



82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association  
Chicago Chapter



**Minutes of Feb 2017 Meeting**

Date: Sunday, 12 February, 2017  
Location: The Ram (Rosemont, IL)  
Call to Order: 14:06  
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, Tom Carter, Stan Gryga, Dick Burnett,  
Guests Present: Don Estrada, Kris Gray, Diane Carter, Pat Burnett  
Total Members/  
Guests: 10/4  
Adjourned: 15:13

1. Call to order by Chairman Slavicek at 14:06
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: Don Estrada (Prospective member), Kris Gray, Diane Carter, Pat Burnett
6. Minutes from January 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 Jan. \$334.00, expenses for Jan. \$421.65 for a monthly decrease of \$87.65. Ending cash balance as of 1/31/17 \$8,254.25. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Tom Carter, seconded by Loren Helwink. Motion passed.
8. Challenge Coin Check: \$1.00 donated to Chapter fund!
9. Free Lunch Drawing: Won by Colin Gray. Donated back to Chapter.
10. Reading of Correspondence: Chairman Slavicek reminded members of All American Week, May 22-25. Make reservations ASAP. Primary delegate will be Sec/Treas Gray. Do we want to make up a basket from Chicago Chapter for auction? IRS 501 (C) (3) is progressing through National.
11. Special Events and Projects
  - A) 2017 Calendar: Mark Mueller reported there will be no 2017 calendar.

## 12. Committee Reports

- A) Service: Cal Roesner reported receiving a thank you letter from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Historical Society thanking us for our \$82.00 donation. Monies used to update the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division War Memorial Museum.
- B) Airborne History: Historian Glenn Granat shared the history of the 250' towers at Ft. Benning, GA.
- C) Membership: Chairman Slavicek presented Sec/Treas Gray with his All American Membership card and certificate. He also reported that members Alan Bold and Bernie Janecki had renewed their Annual memberships. Chairman Slavicek is also sending out emails to members that are on Nationals list, but not our Chapter member list.

## 12. Unfinished Business

- A) Scholarships: Chairman Slavicek lead a discussion on how to proceed with our chapter funding an annual scholarship for a ROTC airborne qualified cadet. Member Tom Carter will chair a committee with the help of Sec/Treas Gray to come up with a proposal.
- B) USO donation: Tabled until next meeting

## 13. New Business:

- A) DuPage Veterans Foundation: Vice Chairman Granat reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Honor Flight Fundraiser will be at the DuPage Airport on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- B) Chicago Veterans Ruck March: Vice Chairman Granat reported that the 2017 Ruck March to raise awareness of Veteran suicide will be on Fri., May 26 beginning in Glencoe, IL at 8:00 AM.
- C) Mark Mueller presented to the Chapter a 1945, WWII picture of Joseph P. Schwanz. Joe was Chicago Chapter Chairman in 1952.

## 14. Birthdays and Recognitions

- A) Members recognized for February birthdays included Leroy Almanza, John Biggs, Rodney Brown, Barbara Christie, Gary Cole, Benito Garcia, John Hughes, Francis Januszewski, Norbert Klaucens, and David Winfield.

- 15. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Tom Carter. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 15:13 hrs.

Respectfully submitted: Colin Gray, Secretary/Treasurer