

Timber Greens Veterans Group Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2017

Time: 10:00 am Card Room

TGVG Officers: Tom Clements, President
Tom Knight, Vice president
Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer
Gary Hunt, Secretary

Members Present: Bob Fling, Ronnie Guy, Mary Loeffler, Chuck Broes, Dan Crawford, Charlie Ditta, John Ventura, Paul Stepkoski, John Simmons, Richard Langton, Dennis Donegan; Guest: Tom Toner

Meeting Agenda

1. President Tom Clements thanked officers for filling in for him when he was absent at last meeting
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Report of POW/MIA Accountings
 - a. Eight MIA/KIA veterans were recovered and returned home to their families during May/June, 2017. (DPAA statistics).
 - i. Albert E. Atkins , Army, Lost in 5/23/1951, Accounted for 6/13/2017
 - ii. Archie W. Newell., Marines, Lost in 11/20/1943, Accounted for 6/12/2017
 - iii. Gerald L. Jacobsen, Army, Lost in 7/15/1944, Accounted for 6/9/2017
 - iv. George B. Murray, Marines, Lost in 11/20/1943, Accounted for 6/9/2017
 - v. George W. Betchley, Army/Air Force, Lost in 3/22/1945, Accounted for 6/9/2017
 - vi. Edward L Borders, Army, Lost in 2/13/1951, Accounted for 6/5/2017
 - vii. Charles B. Goodwin, Navy Reserve, Lost in 9/8/1965, Accounted for 6/1/2017
 - viii. Joseph S. Smith, Air Force Reserve, Lost 4/4/71, Accounted for 5/12/2017
 - b. Moment of silence
4. Secretary's Report
 - a. The minutes from 5/19/2017 were sent out to all members by email. No further discussion regarding last month's minutes and they were accepted as written.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current bank account balance with Jefferson Bank is \$605.00. Seven new members paid dues at the May 19, 2017 meeting.

6. Old business

- a. Report by Ronnie Guy on 495th Legends golf tournament.
 - i. Eighty-five players participated in the June 3rd Golf Tournament for Veterans
 - ii. The Tournament grossed \$6035.00;
 - 1) \$1,500.00 presented to Stand-Down for homeless veterans
 - 2) \$750.00 presented to TGVG
 - 3) \$3785.00 applied to food, golf, etc
 - iii. Upcoming Golf tournaments sponsored by the 495th Legends
 - 1) August 5th, Melbourne, Fl
 - 2) November 4th, Zephyrhills, Fl
- b. Report by Bob Fling on Missing Man Table
 - i. Table and chair are still on order
 - ii. Gwen Moore has offered to make a new table cloth
 - iii. Consensus by attending members was to keep the size of the table cloth the same as the current one.
- c. Report by Bob Fling on Veteran's Day Golf Tournament
 - i. Two flyers have been sent out to save the date
 - ii. Kevin Courteau (pro shop) is in the process of contacting Seven Springs and Heritage Springs to propose the challenge tournament
 - iii. The tournament is open to anyone who wishes to play
 - iv. Cost of the tournament is proposed to be \$70.00 and planned to be held on 11/11/2017.
- d. Approval for Picnic to be held on Veterans Circle on September 15th received from Mr. Dingus.
 - i. Chuck Broes volunteered to co-chair this picnic event with Tom Clements
 - ii. Hot dog cook out will be free to veterans and spouses
 - iii. Further planning and details will be worked out in the near future
- e. TGVG Membership Cards –
 - i. Don Andriuzzo, Treasurer, along with Gary Hunt, designed a membership card based on one from the American Legion. Gary printed up the cards and they were signed by Don who distributed them to all paid-up members at the meeting.

- f. Logo for Shirts
 - i. Gary Hunt made test logos comprised of “Eagle/Flag and Timber Greens Veterans Group” . One sample was plane and the other had an oval around the emblem and writing. Members present chose the oval option.
 - ii. Ronnie Guy will have his resource make up a couple of shirt samples to display at the next meeting along with cost per shirt.
7. New Business
- a. Dates for K-9 Partners for Veterans talk and movie.
 - i. Wednesday 11/1/2017 at 3:00 pm (45 -60minutes)
 - ii. All of community residents will be invited
 - iii. Gary and Chuck Broes will visit their facility on June 27th.
 - b. Devin Payne from Hashtag Cinema on Documentary of Veteran’s Day Golf Tournament
 - i. A thorough presentation was made to the membership
 - ii. Cost to produce a video showcasing the Veterans Golf Tournament in November would be \$13,348.00.
 - iii. After discussion by membership following the presentation it was decided to table the concept of video production at this time due to costs beyond the capability of TGVG.
 - c. Recognition of Tom Toner & Presentation of Plaque
 - i. Tom Clements presented a plaque to Tom Toner to recognize and thank him for all his support to the TGVG.
 - 1) Tom Toner donated his time and expertise to produce videos and pictures for all three Veterans ceremonies in 2016. He also facilitated distribution of same to the POW/MIA League of Families, to the office of Representative Gus Bilirakis, and to local news media outlets.
 - 2) Tom Toner was also awarded a life-time membership in the TGVG.
 - d. Pasco County Stand-down dates and Parka Drive
 - i. The dates are 9/28/17 thru 9/30/17 and will be held at Pasco County Safety Town (Highway 52 –Spring Hill; ½ mile west of Suncoast Parkway)
 - ii. This event will try to reach 150 homeless and 350 at-risk veterans
 - 1) Services will include; overnight sleeping facilities, medical/dental, housing, showers, employment counseling, meals, legal counseling
 - 2) Contact ocnstanddown.org for more information
 - iii. HPH Hospice will have a tent/booth to distribute various supplies
 - 1) Last year TGVG, under the direction of Tom Clements, collected 1,500 pairs of white socks that were given to homeless veterans who stopped by the tent.
 - 2) This year TGVG will collect parkas to distribute
 - a) If anyone is interested in helping out at the Stand-Down please contact Tom Clement

8. Open discussion for any new ideas

a. Veterans Alternative contact

- i. Gary Hunt contacted Ashley Goforth, administration coordinator of Veterans Alternative regarding their program for veterans suffering from PTSD and depression. She sent information regarding their Retreat Program and treatment offerings to address both PTSD and depression. She also invited us to visit and tour of the facility, to meet their team, and maybe experience a little of what they have to offer with a BBQ Social in the near future.
- b. Ronnie Guy has a friend who would like to speak to our group at a future meeting regarding various benefits for veterans.
- c. Charlie Ditta suggested that we consider having a membership drive sometime between September and November, 2017.

9. Next meeting is on Friday, July 28th at 9:00am in the Card Room

Adjournment 11:16 am

Respectfully submitted
Gary Hunt, Secretary