



### Minutes of November 2017 Meeting

Date: Sunday, 12 November, 2017  
Location: The Ram (Rosemont, IL)  
Call to Order: 14:03  
Officers Present: Chairman Slavicek, Vice Chairman Granat, Sec/Treas Gray  
Officers Absent: None  
Members Present: Loren Helwink, Mark Mueller, Cal Roesner, Tom Carter, Dick Burnett, Don Strazer, Stan Gryga, Matt Wojtaszek.  
Guests Present: Kris Gray, Pat Burnett, Kelly Mueller, Burdee Horner, Marilyn Kospalski, Marge and Hank Mazik.  
Total Members/  
Guests: 11/7  
Adjourned: 15:11

1. Call to order by Chairman Slavicek at 14:03
2. Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chairman Granat
3. Opening prayer by Service Officer Roesner
4. Officer roll call by Sec/Treas Gray/All present
5. Recognized new members and guests.
6. Minutes from October by Vice Chairman Granat tabled till next general meeting.
7. Chapter Financial Report by Sec/Treas Gray: Income October \$1,005.00, expenses for October \$5.00 for a monthly increase of \$1,000.00. Ending cash balance as of 10/31/17 \$7,804.32. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Tom Carter, seconded by Mark Mueller. Motion passed.
8. Challenge Coin Check: \$2.00 donated to treasury.
9. Free Lunch Drawing: Won by Mark Mueller.
10. Reading of Correspondence: Chairman Slavicek reported that applications for All American Week and 2018 Convention are online. Early reservations suggested.
11. Special Events and Projects
  - A) 2018 Calendar Update: Mark Mueller said calendars will be ready by next weekend. Cost \$15.00. Available by mail or at Christmas party.
12. Committee Reports
  - A) Service: Cal Roesner: No report

13. New Business:

- A) 2018 Officer Elections: 10 ballots were cast with the following results: Chairman and Treasurer-Larry Slavicek; Vice Chairman and Sgt. At Arms-Glenn Granat; and Secretary- Mark Mueller.
  
- B) Direction of Chapter: Chairman Slavicek led a discussion on ways to appeal to more members to participate in Chapter activities. We need to increase value in the Chapter. Ideas discussed included: limiting business meeting to no more than 1 hour; restart bimonthly newsletter about upcoming events and recognizing a Veteran of the month; to make events/meetings more family friendly; plan activities to get to know members better such as picnics, golfing, fishing, etc.; bring Airborne Days back; spaghetti dinner, Vice Chairman Grant discussed who we are: Veterans are people who have done things we normally see in movies. He would like to bring more historical items for history report. Glenn will bring a business plan back to the membership.
  
- C) Christmas Party: We are set for our Christmas Luncheon at The Ram on December 10, 2017. Please RSVP to one of the Officers by November 25, 2017. Any members with items for raffle would be appreciated. Will have a 50/50 raffle.

14. Birthdays and Recognitions

- A) Members recognized for November birthdays. Members present Glenn Granat and Colin Gray. Stan Gryga recognized for turning 95 on Aug. 23 😊
  
- B) Veterans Day toast by Sec/Treas Gray

15. Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Tom Carter. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 15:11 hrs.

Respectfully submitted: Colin Gray, Secretary/Treasurer