

Notes from Veteran's Organization Meeting Wednesday August 18, 2010

1. Cmdr Arlen Stiefvater opened the meeting at 8:05 PM. Twelve (12) members were present. There were no new members. Frenchy Ducharme was welcomed back after a two-month hospital stay. Frenchy thanked everyone for their prayers and support.
2. Richard Wach asked to be first on the Agenda to go over the Kitchen Warmer being considered for purchasing. The Veterans were asked to contribute \$500.00 toward its purchase. Richard described the advantages and uses of the Warmer.
3. Voting: A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$500.00 toward the purchase of the Warmer. The members unanimously approved the motion.
4. Reading of the Secretaries Report was tabled until the next Veteran's meeting.
5. Reading of the Treasurer's Report was given in brief by Arlen. The treasury now has \$3, 081.88.
6. Old Business: Arlen reported the front sidewalk has been completed. We have not received the bill as of yet.
7. Arlen wanted to correct some rumor alluding to the cost of the Memorial being paid entirely by member Bennie Rains. Arlen did not want to divulge the name of the individual who said this. In actuality, the Veteran's has reimbursed Bennie for all receipts he turned in to us. Furthermore, we had paid up front for the trees, cost of plumbing, meters and Pearland City costs. Arlen hopes this will make it "perfectly clear" and put an end to this rumor.
8. New Business: Labor Day Lunch – A caterer will provide the sandwiches and the club will provide the beans, cole slaw, and plates. The sandwiches cost \$3.00 each and will be one-fourth of a 12" bun. The question was raised about checking with Subway, which may be much cheaper. Whether or not they would be able to provide the quantity we will need is questionable. The price of the Ticket will be \$3.00 per person, resident, guest or other. Arlen asked for a volunteer to be chairman. Duties will be to arrange for organizing, seating, minimal food preparation, and serving. There were no volunteers. The planned speaker Arlen had arranged for, fell ill and cannot come that day. Arlen's alternate speaker may be able to come. She is the head of the Women's flying club and would speak on airplanes. Gene Riddell and Jack commented on the reality of a speaker being heard while people are talking loudly and children are running around. She has not been confirmed yet.

9. Flags: It was noted that the Texas flag has a significant tear in it and needs repaired. Also, the question came up about flying the large flags so much. It was determined that the flying days could be limited to the flag days or flag raising ceremonies only.
10. Flags Up/Down. After discussion, it was agreed the flags would go up on Saturday September 4 at 7:30 AM. After further discussion it was determined that the flags would stay up until Monday September 13, 7:30 AM.
11. USO Operation Phone Home: Henry Reiss presented the USO program to distribute ATT Phone Cards to the troops. Each card has 300 units credit. (Units are not minutes). USO currently pays \$15.00 for each of these cards through a partnering agreement with AT&T. A motion was made and seconded that the Veteran's Org. contributes \$500.00 for this worthy cause. By a unanimous vote, the motion to donate \$500.00 to the USO Program passed.
12. By-Laws Change Proposal - A Copy of the proposed By-Law Changes were read and discussed. Voting will be at the next meeting. (Attached to this document)
13. Arlen read a Thank You card received from the "Hands- of- Love-Stitchers", signed by Janice Hassinger, Treasurer. This was acknowledging the donation we had made to them for their needed supplies to carry on their work.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Notes taken by Dennis Mulcahy, Acting Secretary