

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

SECRETARY MEETING MINUTES, 20 JULY 2022

Location: Perkins Restaurant - 1000 HRS

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The Board meeting at Perkins Restaurant was called to order at 10:10 HRS by President, Jeff Doll. Those present stood, faced the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance – Jane Belson, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Bob Behm, Sandy Behm, Richard Gouin and Holly Gouin.

Previous Month Secretary minutes: Minutes were done by Jane Belson. Jeff asked if everyone had a chance to review the May Minutes. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Dave Apt to accept the minutes as written; all approved.

Treasurer's Report –. Jane stated that there was a total of \$14,235.20 in the Checking Account, \$11,031.59 in the Charitable Account for a Total of \$25,266.79. A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Dave Apt to accept the Treasurer's report; all approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

There was a \$20.00 deposit in the Checking for dues paid by John Schaefer.

There was a deduction in the Charitable account for \$3,000.00 for Jeff Bogges 2022 Scholarship JROTC recipient.

Membership Report – No Change – We have 61 Regular members, 14 Surviving Spouse Members and 34 Spouse Members.

There are two changes to the due's payment total: Deanna Bennett and Bob Radford paid their 2022 dues.

Web Report: No update

Drumbeat Report – No report. Aaron Middleton has resigned. We will need to find a new person. Jane has suggested Jim Souders!

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – Bob reported that he attended the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter meeting yesterday. They reported that they had a total of 198 members from 36 states. They also reminded everyone that you must be a member of MOAA to belong to the group. Renee Brunelle gave a presentation about Decluttering your house after a move or loss of a spouse!

Programs Report –Dave and Jeff stated that they have speakers lined up for upcoming lunches.

Legislative Liaison – Dave Apt reported that he attended the MOAA Legislative Liaison on June 29th, Back in 1966 discretionary was 70% and mandatory was 30%. Today the discretionary is 29% and mandatory is 71%. There is little to no flexibility with the government right now on the discretionary spending. They are concerned that this is impacting decision making in the political environment. Flat DOD budgets are impacting readiness, and planning cuts to the military health system are becoming critical.

Key Legislative priorities are: Sustained pay raises, COLA for retirees and the housing allowance. Protect the value of the military health, protect the military pharmacy benefits. Protect family support programs. Reform the presumptive claim process, toxic exposure which has already been passed. Approve service benefits and recognize the impact from the pandemic

Richard Starr Act did not make it onto the floor for a vote, but there are more than enough supporters that it should go through if it comes to a vote.

4.6 pay raise did make it into the NDAA, the only one outstanding is the copay/overpay.

Members in Distress Report – Nothing to report at this

time.

ROTC Scholarship -Richard Gouin reported for Steve Hodges, he said on August 4th he will be attending a meeting with the ROTC instructors at the Pinellas Tech College to kick off the Golf Tournament for next year. Steve and Bob will also attend.

Old Business

Form 990-N or 990-PF Pending IRS determination / tax filing- Don't know if Steve sent in the tax form.

Bob said that we did receive a response from the IRS. They said in response to our letter dated September 7, 2021 concerning a miscellaneous determination that they cannot process the correspondences request because it did not include all the required information. If we want to pursue the request, we need to submit a completed 8940 miscellaneous determination request and the user fee to address the indicated form 8940 instructions.

Electronic Support Messages, Dates to send (60 Day Notice)—Jeff will defer until Rob Risberg is at our next meeting.

Chapter Roster Scrub-Jeff will defer to next meeting.

Any Other old Business?

New Business

Jeff announced that there are openings for the following: A drumbeat editor, Secretary and 1st Vice President.

MOAA Membership Campaign

Any other New Business? No other new business to discuss at this time.

Upcoming Speakers: September – Steven Udovich

Can I have Motion to Adjourn? A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Jane Belson. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 11:06