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May 2010

Commander Glancey called the meeting to order @ 1903. Pledge of Allegiance was said and a Moment of Silence was observed for our troops. Members present: Ray Hamilton, Carol Near, Rich Glancey, Gunter Terronez, Pete Sierra, Simon Sierra, Andy Ortiz, Bob Segura, Roland Rasso, Tomas Soliz, Carlos Cervantes, Roseann Cervantes-Alejo, Robert Cervantes, Jerry Goodwin, Charlie Thompson, Elroy Thomas, Fuzzy Ramos, Pep Sandoval, Gilbert GG Sierra Sr, Bill Albracht, Rick Cervantes, Paul "Frenchy" Eaves, Paul Sierra, David Jimenez, Bob Early, Gil Terronez, Luis Puentes. Guest: Al "Butch" Huber
(Commander's Note: Thanks to all who came to the meeting it is great to see so many members!)

Secretary Report

Everyone was asked if they received the April newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes as printed=Pete Sierra-2nd Pep Sandoval=Passed-Yes

Treasurer's Report

Simon Sierra gave report.

Motion to accept=Bill Albracht-2nd Paul Eaves=Passed-Yes

Honor Guard Report/Update

H.G. Captain Gunter Terronez gave report that Springfield was a great event and thanked all members who participated. He also informed Honor Guard members of Memorial Day events.

Hero Street Ceremony is Saturday May 29th, be there at 10am.

9th Street Commons is Monday May 31st, be there at 12pm.

Any questions or concerns please call H.G. Captain Gunter Terronez.

Attention Honor Guard members= 25th Anniversary Shirts are available to you for half price.

Please contact Commander Rich Glancey to place an order.

Old Business

MAVA's Taco Dinner on Friday May 7th made \$484.00 and the Cattleman's Raffle made \$1542.00. Winners are: 1st Place DJ Sedlock-sold by Bob Early 2nd Place Tomas Soliz sold by Simon Sierra and 3rd Place Maria Rodriguez sold by Mercy Terronez.

A big thank you to all who helped to make this a successful fund raising event!

New Business

- Andy Ortiz announced that this quarter MAVA received \$3000.00 from Bingo! He thanked all who have helped by coming to work Bingo once a month. MAVA's next Bingo night is this Sunday May 9th. (Editor's comment=The following members worked on May 9th= Todd Harlow, Clayton Peterson, Bob Segura, Charlie Thompson, Jerry Goodwin, Freda Goodwin, Andy Ortiz, Simon Sierra, Carol Near, Dennis Laird, and GG Sierra. Thank you for your help)
- Andy Ortiz has asked members to please return the ATV raffle tickets, sold and unsold. He needs them to sell at an upcoming event, please contact Andy Ortiz or one of the officers as soon as possible to arrange pickup of the tickets and/or the money!
- Andy Ortiz again asked for veterans to PLEASE bring in a picture of yourself while in the military. Andy's sister is going to make a collage. This collage of pictures is going to be on display at MAVA's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Please get photos to Andy or one of MAVA officers.
- Pete Sierra presented info on the summer program at Moline Boys and Girls Club. The cost per child is \$20.00.

Motion to sponsor 5 children/\$100.00=Pete Sierra-2nd Bill Albracht=Passed-Yes

Good of the Community

- GG Sierra announced that Lulac will be having a Rededication of the Scott County Military Memorial on May 23 @ 3pm. State Rep. Bruce Braley will be presenting 2 flags from Washington DC. There will be a pot-luck meal served.
- Simon Sierra asked MAVA to donate to Los Amigos of Garfield Park.
Motion to donate \$100.00=Pep Sandoval-2nd Paul Sierra=Passed-Yes
- Al "Butch" Huber announced that VVA Illinois State Council will be having a Golf Outing on June 18th; he invited all members to come play. Time is tentatively for 1:30pm and place to be announced. Call any MAVA officer for details. There will be a hospitality room at the Moline Radisson after the golf outing. VVA IL State Council will be hosting the quarterly state meeting on Saturday June 19 at 10 am all are welcome to come. Butch also invited everyone to Carlyle for the September State meeting, September 24, 25 and 26th. Golf outing again at Governors Run on Friday September 24th at 1:30

25th Anniversary Celebration

- Commander Glancey and Treasurer Sierra updated members on the progress of the plans for MAVA's 25th on August 28th. The site has been secured: Quad City Downs. Time will be 2pm to 11pm. There will be 2 food vendors El Mariachi and Pac Man Pizza. Beer and soda will be sold by the Quad City Downs. The East Moline Police will be on hand for security. Illini Ambulance will be on site to handle any medical issues. Ceremony, speakers and presentations 5pm to 7pm. Dave Navarro will be the DJ from 2pm to 5pm and Los Macombos will be playing from 7pm to 11pm. All paid up MAVA

members will get in free and be given a food voucher to get a meal of their choice from one of the two vendors. Each member will be given a pass/ID that can be worn around the neck like work ID's nurses and Federal workers wear. Non-members admission will be \$2.00. Everyone will need to bring a lawn chair (and maybe a little folding table too)! More details to follow but remember to keep the date open to join us!

