

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

Secretary Board Minutes 16 Jun 2021

Location: Perkins Restaurant Clearwater, FL – 1000 HRS

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance at 10:07

Attendance – Jane Belson, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Jim Souders, Pat Hughes, Bill Horne, Bob Behm, Sandy Behm

Previous Month Secretary Minutes – May minutes prepared by Sandy Behm. There was a motion made to approve the May minutes, a motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Jim Souders. It was approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Belson reported the Treasurers report, there was \$13,423.59 in the **Charitable Account** and \$15,148.42 in the **Checking Account** for a **Total** of \$28,572.01 A motion was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Dave Apt to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and was approved by the Board.

Membership Report – Rob Risberg reported that there were Total Voting Members of 100 an increase of 2 from last month, Regular Members = 57, an increase of 1, 57% of total. Surviving Spouse Members = 12, 12% of total no change, Spouse Members 31, an increase of 1, 31% of total.

Gains = George and Pauline Rohrmann. An updated roster was sent by Rob.

Deanna Bennett did apply for MOAA, Jane sent it to Rob to apply to the roster. Jane will resend it to him.

Programs Report – Homeland Security Confirmation of Speaker. Steve is waiting for confirmation

Drumbeat Report – Jim Souders said he is starting on July; he needs stories as fill ins. Bob just sent Jim pictures of the Memorial Day service at Largo Park that MOAA had a part in.

Web Report – Rob Risberg said there was nothing significant to report.

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – Bob Behm had a Surviving Spouse video conference yesterday, they are going to do two a month now, one is a happy hour and the other will be a full-blown meeting. Judith Thomas is one of the surviving spouses and she provides pins for all of the spouses of Viet Nam veterans that have passed and she spoke about that. Bob touched base with Linda Wolverton she is here in Tampa, she is a snowbird but she is a nurse and works at Tampa General in the winter months. She wants Bob to reach back out to her in October when she comes back, she would love to come to our luncheons. One thing Bob learned is even though you are buried out at sea you can have a plaque at Arlington Cemetery. They gave some information about the Elizabeth Doll Foundation, caregivers can go online and look at the Elizabeth Doll Foundation and the AARP the Elizabeth Doll Foundation, they provide repress care and provide different things for spouses. Bob will get more information and put it out.

Bob was reached by a surviving spouse last week she wanted to bury her husband's cremations in Medford, MA and she needed to know what military honors and he was entitled to and how to get them, so Bob walked her through everything. He got her the form for the medallion to go on the grave and contacted the MA National Guard Honor Guard. He also contacted the cemetery to let

them know what was going on and set that all up. So, she should be all set. He had to get her a flag, you can ordinarily go to any veterans group, but the post office will give you a burial flag, one per person. A VA form has to be filled out by the family, once it is filled out you bring the form back to the post office and they will give you the flag.

Members in Distress Report – NSTR- Jim will be putting into the drumbeat any members that are in distress.

ROTC Scholarship – Steve was not present.

Legislative Liaison – Dave- There are two physical therapy locations, one at 42nd street, the outpatient one in Tampa and the Riverview clinic, now you can utilize those without a consult which use to be the hang-up. They are opening up a new physical therapy clinic that you don' have to have a consult, it is going to be a full-service clinic in Newport Richey, they will be discussing it at the Pasco County board of commissioners meeting room on 7th of July, Gus asked if you are interested in going to join him there, that is at 5:00pm.

Old Business - Form 990-N or 990-PF- Bob needs to go to the IRS with the form to apply to change our designation from a Private to a public 501-C-3. Bob cannot find the form that we filed to find out who made the mistake to make us private vs public. It was an online form that was done at Janes house and it's possible that a copy was not made.

Community Grant Application with K9P4P. Jeff said that we need to schedule an event, as required in the request for the funds, we have to get a photo opt with the right number of people doing the things that will solidify that relationship so that we can reapply for a grant next year, we are trying to avoid a pass through. We have until May of next year to complete this task.

Any Other old Business?

New Business

We have to start planning the Pearl Harbor luncheon, we have to contact the Clearwater Country Club to get on the calendar. It is the first Tuesday of December on Pearl Harbor Day. It is our year to sponsor it along with St. Pete and Clearwater MOWW. Each chapter will light a candle. Jeff said that in the next couple of meetings we really need to start planning this. **Pat Hughes made a motion to have the luncheon on the 7th of December, Bill Horne seconded it, all the board approved.** We will need a color guard and drill team, also a cake. We will need to see how many people sign up to come. We also will ask Noreen to do baskets for the raffle.

Fund Raiser Discussion – 2022 event -The last few years we have not made money for our club, Jeff said to set up the golf tournament and if it doesn't make money than we won't have it anymore, we need to make money! Bob said he thinks we lost money on the baskets. He suggests that we try to get the golf clubs to donate gift certificates and raffle them off. The 2022 fundraising event which is the JROTC golf tournament, if not profitable for the chapter will be discontinued and we will move on to something else. **Bill Horne made a motion that 50% of the proceeds from the 2022 golf tournament to be divided by MOAA and MOWW. Jim Souders 2nd the motion, all the board approved.**

Quarterly MOAA Incentive Awards- Normally Rob will submit new members, we get a check for \$50.00. Jeff submitted for the 2nd quarter so we should get \$50.00, if you do all four quarters you would get a grand total of \$200.00.

Any other New Business?

We received a 60th anniversary for affiliation award from MOAA

Can I have Motion to Adjourn? A motion to adjourn at 10:45 was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Jane. All approved.

Upcoming Speakers:

September – Homeland Security TBD

October – Deanna Bennett

November – Congressman Bilirakis

December – Gary Williams

January – Linda Moore