

# Mexican American Veterans Association

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## July 2011

Commander Terronez called the meeting to order @1909.

### Secretary Report

No newsletter was sent from June meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Simon Sierra gave financial report.

**Motion to accept report=Pep Sandoval-2<sup>nd</sup>-Larry Tschappat= Motion Passed**

### Guest Speakers

- Marcos Sandoval showed a video of his trip to Washington DC and his presentation of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Marcos and his family thanked MAVA for their support of this trip. His Dad explained that while he was up there he knew each of MAVA members were there with him. On his shirt sleeve he wore a Hero Street Patch to Honor the Hero Street Eight!
- Christine Kastell, Curator of History and Anthropology, of the Putnam Museum gave a presentation of a new upcoming exhibit at the Putnam. The exhibit will feature the Mexicans in the Quad Cities, their history and contributions to the community. The exhibit will run 9/24/11 through 3/2012.

Ms. Kastell is looking for articles to be put on display. Items requested are any artifacts from the Mexican Community, photos, newspaper articles and any military articles. (Any items would be on loan for the exhibit time and returned in March) If you have anything you would like to loan, please contact: Christine Kastell @ 563-324-1054 ext. 227.

### Old Business

- Paul Sierra gave a report on the Honor Guard trip to Chicago for a Memorial Service for a Marine who had died in March. At his funeral he was not given Military Honors. His sister and his mother wanted this for him. His sister contacted MAVA via the web-site and set it up with Gunter. Honor Guards members who made the trip that day were= Gunter Terronez, Paul Sierra, Simon Sierra, Andy Ortiz, Bob Segura, Fred Barks, Rocky Rasso, Pep Sandoval, and Charlie Thompson. The Mother was presented with a Flag, a block with 21 shells, and a Marine Corp jersey. Honor Guard members

were treated with the utmost respect and gratitude by all present. Paul explained it was quite a humbling experience and an emotional day.

### **New Business**

- Andy Ortiz reminded everyone the Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> is the Foresters Fishing Derby @ the Butterworth Pond. All children up to 16 years old are welcome. Food will be served afterwards at Butterworth Park.

**Motion to donate \$100.00=Fred Barks-2<sup>nd</sup>-Pep Sandoval=Motion Passed**

- Andy Ortiz attended Hispanic Navy Week breakfast @ Our Lady of Guadalupe and then Ceremony @ Hero Street. Andy reported it was very nice event
- Rich Glancey reported on the Tyler Ledesma Memorial Tournament on 7/4/11. There was a good turnout.
- LULAC Council #10 is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adolph Lopez Memorial Golf Outing on September 18<sup>th</sup> @ Hidden Hills Golf Course.

**Motion to sponsor a hole \$150.00=Simon Sierra- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Pep Sandoval=Motion Passed**

### **Color Guard**

Are you an Inactive Color Guard Member? Do you have Color Guard clothing and/or equipment that no longer fits or is not being used? If you answered **yes**, please return these items so another **active** member can use them. Please contact Gunter Terronez, Andy Ortiz, Simon Sierra or Carol Near and we will arrange for the items to be picked up.

### **Good of the Community**

Dennis Johnson presented info about the Honor Flight. Honor Flight is now going to be opened to Korean War Veterans. When they get through the Korean Vets it will then be opened to Vietnam Vets! Also noted if there is a Vietnam Vet that is "terminally" ill they will be moved up in priority. The application is here in the newsletter for you to apply. Companions are still welcome but must pay their own way, which is about \$600.00.

Thank you Dennis for bringing this information to our attention!

### **Bingo Business**

Don't forget to help @ Bingo on Sunday and Thursday. This event is a great source of income for MAVA! Air conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter! Our next Bingo Nights are Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>! Please join and help us!

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-VFW Post 8890**

**Pot of Gold Winner**

Dennis Johnson won the Pot of Gold this month and donated it back to the Chapter

**We have a Star Among us!**

