



82nd Airborne Division Association

Chicago Chapter



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 02 May 2021
Location: Online via Google Meet
Officers Present: Chairman Mark Mueller, Vice Chairman Glenn Granat, Secretary Carl Schuett
Officers Absent: None
Members Present: Jersey Joe Scherer, Larry Slavicek, Colin Gray, Barney Janecki, John Biggs, Jim Howell
Guests Present: N/a
Total Members/Guests: 9/0 (9)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 14:02.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller.
- 4) No guests to recognize.
- 5) Meeting minutes presented. 1st Motion to accept: Schuett; 2nd Motion: Slavicek. Approved and filed.
- 6) Financial report prepared and presented by Chairman Mueller. 1st Motion: Gray, 2nd by Janecki – Approved and filed.
- 7) Challenge Coin Check; all present and accounted for.
- 8) Correspondence
 - a) Highlights from the National April 2021 bulletin.
 - i) All American Week at Ft. Bragg has been rescheduled to September. More info with published.
 - ii) The National Convention (11-15 Aug in Houston) are a GO. Highly recommend registering ASAP if you plan to attend. See Assn website for all the details and to register.
 - iii) If any active member in good standing is interested in running for the role of National Director, please let Chairman Mueller know ASAP so we can draft your packet.
 - b) Mission BBQ is offering a free lunch to veterans on Armed Forces Day, 15 May.
- 9) Committee Reports
 - a) Service (Chairman):
 - i) We're keeping our ailing members in our thoughts and prayers.
 - ii) Chicago Chapter member John Biggs had back surgery earlier this year and is recovering well. He spent 28 years in the Army, with three of those years in the 82nd Airborne Division.
 - iii) Chicago Chapter member Pete Van Dingstee is currently hospitalized in Florida with heart issues. He's scheduled for cardiac surgery in a few weeks.
 - b) Membership (Chairman):
 - i) Current chapter headcount is 191, which is net even from last month.
 - ii) Julius (Jay) Siler renewed for 2021. AATW!
 - c) Airborne History (Historian).
 - d) Merchandise: Merchandise net sales for April were \$83.87, bringing 2021 total to \$973.49.

10) Special Events and Projects

- a) Chicago Veterans 2020 Ruck March: Currently looking like the event is a GO at the end of May. Vice Chairman Grant is POC for this event and is planning to participate.
- b) Memorial Day Parade: Vice Chairman Granat is POC for the event. It looks like the event will be a GO, however much this year due to COVID. Chapter not able to march as a unit, rather all veterans will march together.
- c) LGOP -- Fishing: Vice Chairman Granat is planning another fishing excursion for 05 June at a new location: Joe's Pond. There will be food, drink, and games also involved in this family-friendly event. More info to be announced shortly.
- d) Chapter Picnic: We've started discussions and hope to host an event in Q3, likely in September, assuming continued progress regarding the pandemic.
- e) 2021 Chapter Holiday Party – The goal is to host an in-person event in December.

11) Unfinished Business

- a) COVID-19 Pandemic: Still ongoing, we're adjusting our calendars as we go.
- b) New meeting locations: Tabled until we are planning a return to in-person meetings, possibly June.
- c) 2021 Chapter Donations: Approved disbursements are still pending.
- d) LGOP/Beer: Chairman Mueller is aiming to host socials open to all members/families/friends as bars open back up. More to follow on this, however shooting for an outing in Q2.
- e) COVID vaccinations still available free of charge to all veterans and their spouses at Hines VA Hospital.

12) New Business

- a) Chairman Mueller will serve as our chapter delegate to the early Delegates Meeting planned for 24 May via Zoom meeting.

13) Birthdays and Recognitions: Duly noted and recognized.

14) We toasted our departed Airborne comrades and will keep them in our thoughts.

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

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller
Chairman