



82nd Airborne Division Association
Chicago Chapter



Minutes of Mar 2017 Meeting

Date: Sunday, 12 March, 2017
Location: Rock Bottom (Warrenville, IL)
Call to Order: 15:34
Officers Present: Chairman Slavicek, Vice Chairman Granat, Sec/Treas Gray, Sgt at Arms Wheatley
Officers Absent: None
Members Present: Loren Helwink, Mark Mueller, Cal Roesner, Steve Corcoran, Dick Burnett, Jose Palacios, Rudy Acevedo, Mo Pylinski, Aaron Pylinski
Guests Present: Kris Gray, Pat Burnett, Eve Palacios, Kelly Mueller, Rudy Pylinski
Total Members/
Guests: 12/5
Adjourned: 16:38

1. Call to order by Chairman Slavicek at 15:34
2. Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt At Arms Wheatley
3. Opening prayer by Service Officer Roesner
4. Officer roll call by Sec/Treasurer Gray/All present
5. Recognized new members and guests: Kris Gray, Pay Burnett, Eve Palacios, Kelly Mueller, Rudy Pylinski
6. Minutes from November meeting presented by Sec/Treas Gray. Motion to waive reading and approve minutes as written by Tom Carter, seconded by Loren Helwink. Motion passed.
7. Chapter Financial Report by Sec/Treas Gray: Income Feb. \$128.00, expenses for Feb. \$6.30 for a monthly increase of \$121.70. Ending cash balance as of 2/28/17 \$8,375.95. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Jose Palacios, seconded by Loren Helwink. Motion passed.
8. Challenge Coin Check: All members present had their coins!
9. Free Lunch Drawing: Won by Aaron and Mo Pylinski
10. Reading of Correspondence: None
11. Special Events and Projects
 - A) Fund Raiser; Kris Gray brought an example of embroidery on a polo shirt. Ideas by membership discussed. Possibility to offer members embroidered Chicago Chapter shirts. Requested that they be "made in America" shirts.

12. Committee Reports

- A) Service: Cal Roesner discussed thank you note from 82nd Museum for our donation. He reminded members that donations to the museum are a charitable contribution.
- B) Membership: Chairman Slavicek advised that he has submitted a request to National to delete old/expired members from our roster. He reported that member Jay Siler has moved to Arkansas and we had 2 members transfer out. One member transferred to the John Steele Chapter and the other to the Southern Wisconsin Chapter. Membership is now below 200.
- C) Airborne History: Our Historian Glenn Granat displayed WWII uniforms and poster. He gave a very informative history of the Parachutist Badge.

13. Unfinished Business

- A) Scholarship: Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Tom Carter, gave an overview of the scholarship program. Still have questions about funding and looking to begin next year.
- B) USO donation: Members discussed a donation of \$250.00 to the USO. Sec/Treasurer Gray will contact USO. Contact made with O'Hare director of USO, Lindsey Wadas. She said that donations could be mailed to: USO O'Hare, PO Box 66434, Chicago, IL 60666.

14. New Business:

- A) Honor Flight: Vice Chairman Granat reminded members of the upcoming DuPage Veterans Foundations 5th Annual Honor Flight Fundraiser on May 6, 2017 at the Calamos Hanger at the DuPage Airport.
- B) Ruck March: Glenn also reminded members of the Chicago Veterans Ruck March on Friday, May 26, 2017, starting in Glencoe. March is to raise as much awareness as possible of PTSD and Veteran suicide.
- C) Naperville Parade; Chicago Chapter will participate May 29, 2017. Parade will step off at 10:30. More information to follow.
- D) Special Forces Association Chapter 37 will hold their annual ball on April 8, 2017, at the Fountain Blue, Des Plaines, at 5:30 pm.
- E) Delegates: Another delegate is needed for All American Week. Colin Gray to be primary.

15. Other:

- A) All American Podcast: Aaron Pylinski reminded members of the podcast series exploring the 100-year history of the 82nd Airborne Division. Broadcast every Tuesday at 8:00 am.
- B) Chairman Slavicek mentioned that Illinois members might need their passport to enter Fort Bragg during All American Week. Later found that IL drivers license accepted.
- C) Chairman Slavicek reported attending Hilton Head Mini Convention. Attendance down.
- D) Pat Burnett advised that the May 7, 2017 meeting was set for Prairie Bluff CC.
- E) Members Dick Burnett, Glenn Granat, and Colin Gray along with their wives attended Veterans Appreciation night, at Lockport High School. Excellent time for all vets!

16. Birthdays and Recognitions

A) Members recognized for March birthdays included: John Milazzo, Jose Palacios, Carl Schuett, Jay Siler, and Don Strazer.

17. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Tom Carter. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 16:38 hrs.

Respectfully submitted: Colin Gray, Secretary/Treasurer