



82nd Airborne Division Association

Chicago Chapter



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 11 October 2020
Location: Online via Google Meet
Officers Present: Chairman Mark Mueller
Officers Absent: Vice Chairman Glenn Granat
Members Present: Jersey Joe Scherer, Larry Slavicek, Thomas Carter, Carl Schuett, John Biggs

Guests Present: Jill Scherer (wife of Jersey Joe)
Total Members/Guests: 6/1 (7)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 15:45.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller.
- 4) Recognized Jill Scherer as a guest.
- 5) Meeting minutes from September 2020 meeting: 1st Motion: Slavicek, 2nd by Carter - Approved.
- 6) Financial report prepared by Hank Mazik, presented by Chairman Mueller. 1st Motion: Carter, 2nd by Schuett - Approved.
- 7) Challenge Coin Check; all present and accounted for.
- 8) Correspondence
 - a) Chapter October newsletter published – thanks to VC Granat!
 - b) Chairman Mueller shared some highlights including:
 - i) Highlights from the National October 2020 bulletin.
- 9) Committee Reports
 - a) Service (Chairman):
 - i) Donna Bold, wife of deceased AAM Alan Bold, recently passed away. No funeral due to pandemic.
 - b) Membership (Chairman):
 - i) Current chapter headcount is 190, which is net 0 from last month. One Annual member renewed, David Mueller of Palos Heights, IL. 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.
 - 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 Rhino. Check out the October newsletter posted on our website!
 - d) Merchandise: Chairman Mueller is working to introduce new chapter merchandise, starting with chapter-branded t-shirts. More info expected next month.
- 10) Special Events and Projects
 - a) Chicago Veterans 2020 Ruck March: This event is essentially cancelled and will be revisited in 2021.
 - b) 2020 Chapter Holiday Party – Given the circumstances with the pandemic, a vote passed to forego an in-person Holiday party this year. We will plan to host an event online and follow a modified agenda. More to follow on this at the Nov meeting.

11) Unfinished Business

- a) COVID-19 Pandemic: Still ongoing, we're adjusting our calendars as we go.
- b) 82nd 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.
- c) 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.
- d) New meeting locations: Our current hosts – Rock Bottom Warrentonville and The Ram Rosemont – have proven to be unreliable, so looking for member input on potential new locations. We will continue looking for alternatives when the need arises.
- e) Chapter Fund Raising. We recently received a \$1,000 donation from AAM John Hughes, bringing our 2020 donation total to \$1,920. We continue to solicit additional contributions to help the chapter.
- f) 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.

12) New Business

- a) 2021 Exec Board Elections: The nomination process was introduced. Chairman Mueller received a nomination for continuing as Chairman and Carl Schuett nominated himself for the role of Secretary. Within the next couple of days, Chairman Mueller will send an email to the membership soliciting nomination for all board roles. Vice Chairman Granatt will then contact all nominees to confirm their interest and then form up the ballot. 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.
- b) Recognizing our Finance Officer: Hank Mazik is a chapter Honorary Member and has been volunteering in the role for many years. The group voted to send Hank a \$100 gift card and Certificate of Appreciation annually, starting this year in December, as a measure to thank him for his service. Chairman Mueller to effect the recognition.

13) Birthdays and Recognitions: Duly noted and recognized.

14) Motion to adjourn at 16:55 by Carter. Hammered by Chair.

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller
Chairman