

Board of Directors Meeting

1600 Thursday 27 June 2019

Chairman Aubrey conducted opening ceremonies and ordered roll call.

Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, Chaplain Larry Girard, Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Judge Advocate Stan Wakild, Board member Tom Dryer, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Member Jim Montgomery, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch.

Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) present.- Sign in sheet -Attachment I.

Annual Election of Board of Directors Chairman and Vice Chairman

Current Chairman Chuck Aubrey announced his willingness to be nominated to serve as Chairman and further nominated Tom Breen as Vice Chairman. Motions were seconded. Chuck Aubrey was elected to Chairman of BOD and Tom Breen elected to and Vice Chairman BOD.

30 May 2019 BOD Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved with addendum statement that freestanding stainless steel ice chest was later found in storage.

Finance Officer Report was reviewed showing total funds available of \$46,267- Attachment II.

Additional discussion followed announcement that ad hoc "Executive Committee" approved \$1,280 for the purchase of this year's calendars. Board Member and 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell requested that these kind of regular/routine purchases come before the Membership (aka. Executive) Committee prior to making supplier commitment. This suggestion was accepted by Chairman Aubrey. A wide ranging discussion of calendar selling price did not reach a conclusion and will be revisited. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Finance report.

Club Manager report.

Club Manager Heather Hahn discussed three July club events being planned:

1. USCG Change of Watch celebration 1300 on 14 July, serving a deli tray.
2. Mariner Rider event 1300-1500 Saturday 6 July hosted by CMOH Winner Jim McCloughan.
3. Fireworks display would be supported by Mike Andruch and John Barkley as security people. Additional support would be welcome. A recommended donation of \$3 will be requested at the door, as advertised.

Heather requested to review all new/major "next month's" events using published calendar during her future club -manager report outs.

A Sunday breakfast detailed cost of goods sold analysis for 23 June verified total costs were less than 40% of \$1187 revenue. The conclusion was that "breakfast is good for us if we skip the fruit."

Heather suggested that we could purchase an ATM machine, versus continuing to rent service, to achieve higher legion post revenue per transaction. Further economic analysis was requested, including current machine purchase price, prior to making a decision at the end of July .

Old Business

Black top resurfacing, crack filling and line painting completed and looks great !
Mike and Jason were recognized for their hard work to refurbish the Tiki Hut.

New Business

Revision of AL Post By-Laws in process with initial team consensus and agreement on 23 June version (Attachment III). The By-Law team consists of Stan Wakild, Jason Turner, Chuck Aubrey, Glen Higgs, Earl Lash, Jed Fall, Tom Dryer, Steve Hamilton and John Barkley.

Next steps including finalizing and asking Adjutant Tom Breen to send to all members prior to a membership meeting for review and approval. Bylaws will then be sent to state level for final sign-off.

On Tuesday, June 25, President Trump signed into law H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. The American Legion-supported legislation will extend disability benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam, known as "Blue Water" Navy veterans.

Veterans who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975 are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange if diagnosed with a medical condition associated with the herbicide, according to the Agent Orange Act of 1991. Presumptive diseases of exposure to the herbicide include certain cancers, Parkinson's disease and diabetes. However, this act applied only to veterans who served on land and in Vietnam's inland waterways. H.R. 299 extends these benefits to any military personnel who served on any vessel during the Vietnam War that came within 12 nautical miles of the coastlines of Vietnam.

H.R. 299 further expands coverage and includes the provision that every veteran exposed to herbicides like Agent Orange should receive the same presumptive benefits. A provision in H.R. 299 states, "A veteran who, during active military, naval, or air service, served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975," will be eligible for disability compensation for presumptive conditions of herbicide exposure. This will allow veterans who fall into that category and whose claims have been denied or held in pending status to gain access to VA medical care for conditions on the presumptive list.

H.R. 299 will afford spouses of certain veterans whose death was caused by a service-connected disability access to pension benefits. The bill also provides the children of veterans of covered service in Thailand who suffer from spina bifida access to health care, vocational training and rehabilitation, and monetary allowance.

For the Good of the American Legion

Mike Andruch reported:

- Name missing from Korean War monument at City Hall will be added.
- Preliminary quote of \$5,000 received for 670sq. ft. of commercial grade tile to replace current club room flooring.
- North Facing windows leaking will be further investigated for follow up repair.

Jed Fall introduced several Korean War pictures that he would like the Legion to buy and display. Further discussion was deferred to the full membership meeting.

Suggestion Box

No new suggestions reported.

Close Meeting.

Motion made, seconded and approved to close meeting at 1700.

Respectfully submitted by John Barkley for

Tom Breen
Adjutant Post 49