- Attention All Members= Do you have any old photos, programs, or memorabilia of MAVA from the past 25 years? Please share with us for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Contact any officer.

2010 Membership Update

New Members this month: Freda Goodwin, Ginny Shelton, Luis Puentes, Fran Duran, Ranulfo Villalobos, Dhakal Raju, Elroy Thomas, Dennis Laird, Fred Hernandez, and Ann Eaves.

Welcome to MAVA!

Pot of Gold Winner

Rocky Rasso

NEXT MEETING:

June 3rd @ VFW 8890

Bingo Business

Next MAVA Bingo is June 6

Info from Gold Star Wives Talklist

VA Accepting Scholarships Applications For Children Of Fallen Troops. In continuing coverage, the [AP](#) (5/7) reports the US Department of Veterans Affairs is "accepting applications for a scholarship that can pay for college for the children of fallen troops" who "died in the line of duty since Sept. 11, 2001." After noting that the "scholarship is named" for John D. Fry, a "28-year-old Marine from Texas who was killed in Iraq in 2006," the AP adds, "VA began accepting scholarship applications May 1" and "will start paying benefits by Aug. 1."

Families Would Prefer Shorter Distance To Veterans Nursing Homes. The [Louisville Courier-Journal](#) (5/10, Ungar, 193K) reports "To accommodate the growing number of aging vets in Kentucky, particularly those from around Louisville, state officials are planning to build a fourth veterans' nursing home." However, David Worley, executive director of the Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers, "said he gets daily complaints from families who must travel long distances to visit loved ones in the state veterans' homes." Additionally, "waits for care are a common problem for veterans, and experts only expect demand to grow as the veteran population ages and more soldiers come home gravely injured from Iraq and Afghanistan."

Purple Heart Medals Given To POWs' Relatives. [Nashua \(NH\) Telegraph](#) (4/11, McKeon) "Saturday at the state Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen," the "relatives of more than a dozen" prisoners of war POWs "who died in World War II and the Korean war were presented with Purple Heart medals." The Telegraph added, "For decades, the language of the law defining who qualified for a Purple Heart created confusion on the eligibility" of POWs. In 1996, however, Congress clarified the law, "opening the door for POWs who were wounded or died in captivity."

Schwarzenegger Celebrates "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." [Humboldt Beacon](#) (4/10, 4K), California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently "celebrated what will become an annual 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day,' at the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial, in Capitol Park, Sacramento." Roger Brautigan, secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, and himself a Vietnam veteran opened proceedings by officially welcoming home Vietnam veterans."

Vet, Wife Sentenced To Prison For Fake Paralysis Scheme. [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) (4/27, Patrick, 263K) The wife of Jeffrey Rush, an Army veteran "who faked paralysis to dodge deployment to Iraq," was "sentenced to two years in federal prison Monday." Amy L. Rush "helped her husband," who was "sentenced Friday to 6 1/2 years in prison," in his "scheme to fake his paralysis," which prosecutors said allowed the couple to receive \$107,857 in disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs

Review, Legislators Concerned About Hospital Plan For Wounded Troops. [USA Today](#) (4/27, Zoroya, 2.11M), "The Pentagon effort to consolidate two premier hospitals for treating wounded troops has more than doubled in price and is so rudderless that an independent review and a bipartisan group of legislators say the care could suffer. The cost of closing Walter Reed Army Medical Center, replacing it with a larger complex at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and building a hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va., has risen from \$1 billion to \$2.6 billion, Pentagon records show." After noting that a "Pentagon report released Monday" said a key problem is that no one person is in charge, USA Today points out that Charles Rice, the acting assistant secretary of Defense for health affairs, "said the Pentagon is giving broader operational control over the project to its current commander, Navy Vice Adm. John Mateczun."

Next Article Very important to All Veterans Not Already in VA System



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VA Updates Online Application for Health Benefits

WASHINGTON - Veterans will find it easier and faster to apply for their health care benefits now that the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its online Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits."

"VA is committed to tapping into the best that technology has to offer to ensure Veterans receive the benefits they have earned," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "We continue to look for new ways to improve access to care and benefits."

This revised online application provides enhanced navigation features that make it easier and faster for Veterans to apply for their health care benefits. This new version also allows Veterans to save a copy of the completed form for their personal records.

The most significant enhancement allows Veterans to save their application to their local desktop and return to the application at any time without having to start over. Previously, Veterans had to complete the form in a single session.

This updated online form, along with the revised VA Form 10-10EZ, reduces the collection of information from Veterans by eliminating some questions.

In addition, there are minor changes to simplify the wording of questions and provide clarity in the instructions. Further enhancements to the online application are expected to be delivered in increments throughout 2010.

Veterans may complete or download the 10-10EZ form at the VA health eligibility website at <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez>. Veterans may also contact VA

at 1 (877) 222-8387 (VETS) or visit the VA health eligibility website at www.va.gov/healtheligibility.