

CLEARWATER CHAPTER

Secretary Minutes: Board Meeting 16 November 2022

Location: Perkins Restaurant, Clearwater, FL – 1000 HRS

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order at 1005 hr am at Perkins Restaurant by President Jeff Doll. Those present stood, faced the Flag, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Previous Month Secretary Minutes – The October Minutes were prepared by Sandy Behm. Jane requested that changes be made to the minutes. Jane asked if we could use military time on our minutes and across the board from now on and to also change the word (due's) to dues on the roster.

A motion was made by Bob Behm and seconded by Dave Apt. All approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jane Belson gave the Treasurers report. She stated that there was a total of \$13,866.82 in the Checking Account, the transactions in the checking account were ck#1364 in the amount of \$42.35 for badges, ck#1365 for The Clearwater Country Club for \$700.03 and ck#1366 for Internal Revenue for \$600.00. We voided the check of \$500.00 to the IRS. There is \$11,036.59 in the Charitable Account. There was a deposit made into the Charitable Account of \$44.00 from General Libby for a luncheon he did not attend. The total is \$24,903.41. A motion was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Jim Souders to accept the Treasurer's report; all approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted a submitted.

Drumbeat Report – Jim needs pictures and more information to be put in the drumbeat. Bob is going to send Jim some pictures.

Membership Report – Rob reported that:

- No change to our membership numbers (I am tracking no new memberships received or current members lost. If I missed something while traveling recently let me know.)
- Total voting members = 79
- Regular Members = 45 (57%)
- Surviving Spouse Members = 10 (13%)
- Spouse Members = 24 (30%)

Web Report – Rob reported that:

- All seems to be working on the website.
- Blast emails (original and a correction) sent out for the Pearl Harbor Day Luncheon.
- Blast email reminder for our chapter November luncheon goes out on Wednesday 16 November.

Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report – Bob attended the Surviving Spouse Zoom meeting on 11/15/22. Stephen Demari - Audiologist talked about the Free Govt provided Caption Call phone, it is very easy to use and they will install it free of charge and the service for the use of the phone is also free. Amazingly 33% of Americans over the age of 65 have hearing problems. I asked if they could come out and speak at one of our luncheons and he said yes. The new 3 Star AF General that

will take General Atkins place is Gen BT Kelley. He was amazed that 13% percent of MOAA was Surviving Spouses. Barb Smith will be taking over as the new Chapter Leader of the MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter.

Bob will send this information to Jim Souders for the Drumbeat.

Programs Report – November speaker – Anthea Anufrak – VP Operation U.S. Victory Ship

December speaker – Gary Williams – Pearl Harbor

Members in Distress Report – Bob reported that he received the card back that was sent to Bob Radford with un-known address. Jane said that Bob Radford is going to the November luncheon so Bob will bring the card to him.

ROTC Scholarship – Bob said that the JROTC golf committee had a zoom meeting, they discussed the gift baskets and they are going to have maybe 2 baskets, they said that it should be a liquor basket because that always goes very well. They need to set a starting price on it instead of a bid so they do not lose money on the baskets. They are considering serving hot dogs and hamburgers instead of a meal. They are afraid that having JROTC candidates out on the greens might slow the game down.

Legislative Liaison – In the aftermath of redistricting in Florida, the Clearwater MOAA Chapter now resides in the FL 13th District (previously in FL 12th). Legislative Affairs for the Clearwater MOAA Chapter was proactive in establishing contact with Representative Elect Anna Paulina Luna's staff shortly after she was announced as the FL 13th District winner, and anticipate initial meeting shortly after returning from her swearing in ceremony at the Nation's Capital in early January 2023.

Additionally, Clearwater MOAA Legislative Affairs will continue to support Representative Gus Bilirakis (FL 12th District) on both his Veterans Advisory Council and Chair his US Military Academy Nomination Selection Committee which will meet on 18 November to select candidates entering the Academy in Spring 2023.

Old Business -

Form 990-N or 990-PF tax filing 2021 confirmation / return – The 2020 tax return was rejected. Jeff has been trying to get in touch with Steve to let him know but could not reach him so he is going to mail it to Steve.

Non-profit designation Form 8940 – Had to change the dollar amount, it is \$600.00 not \$500.00, Jeff submitted it.

Any Other old Business?

Jane asked what we wanted to give for Christmas for Marie from Clearwater Country Club. A motion was made by Jim Souders to give \$100.00, and seconded by Dave Apt. All approved.

New Business

Donation Monument Mission - Jeff said that he found out that if this did not go through after we already donated money, it will be refunded to us.

Chapter Flag – Someone brought to attention that the MOAA flag does not have the Space Force on it. There are two different flags, we need to see which one we have, to see if it needs to be changed.

Crisis Relief Fund - The maximum value for a Veteran to receive is \$500.00. Jim will put the link for the application in the Drumbeat.

Any other New Business?

Jeff said that the Chapter Liability insurance is due on January 20th of next year. Jane will send a check for \$343.91. Bob said once we do that, we should run the ad and let them know that we have run the ad and we get \$100.00 back.

Can I have Motion to Adjourn? Motion to adjourn was made at 1105hrs by Bob Behm and seconded by Gary Williams, all approved.

Upcoming Speakers: November - Anthea Onufrak

December – Gary Williams