

Timber Greens Veterans Group
Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2017

Time: 9:00 am

Members present: Don Andriuzzo, Tom Clements, Bob Fling, Gary Hunt, Tom Knight, Dave Levinson, Mary Loeffler

Members Absent: Ronnie Guy John Ventura

Meeting Agenda

1. Pledge of allegiance
2. Moment of silence for:
 - a. POW/MIA: Nine MIA/KIA veterans were recovered and returned home to their families from 2/1/17 thru 2/14/17 (DPAA statistics). Most recent was Robert Pribble, Navy 1941 on the USS Oklahoma.
3. Secretary's Report
 - a. The minutes from 1/17/2017 were sent out to all members by email on 1/14/2017. No further discussion regarding last month's minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Dave gave Gary \$185.00 in cash from 2016 dues. Gary will hold on to these funds until next month when Dan Andriuzzo will assume the duties of TGVG treasurer. Gary collected 2017 dues from Tom C., Don A., Mary L., Tom K., Bob F., and Gary H. (total \$120.00).
 - b. Total funds currently are \$305.00.

Old business

1. Bylaws
 - a. Tom C. read the updated TGVG bylaws (charter) and minor corrections and clarifications were made. The updated bylaws were unanimously accepted by the group. Tom will make the corrections/additions and share it with the group.
 - b. Tom C. related that the LLC designation will be completed soon, at which time a bank account will be established for the TGVG.
2. Tom Toner developed a link at his website where anyone can access videos and pictures of all three veterans' ceremonies in 2016. Gary sent out an email to all veteran residents on 2/14/17 with the attached link. A number of veterans responded with positive feedback. If you log onto Tom's Facebook page to view the videos and pictures be sure to click on the "like" button.
3. Distribution of commemorative Vietnam War pins
 - a. A total of 31 Vietnam War Commemorative pins were distributed to resident veterans on 2/9/17, 2/10/17, 2/15/17, and 2/16/17.

- b. Twelve new veterans filled out the veterans form and we now have a total of 174 veterans registered in Timber Greens.

New Business

1. The TG CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) is hoping that our Veterans Group might consider assisting with “gate security/sentry” in the event of a hurricane. If we have significant damage from a hurricane where fire and police would be unable to respond to our community in a timely manner, our TG CERT would provide the initial response. Everyone in the group thought that this would be a possibility but more details on duties and responsibilities would need to be clarified including liability issues. CERT will be providing more feedback regarding this request within the next month as they prepare for the next hurricane season. More information will be forthcoming.
2. Bulletin Board “Veterans Forum”
 - a. A salute to Vern Southerly poster was placed on the board with Vern’s approval
 - b. Contact information regarding veteran’s burial procedures was also placed on the board.
3. Don, Tom K, and Gary visited The Military Museum in Largo before it closed last month. It was worth seeing and they went to Frankie’s Patriot BBQ on Ulmerton road for a great meal and fellowship with Craig Gross, the owner. Craig’s son is buried in Arlington National Cemetery and his BBQ establishment is in honor of his son. His card was posted on our board.
4. Two military books have been donated to the TG library but they are too large to shelve. Gary agreed to hold on to the books and to let our veterans know that they can borrow them if they wish.
5. Tom C. mentioned that he is trying to arrange an opportunity to present Vietnam War Commemorative pins to Vietnam War veterans at the VA clinic on Little Road. The “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” date will be March 29th from 8am to 2pm. Details are yet to be worked out but if anyone is willing and able to assist, please let Tom know.

Adjournment 10:06am

Next meeting: Nothing scheduled at this time

Respectfully submitted
Gary Hunt, Secretary