



82nd Airborne Division Association

Chicago Chapter



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, 14 August 2022

Location: Rock Bottom (Warrenville, IL) and Online via Google Meet

Officers Present: Chairman/Treasurer Mark Mueller, Secretary Carl Schuett (Online)

Officers Absent: Vice Chairman Rene Hernandez, SGT At Arms Glenn Granat

Members Present (RB): Rich Fuller, Steve Corcoran, Mario Nunez, Don Strazer, Ralph Petersen

Members Present (Online): Colin Gray

Guests Present: Kelly Mueller (wife of Mark M.), Burdie Horner (friend of Don S.)

Total Members/Guests: 10 (8/2)

- 1) Call to order by Chairman Mueller at 14:00
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Officer roll call by Chairman Mueller.
- 4) Recognized new members and guests.
- 5) Meeting minutes presented. 1st Motion to accept: Petersen; 2nd Motion: Nunez. Approved and filed.
- 6) Financial report presented. 1st Motion to accept: Nunez; 2nd Motion: Fuller. Approved and filed.
- 7) Challenge Coin Check; all present and accounted for.
- 8) Free Lunch Drawing: Don Strazer
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) No new bulletin from National
 - b) Chairman Mueller reminded all that applications for the 82nd Airborne Assn Education Grants are due to National NLT 15 Oct 22.
 - c) The newly flagged 11th Airborne Division participated in a trilater airborne operation as part of Super Garuda Shield 2022 in the Pacific.
- 10) Committee Reports
 - a) Airborne History: Fort Bragg, NC (Granat)
 - b) Service (Chairman): No chapter deceased this past month. AATW!
 - c) Membership (Chairman): Current chapter headcount at 192, comprised of 178 AAM's, 13 Annuals and 1 Chapter Honorary member. Barney Janecki renewed his Annual Membership this past month. New members include: Frederick "Fritz" Cripe of Franklin Park, IL, and Tom Milone of Crystal Lake, IL.
 - d) Merchandise: We had merchandise sales of \$218 in July 2022. YTD total to \$802.23.
- 11) Special Events and Projects
 - a) PTSD Support (POC Hernandez) – VC Hernandez posting new content on our chapter website He is available to anyone who needs some help.

- b) All American Week (23-26 May) – Event at Fort Bragg is officially postponed to September 2022 due to deployments.
 - c) Chapter Picnic (11 Sep) – Location still TBD.
 - d) Mississippi River Dinner Cruise (01 Oct) with Chap 37, SFA: POC is Steve Corcoran.
 - e) Holiday Party (11 Dec) - No update.
- 12) Unfinished Business
- a) 2022 Donations – No disbursements as yet.
 - b) Chicago Chapter’s Larry Slavicek was elected as National Director and then selected as National Vice President for 2023 at the National Convention held in Orlando last week. Our chapter Delegates to the Convention are Slavicek and Hernandez.
 - c) AAW Delegates: Mark Mueller and Rene Hernandez were designated at the April meeting as our chapter delegates to the 2022 AAW Delegate Meeting coming up next month (Sept).
 - d) Chapter 37 SFA hosted its annual picnic on 07 Aug at Busse Woods in Schaumburg.
 - e) National President Steve Copening visited Chicago over 21-25 July and met up with some Chicago Chapter members at Old Crow Wrigleyville. He expressed his appreciation for the visit and great time.
 - f) Our chapter hosted a farewell for Brittany McNaughton on 30 July at Rock Bottom in Warrenville, IL, at 18:00. She is headed to Fort Lee, VA to continue her military career. Everyone had a terrific time.
 - g) Pritzker Military Library is hosting their 2022 Liberty Gala on 05 Nov at the Hilton Chicago Hotel. This year’s recipients of their prestigious Citizen Soldier Award include two 82nd Airborne Veterans: GEN(R) Ann Dunwoody and COL(R) Jack Jacobs. Chairman Mueller would like to bring a contingent of interested Chicago Chapter members to attend the Gala and recognize the recipients. More to follow.
- 13) New Business
- a) Pars for Paratroopers, a charity golf outing, is being planned for October. It will be hosted at Boulder Ridge CC in Lake In The Hills, IL. Chicago Chapter member Tom Milone is also a Boulder Ridge member and is coordinating this event that will benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton, IL.
 - b) Schuett brought up the future renaming of Fort Bragg to Fort Liberty, assume for January 2024.
 - c) Burdie mentioned learning about a terrific effort called “Take a Vet Fishing” to benefit veterans with PTSD.
 - d) Strazer and Burdie shared their visit recently to Milton House in Milton, WI. This was previously part of the historic Underground Railroad, and they are building an extension of the Pritzker Library.
 - e) Strazer shared the story of how the 11th Airborne Division got its nickname “Angels”.
 - f) Corcoran shared an invitation to their annual Mississippi River cruise outing to be held 01 Oct. Chairman Mueller to post on FB group. Interested members should contact Steve C.
- 14) Birthdays and Recognitions: Recognized all July birthdays.
- 15) We toasted our departed Airborne comrades and will keep them in our thoughts.
- 16) Motion to adjourn by Granat at 14:53. Hammered by Chair.

Airborne, All The Way!



Mark Mueller
Chairman