

# Mexican American Veterans Association

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## 2010 Officers

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## November 2010

Commander Rich Glancey called the meeting to order @ 1902, Pledge of Allegiance was said and a Moment of Silence was observed for our Troops and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Moment of Silence was observed for Member Sid Terronez and his family on the lose of their sister Josie.

Members present: Carol Near, Rich Glancey, Ray Hamilton, Bill Albracht, Gunter Terronez, Paul Sierra, Pep Sandoval, Gilbert GG Sierra, Rocky Rasso, Gil Terronez, Bob Early, Paul "Frenchy" Eaves, Andy Ortiz, and Charlie Thompson.

### Secretary Report

There was no newsletter sent out because October meeting was not conducted.

### Treasurer's Report

Carol Near gave Treasurer's report.

Motion to accept report= Pep Sandoval-2<sup>nd</sup>-GG Sierra= Motion Passed

(Treasurer Simon Sierra was excused from meeting as he was working MAVA's Thursday night Bingo.)

### Old Business

No old business to be addressed

### Color Guard

- Gunter Terronez thanked all Color Guard members for their attendance at the many funerals these past few weeks.
- Veterans Day will be very busy and a separate mailing has gone out to each Color Guard member.
- Simonize Car Wash on Blackhawk Road is giving ALL Veterans a FREE Basic Car Wash on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Just bring proof you are a Veteran.

### New Business

- Andy Ortiz thanked everyone who attended VVA Chapter 669 Taco Dinner.
- Andy Ortiz also presented the "Student Hunger Drive" statistics. More pounds were collected this year than in the past years. UTHS thanked MAVA for their donation.

- Andy Ortiz presented costs and contents of the "Holiday Baskets" to be purchased @ Silvis HyVee. For the Thanksgiving Baskets, he needs names of families in need by 11/13 for delivery on 11/20. For the Christmas Baskets he needs the names by 12/10 for delivery on 12/18. Names submitted do not need to be only Veterans, any family in need, but Veterans will get priority
- Discussion ensued about MAVA's Thursday night Bingo and the fact it has fallen on our meeting night the last two months. Suggestion was made to change our meeting night to accommodate this. The discussion was tabled to next month. (See Bingo scheduled at end of newsletter.)
- Gunter Terronez introduced two young men from the Visconi Boxing Club. This boxing club helps kids to keep off the streets. They are in need of boxing gloves and equipment.  
Motion to donate \$250.00= Paul Eaves-2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Near=Motion Passed  
(Ray Hamilton added he will donate a Universal Gym Unit he has and Bob Early will donate \$100.00. Thank you Ray and Bob!)
- GG Sierra requested a donation for LULAC's program to help women and children in need of coats and clothing for the holidays.  
Motion to donate \$100.00= Rocky Rasso-2<sup>nd</sup> Pep Sandoval

### *Good of the Community*

- Ray Hamilton announced that on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 5 pm the Milan American Legion will host a luncheon for military families and veterans in need.
- Ray Hamilton presented a new program called "Honor Express". A Committee has been formed and at this time program is in the very early stages of planning and funding. The idea is to take a train full of Vietnam Veterans to their memorial "The Wall" in DC. The premise would be to take Vietnam Vets who have not had a chance to see "The Wall". The priority of those chosen to make the trip would be "The Worst First". Those who are ill, disabled and cannot go on their own and those in financial need of help to go. Ray will keep us updated as more details become available.  
A suggestion was made that perhaps this trip could include Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Wives who have not been able to visit and see their son's or husband's name on "The Wall"
- Rich Glancey brought up the MAVA web site. Presently we are paying \$168.00 a year for the site. Rich and his company have been maintaining and updating it at no cost to MAVA. Keeping it up is very time consuming and they will need to begin charging for this service. The charge to MAVA would be \$30.00 a month. Some groups are paying up to \$1200.00 a year for maintenance and updating. Rich also explained he will not be running for an office in MAVA so there would be no conflict of interest.  
Motion to continue service at \$30 a month=Bill Albracht-2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Hamilton=Motion Passed

## 2011 Officers Nominations

Here are nominations for 2011 officers.

