



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

## Chicago Chapter



### Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 13 September 2020  
Location: Online via Google Meet  
Officers Present: Chairman Mark Mueller, Vice Chairman Glenn Granat  
Officers Absent: n/a  
Members Present: Jersey Joe Scherer, Larry Slavicek, Thomas Carter, Colin Gray, Carl Schuett

Guests Present: Jill Scherer (wife of Jersey Joe)  
Total Members/Guests: 7/1 (8)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 15:42.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller.
- 4) Recognized Jill Scherer as a guest and an intro by Schuett (1-319 AFAR, 1973-77) attending his first meeting.
- 5) Meeting minutes from August 2020 meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Carter, 2nd by Slavicek - Approved.
- 6) Financial report prepared by Hank Mazik, presented by Chairman Mueller. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Carter, 2nd by Gray - Approved.
- 7) Challenge Coin Check; all present and accounted for.
- 8) Correspondence
  - a) Chapter September newsletter published – thanks to VC Granat!
  - b) Chairman Mueller shared some highlights including:
    - i) Highlights from the National September 2020 bulletin.
- 9) Committee Reports
  - a) Service (Chairman):
    - i) Stan Gryga had a fall recently and doing well in his rehab. Will be back at his assisted living facility in Chicago shortly.
  - b) Membership (Chairman):
    - i) Current chapter headcount is 190, which is net 0 from last month. Added a new annual member (Ronald Gensaw of Merrillville, IN, 2-508 PIR 1983-86). Lost AAM Jonathan Cassidy, who transferred to California. Membership Report was presented for file.
    - ii) Chairman Mueller has contacted all delinquent Annual members (8) and known prospects to push for membership and move towards our goal of 200. We removed Terry Donner (Annual, 2017) from our Renewal list due to personal reasons.
    - iii) Chairman Mueller continued mailing our monthly newsletter to a half dozen members who have requested it and do not have email.
  - c) Airborne History (Historian): features Operation Market Garden. Check out the September newsletter – posted on our website!
- 10) Special Events and Projects
  - a) Chicago Veterans 2020 Ruck March: Event has been postponed due to pandemic. No date yet published.
  - b) 2020 Chapter Holiday Party – Tentative with the pandemic, however we're hopeful. It would be held 13 December, likely at The Ram in Rosemont.

11) Unfinished Business

- a) COVID-19 Pandemic: Still ongoing, we're adjusting our calendars as we go.
- b) Update on approved 2020 donations: Assn General Fund \$100 (Complete); Assn Holiday Troop Support \$200 (Complete); Assn Education Fund \$600 chapter (Complete) + \$200 Roesner donation (Received); 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Museum (Historical Society) \$200 (Complete); John Steele Chapter \$150 (Complete); Chapter 37 SFA \$100 chapter (Complete) + \$100 Ralph Petersen donation (received); 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Bde Assn \$100 (Complete); Chicago Chapter 2020 Airborne Scholarship \$1000 (Complete).
- c) 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association Bourbon project. Custom batch and bottle produced by Boundary Oak Distillery in KY. Now available. See Assn website or contact Chairman Mueller for more info.
- d) Association Mailer – Many people receiving postcards and emails about sharing their service info. This is a legit project from the National office, similarly done in 2016. Sharing your info will include you in the Member Directory. You can also opt to purchase the hard cover book.
- e) 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. Vice Chairman Granat to begin looking for alternatives.
- f) Chapter Fund Raising. Chairman Mueller has solicited members to donate and build up our operating fund. We've received \$920 in member donations to so far and hoping to see additional contributions to help the chapter.

12) New Business

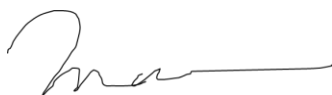
- a) Outreach to other Vets organizations: We are looking to create relationship with local veterans organizations for collaborations, recruitment, and such. First up will be Chicago Vets and more to follow on this new item.
- b) 2021 Exec Board Elections: The nomination process will begin at the Oct meeting and include email solicitations this time. Our goal, very importantly, is to grow our board from the current two officers to a full board of five. Elections will happen in November and the new 2021 board installed in December.

13) Birthdays and Recognitions: Duly noted and recognized.

14) Free Lunch Drawing: On hiatus until we meet in person once again.

15) Motion to adjourn at 16:41 by Carter. Hammered by Chair.

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller  
Chairman