



# 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association

## Chicago Chapter



### Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 10 March 2019

Location: The Ram Restaurant & Brewery (Rosemont, IL)

Officers Present: Chairman Mark Mueller, Vice Chairman Glenn Granat

Officers Absent: n/a

Members Present: Rich Fuller, Dick Burnett, Don Strazer, Larry Slavicek, Loren Helwink, Stan Gryga, Cal Roesner, Steve Corcoran, Rudy Acevedo

Guests Present: Kelly Mueller (wife of Mark M.), Pat Burnett (wife of Dick B.), Marilyn Kospalski (daughter of Stan G.)

Total Members/Guests: 11/3 (14)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 14:12.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance and Airborne Creed.
- 3) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller.
- 4) Chairman Mueller recognized new members and guests
- 5) Minutes from last meeting (February 2019) presented by Chairman Mueller. Motion by Helwink to accept, second by Gryga. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Chapter Financial Report prepared by Hank Mazik and presented by Chairman Mueller. Motion by Strazer to accept, second by Slavicek. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Challenge Coin Check: \$1 donated this month.
- 8) Correspondence
  - a) National Bulletin highlights
- 9) Committee Reports
  - a) Service (Chairman):
  - b) Membership (Chairman)
  - c) Airborne History (Historian) – WPA Sledgehammer and Brookfield Zoo pennant from opening.
- 10) Special Events and Projects
  - a) 2019 Airborne Scholarship (Mueller): Received three qualified cadet candidates from the ROTC Rambler Battalion. We vetted them as a group and selected Cadet Luke Jokerst at our 2019 Scholarship recipient. Chairman Mueller will arrange to present the award to CDT Jokerst.
  - b) Quarterly 50/50 Raffle: Rich Fuller was the Q1 raffle winner!
  - c) Chicago Veterans Ruck March 2019 – Friday 24 May: Chapter will field ruck team and approved up to \$100 budget for t-shirts and entry fees. Granat working on t-shirt design. Chapter needs to offer transportation from finish back to start.
  - d) Rockin For The Troops event is apparently cancelled this year.

11) Unfinished Business

- a) Update on various donations approved at January meeting (Mueller)
- b) New LGOP's: Fishing up first. Jim Thomsen going to look into paintball.
- c) All-American Week: Slavicek shared that the event will be special this year. Highly recommends reserving hotel rooms ASAP due to high demand.

12) New Business

- a) Gryga: National contacted him about both Convention and Normandy recognitions.
- b) Roesner: Shared info about the availability of special cruises themed to Normandy.
- c) Granat: In contact with musician and 101<sup>st</sup> vet Kemo Williams about a veterans art project aimed at helping PTSD.
- d) Roesner: Share info about VA veteran ID cards that offer discounts. Apply at VA.gov.
- e) Carter: The U.S. Infantry Museum at Fort Benning is fundraising \$500K for a new building. All donations encouraged and welcomed.

13) Birthdays and Recognitions:

- a) Happy Birthday wishes to Jose Palacios 70 on 3/10, Donald Strazer 90 on 3/14, Carl Schuett 64 on 3/17, and John Milazzo 75 on 3/18.
- b) Steve Corcoran is getting married on 13 April!

14) Remembering our Departed – Recognition and moment of silence (Chairman)

15) Free Lunch Drawing: Steve Corcoran was this month's winner!

16) Door Prize: Rich Fuller won a .50cal bullet donated by Vice Chairman Granat.

17) Motion to adjourn made by Helwink at 16:05.

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller

Chairman