

**Timber Greens Veterans Group**  
**Meeting Minutes**

September 29, 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: Bud Wilkinson, Dan Crawford, Paul Stepkoski, Charlie Ditta, Bob Huffaker, Dennis Donegan, Art Ohlerking, Ronnie Guy, Mary Loeffler, John Ventura, Chuck Broes, Kenneth J. Warzyn, John Simmons, Bob Fling

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Pledge of allegiance: Tom Clements
2. Report of POW/MIA Accountings: Gary Hunt
  - a. Eighteen MIA/KIA Veterans were recovered and returned home during the period from 9/1/2017 thru 9/27/2017.
3. Secretary's Report: Gary Hunt
  - a. The minutes from 8/25/2017 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. TGVG remains solvent at \$818.84 in the bank account at the Harbor Community Bank (formerly the Jefferson Bank). There were no expenses since the last meeting. No new members have been added to the active roster

**Old Business**

1. "Stand Down" for homeless and at-risk Veterans (September 28-30<sup>th</sup>)
  - a. 150 ponchos were donated. Thanks to all who donated and assisted in the effort to help homeless veterans in our area.
2. On line Exchange Services (PX) should be available for all veterans , not retired from the service, after 10/31/17 (Dirk Vallo called to state he was able to sign up without any problems and the system will be operational after November 1, 2017)
3. TGVG monogramed shirts have arrived and were distributed to those who ordered them (\$35.00/shirt) More shirts can be ordered through Ronny Guy.
4. "Missing Man Table"

- a. Bob Fling reported that the table cloth to be made by Gwen Moore should be completed by mid-October
  - b. Bob will set up the portable Missing Man Table in Veterans Circle for the Picnic on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
5. Veterans Day Golf Challenge
- a. Bob Fling contacted Affordable Golf Cart and they will sponsor a hole and provide a golf cart to be placed on a #2 tee box for the tournament.
  - b. Friendly KIA (John Gillis, President) will provide a new KIA to be placed on hole #10 tee box.
  - c. Tom Clements reports that efforts to find donors and hole sponsors is going well. We do need players to sign up, so he encouraged everyone to talk it up with residents in the community. The tournament is opened to everyone. The trophy is ready and looks great.
  - d. Ronny Guy suggested to obtain a "Squares" that can be used with a smart phone to use for credit card charges at the event.
6. Veterans Picnic (October 9<sup>th</sup>) (Chuck Broes and Tom Clements)
- a. Encourage people to sign up in order to get a good head count for ordering food. Tom Clements will price the food/drinks and purchase the items as needed.
  - b. Chuck will be calling people from original list to compare with new sign up list.
  - c. Bob Fling will check with Reverend Dick Arndt regarding saying the invocation.
  - d. Bob Fling will set up the "Missing Man Table" on Veterans Circle
  - e. Mary Loeffler will bring a macaroni salad
  - f. Those offering to bring cookies
    - i. Myrna Katz, Joyce Williams, Marie Hunt, Helen Stepkoski, Chuck Broes, Linda Donegan, Diane Cratty
  - g. Don Andriuzzo will provide diced onions
  - h. John Simmons, Paul Stepkoski, Gary Hunt, Tom Clements and Chuck Broes will provide trash cans and heavy duty garbage bags
  - i. People will sign in with name tags, Mary Loeffler and Tom Knight will man the table.
  - j. Tickets for door prizes will be provided by Ronnie Guy
  - k. Charlie Ditta and Dennis Donegan will be the primary cooks
  - l. Keith Harris will set up the grill and provide tables for serving food, and provide ice for coolers.
  - m. Paul Stepkoski will provide a flag and flag holder for the Circle
  - n. In the event of rain, the picnic can be held in the club house, per the front office.

7. "K9 Partners for Patriots" scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm
  - a. Gary Hunt has prepared a flyer for the Green Scene and also for weekly flyers. People will call in to Sandy regarding attendance. Deadline for sign up is October 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets will be available at the picnic. Depending on community response, outside guests may be invited as well.

### **New Business:**

1. Tom Clements read a letter from Kathy Karamitsos, HPH Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, thanking TGVG its generous donation of funds to purchase monogramed shirts for its "We Honor Veterans Program".
2. Gary Hunt reported that Mozzini's Pizzeria (corner of Grand Boulevard and Trouble Creek Road) is providing free meals and drinks to homeless veterans every Thursday.
3. It was also noted that "Best of Philly Cheesesteak" located on US 19 has a similar program.
4. Ronnie Guy mentioned that lawyer Jeff Klinger could speak to our group regarding veterans death benefits at a future meeting.
5. Gary Hunt also mentioned that Diane Cratty has provided information from Meadowlawn Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens regarding "Veterans Planning Guide" for end of life issues.
6. Don Andriuzzo proposed that we should consider signing up new members at the picnic for the rest of this 2017 and the entire 2018 for a total of \$20.00. This might encourage more people to join the TGVG and thus expand our membership. Motion made by Don Andriuzzo and seconded by Dennis Donegan; all in attendance agreed.

Next meeting is on Friday, October 27th at 9:00am in the Card Room

Adjournment 10:05 am

Respectfully submitted

Gary Hunt, Secretary TGVG