



82nd Airborne Division Association

Chicago Chapter



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 08 March 2020
Location: Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery (Warrenville, IL)
Officers Present: Chairman Mark Mueller, Vice Chairman Glenn Granat
Officers Absent: n/a
Members Present: Ralph Petersen, Thomas Carter, Cal Roesner, Dick Burnett, Don Strazer
Guests Present: Doris Lovern (Prospect), Pat Burnett (wife of Dick), Kelly Mueller (wife of Mark)
Total Members/Guests: 7/3 (10)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 14:03.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller - all present!
- 4) Recognize guests, including Pat and Kelly, plus the return of prospect Doris Lovern.
- 5) Meeting minutes from Feb 2020 meeting: 1st Motion: T. Carter, 2nd by C. Roesner - Approved.
- 6) Financial report prepared by Hank Mazik, presented by Chairman Mueller. 1st Motion: T. Carter, 2nd by D. Burnett - Approved.
- 7) Challenge Coin Check; all good, AATW!
- 8) Correspondence
 - a) Chapter March newsletter published – thanks to Vice Chairman Granat!
 - b) Shared updates from National newsletter for March 2020.
- 9) Committee Reports
 - a) Service (Chairman):
 - i) Ailing: Ralph Petersen getting better, Norbert Klaucens still recovering, Barney Janecki
 - ii) Stan Gryga: Heard from daughter Marilyn that Stan fell and has been recovering in a Rehab facility.
 - iii) Recognized the passing of Chicago Chapter AAM Bill Lueder 07 Mar 2020 at age 83.
 - iv) Recognized the passing of former Assn PP, Chicago Chapter Chairman and WWII veteran Joseph Schwan at age 96.
 - b) Membership (Chairman): Scubbed DB from National roster. 202 members reported.
 - c) Airborne History (Historian): Jump Boots! Glenn brought in his awesome collection of WWII boots!
- 10) Special Events and Projects
 - a) 2020 Airborne Scholarship: Chairman Mueller sent packet to Rambler Battalion on 01 Mar. Expecting candidates for April meeting.
 - b) Chicago Veterans 2020 Ruck March: Planning to field a chapter-sponsored team with chapter t-shirts.
- 11) Unfinished Business
 - a) New LGOP's – Fishing is on for 13 June. Corcoran may coordinate a trap shooting event; more to follow.
 - b) Update on approved 2020 donations: Assn General Fund \$100 (Pending); Assn Holiday Troop Support \$200 (Pending); Assn Education Fund \$600 chapter (Pending) + \$200 Roesner donation (Received); 82nd Airborne Museum (Historical Society) \$200 (Pending); John Steele Chapter \$150 (Pending); Chapter 37 SFA \$100 chapter (Pending) + \$100 Ralph Petersen donation (received); 173rd Airborne Bde Assn \$100 (Pending); Chicago Chapter 2020 Airborne Scholarship \$1000 (Pending).

- c) New meeting locations: Our current hosts – Rock Bottom Warrenville and The Ram Rosemont – have proven to be unreliable, so looking for member input on potential new locations.

12) New Business

- a) Fund raising: Chairman Mueller expressed the need to emphasize fundraising this year and asks all members to share ideas for generating funds to keep our chapter strong. Financially, our chapter cash on hand has trended down the past few years, so we need to give this some attention. Merchandise has generally been a prominent source of revenue, led annually by the chapter wall calendar. Chairman Mueller is going to research new merchandise opportunities, including t-shirts, polos and coffee mugs – all traditionally popular items. Additionally, we plan to look to our membership for donations.
- b) International Pandemic: We recognized the rise of the COVID-19 virus, causing an international pandemic and its potential impact on activities over at least the next few months. Let's keep an eye on our older members and family.

13) Birthdays and Recognitions: Duly noted and recognized. Highlight Don Strazer's 91st BD on 15 Mar!

14) Free Lunch Drawing: Ralph Petersen was this month's winner - AATW!

15) Motion to adjourn at 14:45 by T. Carter. Hammered.

16) Airborne Trivia pushed to April due to attendance.

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller
Chairman