howard K. mentioned that our TG channel will soon be available; Adrian commented that he understood the hardware would available March 28th.

### <u>Old Business</u>

- TGVG Dinner will be held April 2, 2022. The choices will be Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu, with salad, sides and dessert. There will be no charge to a veteran in good standing and \$25 for a guest. Please make checks out to TGVG/Dinner and leave with Sandy. More sign-up information to follow.
- Family Documap two very successful seminars were presented by Linda Donegan, CPA and Attorney Jeff Klinger. Over 120 attended and the program can now be seen on the TG website under "Quick Links" and "TV News"
- Trivia Night 104 folks gathered to try their knowledge at Fun Facts about 1950/60's TV; another successful evening masterminded by Linda and Dennis Donegan is scheduled.

- Tribute to Gary Weyer: Memorial Matching Fundraising Campaign will continue through May 31, 2022. Make checks out to TGVG and drop them with Sandy. Paul Zukis won the 50/50 on Trivia night and donated a significant amount to the fund. Thank you for being so generous.
- Honor Flight Ronnie this program has been on hold due to Covid and will start up again in June. At the onset, this will be for WW II, Korean War vets and those who are terminally ill. This program flies the vet from St Pete to Baltimore and a guardian (a volunteer to assist the vet) will escort the vet to a few of the Wash. D.C. memorials, returning the same day. The guardian has a grueling task of a day of walking or pushing a wheelchair in all weather conditions; plus they pay their own way. The program will expand to include more vets once this initial obligation has been met.
- The POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, which took place in September, 2021, can now be viewed on the TG website under "Quick Links" and "TG News". Ronnie also suggested logging into YouTube and type in "Timber Greens." More about this will be featured in the Green Scene, with guidance to move through the web. The program has been edited in 4 sequences for easy viewing. This was a very heartfelt program, so please treat yourself and watch. It is not limited to Timber Greens residents, so please share.

## <u>New Business</u>:

- Flags for the Fallen Adrian reports that Don Lawson, founder, will provide a flag and pole to Pasco County families of fallen soldiers, <u>if</u> this request is made directly by the family. This organization is run like a business, however no one working there receives compensation. This is a possible 501(c)3 charity to consider for future donations.
- Patriots Weekend Sept 16-18; volunteers needed to take on a few tasks to make this weekend a success. The golf tournament, Sept. 18th, was discussed; this year it will be a casual event to be enjoyed by our vets and friends with a dinner to follow. More details at a later time.
- ByLaws Pres. Boyd submitted the following amendment to the ByLaws:

"The Board of Directors of the Timber Greens Veterans Group moves that the following changes to the ByLaws be made:

### ARTICLE II – Objectives

Second sentence- strike active Military and add Other Military Organizations.

Third sentence – strike "their heroes" and "their Homeland" and add "the nation".

Fifth sentence – strike "indicating their rank and date of service and any other" and add "including all" and "and available"

Seventh sentence – strike "our", add "the" and as the letter "s" to the word "State".

ARTICLE III – Constraints

Section II

Second Paragraph – Strike "One hundred percent (100%) of" capitalize the "a" in "All" and after "collected funds" add "with the exception of member's paid dues" and "qualified veterans" add "and Veterans" and add "with a" and after "\$2000" add "to".

Section V – Strike "written consent" and add "approval" and add to the end of the sentence, "with the exception of authorizing the annual Veterans Dinner."

Section VII

Add to the end of the sentence "and to assist the new officer in becoming familiar with the office and its functions."

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section I

At the end of the third sentence add "but will be non-voting members."

Section II

Third sentence – strike "fiscal" replace with "calendar"

Fourth sentence – strike the apostrophe in "veteran's"

ARTICLE V – Officers

Section II – Duties

Add "members" after "Board"

Section III – Terms

Second sentence – replace "help" with "held".

Section V – strike "at the annual meeting dinner to be held".

Section VI – Responsibilities

Under SECRETARY

Add a period after "correspondence"

Strike the last two bullets.

ARTICLE VI – Committees

Section I – Correct "Responsibiliy" to "Responsibilities"

Section II – Nominating Committee – strike the entire section.

Section III - Event Committee - strike the entire section

Section III - Disbursement Committee - strike the entire section

**ARTICLE VII – Meetings** 

Section I – strike "in the Timber Greens Clubhouse" and add the following sentence "A quorum of the general meeting shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) members in good standing."

Section III - insert (1) after the word "one".

ARTICLE IX - Organizational Property - strike the entire article

ARTICLE X – Hold Harmless becomes ARTICLE IX

Section I – After the word "the" in the first sentence add "Timber Greens Veterans Group" strike "Club" strike "Club" insert "TGVG", strike "Club" and insert "Timber Greens Veterans Group and", strike "Club" insert "Timber Greens Veterans Group".

ARTICLE X – Amendments becomes ARTICLE XI – Amendments

ARTICLE XI – Parliamentary Procedure becomes ARTICLE XII – Parliamentary Procedure"

- The motion was seconded by Bob B. Passed 26 0 The membership expresses their thanks for a GREAT job in preparing these changes to Ronnie and Tom!
- Next Trivia Night Linda announced it will be 1960 movies: Psycho, My Fair Lady, The Graduate and Easy Rider. The cost for Trivia and dinner is \$25.
- Regarding the donations now being made to TGVG, a request was made for volunteers to write thank you notes for donations. Two thoughtful ladies, Mary Loeffler and Barbara Chorba stepped up to take on this task.

Motion to adjourn by Bob B., second by Paul Cano Passed 26 - 0 Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next General Meeting - March 25, 2022 @ 10:00a.m. in the TG Main Room

Respectfully Submitted, Joanie Duncan, Secretary, TGVG

ByLaws amended, revised and adopted on Feb. 25, 2022 at the General Monthly Meeting New Port Richey, Florida Passed by a vote 26 - 0