



General Membership Meeting Minutes

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25 June 2016

American Legion Post 110

The meeting was called to order at 1000h. Comm. Stephen R. Deutsch led the invocation.

The colors were advanced and the pledge was led by Dennis Bruland, President.

Roll Call of Officers: Dennis Bruland, President | Mike Raymond, Vice President | Ivey Winkler, Secretary (absent) | Jean Carr, Treasurer | Tom Ferer, Director | Bill Akins, Director | Bill Stockslager, Director | Cliff Jensen, Director (absent) | Al Hemingway, Sergeant-at-arms (absent) | Bill Kopp, Chaplain (absent) | Pete Shanks, Past President (Executive Board Chairman)

- **Minutes:**
 - The minutes from the April 23rd, 2016 meeting were not available at this meeting, they will be discussed at the July General Board meeting.

Report of Officers:

- **Treasurers Report:**
 - The report was approved, subject to internal review.
- **President:**
 - The first half of the SWFL Vietnam Memorial Wall is in place at Laishley Park. The second half of the Wall will be here in early July and a dedication is scheduled for November 5, 2016 at 1000h.
- **Vice President:**
 - Mike Raymond announced that Congressman Rooney will be presenting a Bronze Star on July 22nd at the old courthouse in Punta Gorda at 1800h, more information will follow.
- **Secretary:**
 - Absent
- **Treasurer:**
 - See additional accounting information
- **Directors:**
 - None
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:**
 - Nothing to report
- **Chaplain:**
 - Bill Kopp is still in recovery, he is accepting prayer requests for others in distress.
- **Old Business:**
 - None.
- **New Business:**

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- President Dennis Bruland led a discussion of the need for growth of the CCVC both financially and in membership. Ideas are appreciated.
- Art McGinnis presented “Quilts of Valor” to Jean Carr, Kim Lovejoy-Ross, Hank Reposa, Mike Raymond, and Pete Shanks.
- **Combat Wounded Veteran Recognition Program:**
 - Discussion was held on Carl McNair, the July nominee. The Executive Board approved the nomination and the General Board membership unanimously accepted the recommendation for approval.
- **VA Van service update**
 - Nothing to report
- **General membership comments**
 - Bill Akins announced that a POW/ MIA Seat of Honor will be dedicated at the Stone Crabs game on July 3rd. The ceremony will take place at approx. 1715h. Jerry Baumgartner will be throwing out the first pitch.

Pete Shanks retired the colors and Commissioner Deutsch led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 1145h.

The Next General Membership meeting will be held on July 23rd at 1000h at American Legion Post 110.

Respectfully submitted by notes compiled by Pete Shanks,

Ivey Winkler

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