



82nd Airborne Division Association
Chicago Chapter



Minutes of April 2017 Meeting

Date: Sunday, 9 April, 2017
Location: The Ram (Rosemont, IL)
Call to Order: 14:04
Officers Present: Chairman Slavicek, Vice Chairman Granat, Sec/Treas Gray, Sgt at Arms Wheatley
Officers Absent: None
Members Present: Loren Helwink, Rudy Acevedo, Cal Roesner, Stan Gryga, Steve Corcoran, Aaron Pylinski, Mo Pylinski
Guests Present: Kris Gray, Jerry Brown
Total Members/
Guests: 11/2
Adjourned: 15:16

1. Call to order by Chairman Slavicek at 14:04
2. Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt At Arms Wheatley
3. Opening prayer by Service Officer Roesner
4. Officer roll call by Sec/Treas Gray/All present
5. Recognized new members and guests: Kris Gray, Jerry Brown
6. Minutes from March meeting presented by Sec/Treas Gray. Motion to waive reading and approve minutes as written by Loren Helwink, seconded by Rudy Acevedo. Motion passed.
7. Chapter Financial Report by Sec/Treas Gray: Income March. \$53.97, expenses for March. \$496.00 for a monthly decrease of \$442.03. Ending cash balance as of 3/31/17 \$7,933.92. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Cal Roesner, seconded by Loren Helwink. Motion passed.
8. Challenge Coin Check: \$1.00 donated to Chapter fund!
9. Free Lunch Drawing: Won by Stan Gryga. Donated back to Chapter.
10. Reading of Correspondence: Chairman Slavicek reported that National received approval of 501 (c) 19 status from the IRS. Applies to National only at this time.
11. Special Events and Projects
 - A) Honor Flight: Vice Chairman Granat reminded members of the upcoming DuPage Veterans Annual Honor Flight fundraiser on May 6, 2017 at DuPage Airport.
 - B) Ruck March: Chicago Veterans Ruck March on May 26, 2017, starting in Glencoe.

- C) May 29, 2017, Memorial Day Parade in Naperville.
 - D) July 4, 2017, Parade in Niles. Meet 0700 for breakfast at Cappy's. 0800 line up.
12. Committee Reports
- A) Service: Cal Roesner reported that he had sent a note to Ed Calderio. Cal and Colin attended an Airborne Farewell for Harry Hewit, a WWII 82nd member. Reported the passing of member Bob Bell in Ohio.
 - B) Airborne History: Historian Glenn Granat shared the history of the U.S. Army (Airborne Unit) patches.
 - C) Membership: Chairman Slavicek reported that he has been corresponding with several prospective new members and actively seeking new members.
13. Unfinished Business
- A) USO donation: Member Steve Corcoran made contact with Danielle McMillan of the USO of Illinois. Donation of \$250.00 to be sent to benefit USO at O'Hare/Midway.
 - B) AAW delegates to National: Sec/Treas Gray to be primary delegate. Name to be submitted to National by May 1, 2017. Members can contact Larry or Colin with issues to be addressed.
14. New Business
- A) Airborne Day: Chairman Slavicek asked members to think about Airborne Day. Ideas from members? Discussed loss of funds and exhibitor problems.
15. Other
- A) Chuck Mount will be bringing in a pilot from Air America on June 12, 2017, to speak at the Arlington Heights American Legion Post.
 - B) Aaron Pylinski encouraged members to present their service oral history at Pritzker Museum. Holt Oral History Program is dedicate to conserving the unique "Stories of Service". Very easy process!
16. Birthdays and Recognitions
- A) Congratulations to Mo and Aaron Pylinski on the birth of their daughter, Eileen. Members recognized for April birthdays included Robert Bliss, Daniel Carrick, John Geraci, Bill Lueder, Jerry O'Meara, Aaron Pylinski, Jason Rekers, John Tucker, and Joe Vuich.
17. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Cal Roesner. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 15:16 hrs.

Respectfully submitted: Colin Gray, Secretary/Treasurer