

Timber Greens Veterans Group Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2017

Time: 9:00 am Card Room

TGVG Officers: Tom Clements, President

Tom Knight, Vice president (absent)

Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer

Gary Hunt, Secretary

Members Present: John Simmons, Rich Henk, Ronnie Guy, Bob Fling, Mary Loeffler, Paul Stepkoski, Ernie Wartenberg, Al McClutchy, Chuck Broes, Dennis Donegan

Meeting Agenda

1. Pledge of allegiance
2. Report of POW/MIA Accountings; Seven MIA/KIA Veterans were recovered and returned home during the month of July 2017.

Pvt.	Joseph Carbone	U.S. Marine Corps	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa Atoll	7/17/2017
Pvt.	Alberic M. Blanchette	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa	7/17/2017
2nd Lt.	Richard M. Horwitz	U.S. Army Air Forces	716th Bomber Squadron, 449th Bombardment Group	2/28/1945	Italy	7/11/2017
Cpl.	Anthony G. Guerriero	U.S. Marine Corps	Company B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/21/1943	Tarawa	7/11/2017
Cpl.	Raymond C. Snapp	U.S. Marine Corps Reserve	Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division	11/20/1943	Tarawa	7/11/2017
Sgt.	William A. Larkins	U.S. Army	Battery A, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division	12/1/1950	North Korea	7/10/2017

Maj. James B. White U.S. Air Force 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron 11/24/1969 Laos 7/7/2017

1. Secretary's Report

- a. The minutes from 6/23/2017 were sent out to all members by email. No further discussion regarding last month's minutes and they were accepted as written.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Our sincere "thank you" is extended to the 495th Legends for their most generous donation of \$750.00 to TGVG from Ronnie Guy, President of the 495th. Current bank account balance with Jefferson Bank is \$1,306.85.

3. Old business

- a. Update of collared shirts for TGVG members
 - i. Ronnie has had the emblem digitized which will be embroidered on Nike shirts; cost per shirt yet to be determined pending volume order
 - ii. Upcoming Golf tournaments sponsored by the 495th Legends
 - 1) August 5th, Melbourne, Fl, \$50.00 entry fee
 - i. Dan Quinn, head coach of Atlanta Falcons has donated an autographed helmet for raffle
 - 2) November 4th, Zephyrhills, Fl
- b. Report by Bob Fling on Missing Man Table
 - i. Table still has not arrived
 - ii. Discussed possibility of painting current table legs the same color of furniture in the rotunda
- b. TGVG Veterans Day Golf Tournament
 - i. Kevin Courteau (pro shop) has been in contact with Seven Springs and Heritage Springs golf communities and they are interested but feel the \$70.00 proposed entry fee is too high. Tom Clements explained that this fee could be lowered as soon as more information on the meal plan is available.
 - ii. Tom is looking for hole sponsors for the event
 - 1) Flyers have been printed up and are available for distribution
 - 2) One major corporation, Dex, has already committed \$500.00 for publicity.
 - 3) Ronnie Guy will check with Publix and other possible vendors
 - 4) Other companies mentioned included Honda, Affordable Golf Cart, Johnny Brusco

- iii. Bob Fling asked if an Honor Guard would participate in the tournament
 - 1) Ronnie Guy will check with USF to see if all service branch student honor guards might be available
 - 2) Bob Fling will check with local high school Honor Guard units
 - c. POW/MIA Picnic in Veterans Circle (September 15th)
 - i. Tom Clements and Chuck Broes will co-chair the event
 - ii. Grills will be needed for the event
 - iii. Menu will include hot dogs, beans, potato salad, fruit, etc
 - iv. HPH will lend a tent for the event
 - v. Volunteers be needed for a variety of assignments
 - d. "Stand Down" weekend for homeless and at risk veterans. (September 28th - 30th)
 - i. This year we will be collecting one-size-fits-all ponchos. Mary Loeffler shared that so far 50 ponchos have been donated.
 - ii. Donations can be dropped off with Sandy as was the case last year with the sock drive. Tom Clements will arrange to have a basket to collect the items.
 - iii. Rich Henk will check with Dollar General and flea markets for possible ponchos. He also brought up the idea of donating shoes
 - e. "K-9 Partners for Patriots" presentation will take place on November 1st at 3:00 pm in the club house. All community residents are invited as well as local animal rescue groups.
 - f. Bob Huffaker's history group went well with good discussion and sharing. Bob will post when the next meeting is to be held. Some of the members hope that it might be on days other than Thursdays due to golf conflicts.
 - g. Shirts for HPH Hospice
 - i. Tom Clements will obtain list of "We Honor Veterans" volunteers from HPH Hospice who will need shirts to perform recognition ceremonies for veterans under hospice care.
 - ii. This purchase will not exceed \$500.00.
2. New Business
- a. Veterans will soon be able to order online from the Exchange Services (PX or BX). Information will be shared as soon as more details are available.
 - a. Gary Hunt will check the Exchange at MacDill AFB for further information.

Next meeting is on Friday, August 25th at 9:00am in the Arts and Crafts Room

Adjournment 10:05 am

Respectfully submitted
Gary Hunt, Secretary