

Timber Greens Veterans Group
Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2017

Time: 9:00 am Arts and Crafts Room

TGVG Officers: Tom Clements, President

Tom Knight, Vice president

Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer

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, Ed Farrell, Chuck Broes

Meeting Agenda

1. Pledge of allegiance: Tom Clements
2. Report of POW/MIA Accountings: Gary Hunt
 - a. Seven MIA/KIA Veterans were recovered and returned home during the period from 11/8/2017 thru 11/30/2017.
3. Secretary's Report: Gary Hunt
 - a. The minutes from 10/27/2017 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
 - a. The Veterans Day Trinity golf Challenge was a financial success and has improved our bank account balance to \$5,450.46. We now have 41 members and of that number 21 have paid their dues through 2018.
5. President's announcements: (Tom Clements)
 - a. Tom read a poem written by US Navy Commander Jack Sullivan. Jack has also written a book entitled "Shields of Honor.

Old Business

1. TGVG monogrammed shirts have arrived and were distributed to those who ordered them (\$35.00/shirt). More shirts can be ordered through Ronny Guy.

2. "Missing Man Table" (Bob Fling)
 - a. No new updates

3. Veterans Day Golf Challenge Report (Tom Clements and Bob Fling)
 - a. Tom Clements provided financial breakdown of Golf Tournament Event which demonstrated:
 - i. total gross revenue of \$8061.00
 - ii. total expenses of \$3651.52
 - iii. Net Proceeds of \$4409.48
 - b. Tom delivered 47 thank you notes to sponsors and donors with very positive responses from everyone. Some of the donors/sponsors have already committed a total of around \$2,000 to next year's tournament.
 - c. Organizational meetings will begin this coming January for next year's tournament and will include, Timber Greens, Heritage Springs, and Seven Springs.

4. "K9 Partners for Patriots" Report: Gary Hunt
 - a. Approximately 100 people attended the presentation on 11/1/2017; feedback was excellent.
 - b. Donations presented to Mary Peter, "K9 Partners for Patriots"
 - i. Bob Bertram presented \$200.00 check from Legion Post 79
 - ii. \$200.00 in gas cards were donated from TGVG
 - iii. Barb Chorba offered to donate a car to help veterans in the program
 - iv. 495th Legends donated \$500.00
 - v. Rick Defelice and Joyce Williams donated cash
 - vi. Women's club plan to donate (per Mary Wallace) \$1,200.00
 - vii. Helping Hands is discussing contributing to "K9 Partners..." as well.
 - viii. Jane Martinson, US Navy veteran, met with "K9 Partners..." to help them with grant writing.
 - c. K9 Partners....new website is <https://K9partnersforpatriots.com>
 - i. Check it out as it has been updated with great information
 - d. **See attached picture** of the latest graduates of the "K9 Partners...." . These are just some of the veterans and dogs we are helping. Thanks to all of our veterans and residents of TG who donated to this worthwhile organization.

5. Online ordering form PX is now operational: Tom Clements

New Business:

1. "K9 Partners for Patriots" contribution from money raffle at Golf Tournament
 - a. TGVG membership voted to donate \$145.00 (half of the 50/50 money raffle) to "K9 Partners..."
 - b. Don Andriuzzo made a motion to increase donation by adding \$105.00 for a total of \$250.00.
 - c. Chuck Broes offered to personally add another \$50.00 to make a total of \$300.00
 - d. 12 (\$25.00) gas cards will be presented to "K9 Partners..."

2. "Patriot Day Golf"
 - a. This organization raises funds for educational benefits to help widows and children of our service members killed in action.
 - b. \$46.00 was collected at our golf tournament in November and will be presented to this organization.

3. Nominations for New Officers for 2018
 - a. The President and Secretary positions are open for nominations for 2018
 - i. President: Dennis Donegan has agreed to run for President
 - ii. Secretary: Chuck Broes is considering this position
 - b. Nominations will continue to be open until January 4, 2018
 - c. Please seriously consider running for either of these two officers and let Tom Clements or Gary Hunt know of your intentions. We truly need your input in order to continue to grow our organization.

4. Elections will take place on January 5th and the installation of officers will occur in February
 - a. February 9th (Friday) is proposed date for Installation dinner; more information to follow

5. Open discussion for any new issues
 - a. MeadowLawn Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens info

- i. Gary Hunt attended a meeting/luncheon regarding “Veterans Planning Guide” for veterans. The meeting was very interesting and included important issues that all veterans should consider.
 - ii. March could be a good month to have a presentation by the group at one of our meetings. More information will be forthcoming.
- b. The membership was encouraged to present new ideas that TGVG could consider for future programs etc.
- c. Ed Farrell shared a book “Horse Soldiers”. This will also become a movie “12 Strong” to be released in January 2018.
- d. Be sure to also watch “The Long Road Home” mini-series on the National Geographic Channel.

Next meeting is on January 5, 2018 at 9:00am in the Arts and Crafts Room

Adjournment 10:18 am

Respectfully submitted

Gary Hunt, Secretary TGVG