



82nd Airborne Division Association

Chicago Chapter



Minutes of May 2017 Meeting

Date: Sunday, 7 May, 2017

Location: Prairie Bluff CC (Lockport, IL)

Call to Order: 14:08

Officers Present: Chairman Slavicek , Vice Chairman Granat. Secretary/Treasurer Gray, Sgt at Arms Wheatley

Officers Absent: None

Members Present: Dick Burnett, Mark Mueller, Steve Corcoran, Cal Roesner, Loren Helwink

Guests Present: Pat Burnett, Kelly Mueller, Max and Donna Woods

Total Members/
Guests: 9/4

Adjourned: 15:05

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Slavicek at 14:08
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt at Arms Wheatley
- 3) Opening prayer by Service Officer Roesner
- 4) Officer roll call by Secretary/Treasurer Gray
- 5) Recognized new members and guests
- 6) Minutes from April meeting presented by Secretary/Treasurer Gray. Motion to waive reading and approve minutes as written by Loren Helwink, seconded by Cal Roesner. Motion passed.
- 7) Chapter Financial Report by Secretary/Treasurer Gray, Income Apr. \$21.00; expenses for Apr. \$22.00 for a monthly decrease of \$1.00. Ending cash balance as of 4/30/17 \$7,932.92. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Loren Helwink, seconded by Steve Corcoran. Motion passed.
- 8) Challenge Coin Check: \$5 donated to Chapter account!
- 9) Free Lunch Drawing: won by Vice Chairman Granat who transferred to new prospective member; Max Woods.
- 10) Reading of Correspondence: Chairman Slavicek reported that a National Directors election was upcoming and asked if any members were interested. Name must be submitted to Larry by July 1, 2017.
- 11) Special Events and Projects
 - a) Vice Chairman Granat reported that the May 7, Honor Flight Chicago, at DuPage Airport was well attended. The auction was very successful. Great display of military equipment. Honor flights open to WWII, Korea, and ill Vietnam Vets.

- b) Ruck March to raise awareness of Veteran suicide on May 26, 2017. Glencoe to Lincoln Park. Glenn Grant point of contact.
- c) May 29, Memorial Day Parade in Naperville. Staging will take place at Centennial Beach, 500 W. Jackson Ave, from 08:30-09:45. We will have donuts, coffee and bottled water during staging. The parade route will wind through scenic downtown Naperville in front of a large, patriotic public. Following the parade, we will attend the Memorial Day ceremony at Naperville's Central Park. Then, parade participants are invited back to Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 for a free luncheon (transportation included).
- d) July 4 parade in Niles. Saturday, July 4th in Niles, IL. Marshaling will take place from 08:15-08:45 in the parking lot of Notre Dame College Prep at 7655 W. Dempster Rd, Niles, IL. Parade step off is 09:00 sharp. For those interested, participants are invited to meet for breakfast at Kappy's American Grill prior to the parade -- about 07:15. The address is 7200 Dempster St, Morton Grove, IL 60053 -- approx. a half mile East of the marshaling area.
- e) Special Forces Air America Pilot presentation on June 14. Reservations by May 7th to Chuck Mount.

12) Committee Reports

- a) Service: Service Officer Roesner reported receiving a thank you card and pictures from the daughter of Harry Hewitt, a WWII 82nd Veteran (Airborne Farewell by Cal and Colin).
- b) History: Vice Chairman Granat gave an interesting presentation of how coconuts were used to send greetings from overseas to loved ones at home during WWII. Glenn put the 82nd patch on a coconut.
- c) Membership: Chairman Slavicek reported no new members in April, but has made contact with some prospective members. Larry found 4 members that had passed away. Cal to notify National.

13) Unfinished Business

- a) USO donation: Secretary Treasurer Gray reported that our Chapter has made a \$250.00 donation to the USO of Illinois. Thank you to member Steve Corcoran for making contact with Danielle McMillan of the USO of Illinois.
- b) AAW Delegate to National: Secretary/Treasurer Gray will be our AAW Delegate. If any member has a concern or suggestion for National, please email Larry or Colin.

New Business:

- a) Alternative Activity to Airborne Day: Chairman Slavicek asked if members had suggestions for an alternative fundraiser. Airborne Day has not been a successful fundraiser. Please email Larry with any suggestions.

14) Birthdays and Recognitions

- a) Dick and Pat Burnett celebrating their 55th Anniversary. Members present celebrating May birthdays: Larry Slavicek (66th) birthday on May 2 and Mark Mueller (48th) birthday on May 12.
- b) Presentation of a plaque for his contributions to the Chicago Chapter to Sgt. At Arms Ron Wheatley, as he and Juanita will be relocating to Las Vegas. Cake enjoyed by members.

15) Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Loren Helwink at 15:05. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Colin Gray, Secretary/Treasurer