Commander- Gunter Terronez- Nominated by Carol Near

Vice Commander- Peter Sierra- Nominated by GG Sierra

(Peter was not present at meeting; he was called on Monday and has declined the nomination)

Treasurer- Simon Sierra- Nominated by Pep Sandoval

Secretary- Carol Near- Nominated by Bill Albracht

Nominations can still be made on the night of the election!

## Pot of Gold Winner

Charlie Thompson

## NEXT MEETING:

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ VFW Post 8890

All Members please be sure to attend this meeting! This is our election night!

## 2011 Membership Dues

It is that time again Members! Send in your 2011 dues! \$15.00, send to address at top of newsletter, bring to a meeting or mail to Carol and Simon.



**Chicago**  
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# WELCOME HOME 2011

*"Where Sacrifice and Courage Unite Generations of Veterans"*

**JUNE 17-19, 2011**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

All veterans, their families and all supporters of our Armed Forces are invited to this very special event on the  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the**  
**Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade**

**It will be a full weekend of events that includes:**

- 🇺🇸 Veterans Art and Photo Exhibit at the Chicago Cultural Arts Center.
- 🇺🇸 Presentation by Veteran authors.
- 🇺🇸 "Moving Wall" on display at Navy Pier.
- 🇺🇸 Saturday rally at Navy Pier including music and ceremony honoring current returning Armed Forces members.
- 🇺🇸 Saturday evening Banquet with Bill Kurtis as the Master of Ceremonies honoring all Veterans, our host the city of Chicago and a "Heroes Tribute" featuring several Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.
- 🇺🇸 Sunday morning invocation ceremony at the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Memorial featuring Reverend John Steer.
- 🇺🇸 Sunday afternoon of music at Millennium Park featuring Dennis DeYoung and the music of Styx, ARRA, Joe Cantafio and the 101<sup>st</sup> Rock Division, Kimotion, and more.

**FREE COMMEMORATIVE PIN**  
Visit [serviceandhonor.org](http://serviceandhonor.org) and reserve your room at The Palmer House by February 1, 2011 and receive your free Welcome Home 2011 Pin.

Welcome Home 2011 P.O. Box 2323 Chicago, IL 60664-2323

For more information or to register for this event visit our web site at [www.serviceandhonor.org](http://www.serviceandhonor.org)

**Bingo Business**

- Andy Ortiz would like to thank the following members for helping out on our Bingo nights this last month. Paul Sierra, Simon Sierra, Rudy "Fuzzy" Ramos, Fred Barks, Clayton Peterson, Butch Huber, Todd Harlow, Dennis, Laird, Jerry Goodwin and himself Andy!

**Attention All MAVA Members!**

**As you get your new 2011 calendars all set up, here are the MAVA Bingo dates so you can add them to your plans!**

| <b>Month &amp; Year</b> | <b>Sunday</b>                        | <b>Thursday</b>                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| December 2010           | 26 <sup>th</sup>                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| January 2011            | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                     | 27 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| February 2011           | 20 <sup>th</sup>                     | 24 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| March 2011              | 20 <sup>th</sup>                     | 24 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| April 2011              | 17 <sup>th</sup>                     | 21 <sup>st</sup>                       |
| May 2011                | 15 <sup>th</sup>                     | 19 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| June 2011               | 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | 16 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| July 2011               | 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | 14 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| August 2011             | 7 <sup>th</sup>                      | 11 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| September 2011          | 4 <sup>th</sup>                      | 8 <sup>th</sup>                        |
| October 2011            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> *                      |
| November 2011           | 27 <sup>th</sup>                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> *                      |
| December 2011           | 25 <sup>th</sup>                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> * and 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| January 2012            | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                     | 26 <sup>th</sup>                       |
| February 2011           | 19 <sup>th</sup>                     | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       |

**Please note= \* next to a date indicates a "First Thursday"!**