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May 2011

Commander Terronez called meeting to order @ 1905. Pledge of Allegiance was said and a Moment of Silence was observed for our Troops. Members Present: Carol Near, Roseann Cervantes-Alejo, Dennis Johnson, Jerry Goodwin, Simon Sierra, Gunter Terronez, Rich Glancey, Robert Cervantes, Jim Whitten, Charlie Thompson, Paul Sierra, Andy Ortiz, Bob Early, Gil Terronez, Pep Sandoval.

Secretary Report

Everyone was asked if they had received the newsletter, either by e-mail or U.S. Mail.

Motion to accept minutes=Jerry Goodwin-2nd-Dennis Johnson=Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

Simon Sierra gave treasurer's report. Simon explained the importance that we need to be prudent about our giving out money. Although we get money quarterly from bingo we cannot continue to give at the rate we are. We need to focus on mainly giving to veteran's and veteran issues.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report=Jim Whitten-2nd-Bob Early=Motion Passed

Old Business

No old business this month.

New Business

- Roseann Cervantes-Alejo asked if MAVA would present Colors @the Arsenal on May 22nd for Armed Forces Day. Gunter Terronez will follow up. Roseann also asked MAVA to present Colors on September 10 @ VIVA Quad Cities.
- Roseann asked for donation to help "kids in need" for the summer program @ the Aldridge Early Learning Center.

Motion to donate \$100.00=Simon Sierra-2nd- Paul Sierra=Motion Passed

- Bob Cervantes asked MAVA to present Colors on May 28 on Hero Street. He also asked if MAVA would present Colors on October 28th on Hero Street for Hero

Street's 40th year Anniversary and on November 11th for Veteran's Day also on Hero Street.

- Bob Cervantes also reported that he met with Congressman Bobby Schilling and was updated on the progress of getting Hero Street a National Recognition. A MAVA representative had also previously met with Congressman Bobby Schilling and has forwarded 10 Hero Street DVD's and 2 copies of Mark Wilson's book "Hero Street", to be shared/shown to other Congressman on the committee.
- Charlie Thompson presented idea for new Bingo aprons. They will have the MAVA patch on them. Cost for 4 aprons is \$60.00.
Motion to have 4 aprons made=Charlie Thompson-2nd- Carol Near=Motion Passed
- Paul Sierra reminded everyone about the Welcome Home Reunion in Chicago June 17th through the 19th.
- Andy Ortiz asked when the annual Arsenal Family Days is. This year's date is July 21st. Discussion followed regarding the amount of meat that should be made for this year's taco sales. It was agreed that only three roasters would be prepared and we need to be more conscious of the portion of meat served on each taco to ensure a profit is made.
- Commander Gunter Terronez and Treasurer Simon Sierra met with David Hoover, owner of Hoover Manufacturing in LaSalle Peru, Ill earlier this month. Together they have designed a new Hero Street Pin. This new pin will be making its debut early fall and will hopefully available by Veteran's Day 2011.
- Andy Ortiz informed everyone of a Taco Dinner on Friday June 3rd 4pm to 7pm @ American Legion, Moline. There will be a 50's, 60's and 70's Dance following the Taco Dinner.
- Saturday June 4th is VVA Illinois State Council Quarterly meeting, 9am @ the American Legion, Moline. Everyone welcome to attend and meet other vets from around the state.
- Simon Sierra presented info on Flag protocol. This page was given to him by the National Cemetery and was also in our last newsletter. There have been a couple incidents of the flag being presented to the incorrect person. (A girlfriend instead of the wife or a child).

- Paul Sierra reported on a funeral where the flag was put on incorrectly. One member raised a complaint. (It is unfortunate that this does happen but it is the responsibility of the Cemetery Rep to take care of this.)
- Jerry Goodwin also reminded all Color Guard members to please leave the committal area quietly and please refrain from chit-chat until you are well away from the families.

Pot of Gold Winner

Charlie Thompson

NEXT MEETING:

June 2, 2011 @ VFW Post 8890, 7pm

Bingo Business

Please! Help is always needed for Bingo!

Next Bingo's=Thursday 5/19, Sunday 6/12 and Thursday 6/16

(Editor's Note: Simon and Carol along with Bob and Lynn Segura will be representing MAVA on Memorial Day in Angel Fire, New Mexico. Angel Fire is home to the only State Park in the US dedicated to the Vietnam Veteran. This Vietnam Veteran's Memorial was proclaimed "a memorial of national significance" by President Ronald Regan in November 1987.)

Community Event

Car and Bike Show @VFW Post 1303-3715 9th St, Rock Island, IL

Celebrating our 76th year of service to Veterans and Community

Saturday June 4th, 2011 2:00pm- 10:00pm

Come see the Street Rods; Customs & Motorcycles

FOOD_MUSIC_BEVERAGES

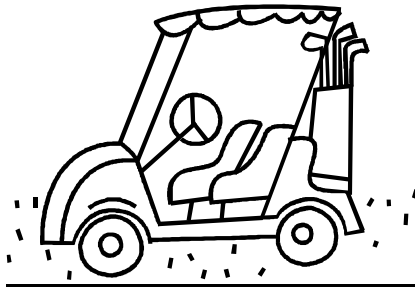
Music by Tangent

Fun for all ages

Ballroom Open All Day

Portion of donations & proceeds benefit

Fisher House Charities



Attention MAVA Golfers!

VVA Illinois State Council Annual Golf Outing

Where: Arsenal Golf Course

When: Friday June 3rd, 2011

Time: Show-up time 12:30pm - Tee time 1pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person- includes golf and cart

RSVP: Call Dean Dick 235-8852

or

Gunter Terronez 738-1249



Please Collared shirts only-no tee shirts or cutoffs