

DAV Orange Blossom Gardens #150  
E-BOARD MEETING  
4 March 2021

1. The meeting was held at City Fire in Lake Sumter Landing at 10:30 and opened with Invocation by Andy Vasaturo. The following E-Board members were present:

Dennis Storey	Commander
Jan Schmeichel	SR Vice Commander
Joseph (Joe) Thompson	JR Vice Commander
Larry Steven (Steve) Grzanich	Treasurer
Robert (Bobby) L. Wallace	3 Year Trustee
*Rhonda L. Storey	Adjutant
Robert (Bob) Kobac	Judge Advocate and Past Commander
Andrew (Andy) Vasaturo	Chaplain
Jack Johnson	1 Year Trustee

Excused: Michael Summers, 2 Year Trustee and Michael Watson, Assistant Web Master

Note: \*= Nonvoting member.

2. **Unfinished Business:**

a. **Status of the "part life" member's opportunity to become "full life" members Project.** – Jack Johnson. We received 5 letters return to sender, of the 39 we sent out. Rhonda Storey sent out the letters via email to three of them. The other 2 did not have an email on file. This project is now closed. If we get anyone to accept the offer, we will still process it.

b. **Status of Constitution and By-Laws Review** – Rhonda Storey -- With membership approval at the last General Membership meeting, we sent the signed document to the Department Adjutant for review and signature. Thus far no comment. Once He signs, it will go to the National Adjutant for signature.

c. **Status of Display Case tags** -- Bob Kobac will coordinate with Mike to find status on the brass plates for the two cases donated, to the VA, by the DAV. Plates should read, "**Donated by DAV Orange Blossom Gardens, Chapter 150.**" Dennis Storey to provide the dement ions to Bob.

d. **Plaques for Segway & Arnett Environmental, LLC** -- Plaques for our large donors. Bob Kobac will check on status from Mike Summers. If not ordered he will need the write ups. Dennis Storey to give him the wording for the plaque.

e. Dennis asked about **nametags for new officers**, Rhonda Storey will take care of this on Saturday as she is going there anyway.

f. Dennis Storey – I'm still trying to find guidance on the rules by which we can and can't associate ourselves with other 5013c organizations either directly, indirectly, or in partnership where funds are not exchanged or even doing a fundraiser together. Dennis Storey to contact the National Judge Advocate.

## 2. New Business

### a. Annual Officer / Appointed positions / Nominations and Election

1) Bobby Wallace, Nominating Committee Chair, made the following recommendation: I nominate the existing leadership to remain in place as none of them have completed a full year in their current positions.

- Dennis Storey, Commander (Elected) & Web Master (Appointed)
- Jan Schmeichel, SR Vice Commander (Elected)
- Joseph (Joe) Thompson, JR Vice Commander (Elected)
- Robert (Bob) Kobac, Judge Advocate (Elected) & Past Commander (bi-laws)
- Larry Steven (Steve) Grzanich, Treasurer (Elected)
- Robert Wallace, 2 Year Trustee (per bi-laws)
- Andrew (Andy) Vasaturo, Chaplain (Elected)
- Vacant, 3 Year Trustee (per bi-laws)
- Michael (Mike) Summers, 1 Year Trustee (per bi-laws)
- \*Rhonda Storey, Adjutant (appointed)
- Michael (Mike) Watson, Assistant Web Master (Appointed)
- Joseph (Joe) Thompson, Benefits Protection Team Leader (BPTL) & Legislative Chair Appointed)

2) Nominations from the floor will be requested at the March and April meeting and our Election in April with Installation in May for all positions and appointees.

All positions are available for nomination despite the recommendation by the Nominating Committee.

3) Jack Johnson submitted his name for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee Position.

### b. Fundraising - Joseph Thompson

#### 1) First Florida Chapter of Military Vehicles Preservation Association (MVPA).

Contacted Doug Suzukovich, the Suncoast Regional Coordinator of MVPA, concerning the potential of doing a mutual fund raiser, or activity that will mutually benefit both the DAV Chapter 150 and MVPA.

a) Would need large area to host event – Possibilities: Polo Grounds, American Legion Post 347, Driving Range – Rolling Acres Road (Soccer Field), Spanish Springs Square – like a “cruise-in”.

b) Brief General Membership to see if there is interest. If there is, we can move forward with the fundraising approval request and draft the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to discern what each group will be responsible for.

2) Joe Thompson made a motion that we move forward with the **Pancake Breakfast @ Cheers in Stonecrest**. Bob Kobac 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rhonda Storey reminded Joe that once we have coordinated a date, we need to submit a permission request form to Department, once membership approves moving forward. We will charge \$10.00 per ticket. We will need a lot of volunteers to help with putting together and executing a Market Plan, get money sponsors, door prize donations, and to assist on day of the event.

c. **Membership:** Jack Johnson – New member Tom Watson, somehow submitted an application that was outdated and we did not catch it. He believes that he owes \$100.00 when we have him owing \$260.00. Jack Johnson made a motion that we fix this by paying the \$160.00 difference as it was our mistake. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Storey. Dennis Storey asked everyone to go through their forms and make sure you have dissuaded all of the old ones. If you need forms, print them from the DAV.org website. Better yet have the new member go online and fill out the form.

d. Charitable giving.

1) We received another Apple Desktop Computer from the **Villages Apple Computer Club** on 3 February 2021 to donate to a veteran who needs one and can't afford one. Let us know if you know of a DAV member who needs one. Dennis Storey will assist in setting it up for whoever gets it.

2) Donations at the Membership Meeting in Feb – Steve Grzanich:

- Patrick Lyons (cash donation) \$10.00
- Our loose change donation yielded \$7.60
  - Richard Payne Loose Change Donation \$34.16
  - Keith Payne (Richard's son) Loose Change donation \$9.44
- Our 50/50 donation yielded \$40.00
  - Total \$101.20

e. **Chapter Commander's Report** – Dennis Storey and Bob Kobac

- 1) Bob Kobac handed a draft to Dennis Storey
- 2) Rhonda Storey to draft initial report for review at April E-Board

f. **Flags for Fallen Veterans 31 May 2021**. Joe Thompson is the Point of Contact for this. We will meet at a yet to be defined location, caravan to Bushnell, to be there by 9:30 start time. Joe has a sign-up sheet. If someone needs a ride, let him know. If you have room in your car let him know. Of course, with covid everyone will have masks on.

g. Steve Grzanich -- Annual Financial Report has been submitted and approved.

h. **Vaccines** are being given at the American Legion by the Veterans Administration (VA) for veterans who have an association with the VA. They are calling people on their list to making appointments. No age restrictions any longer.

i. **Shadybrook RV Resort, Pull Pork Lunch held on 12 February 2021**– Bob Kobac brought several of our pamphlets, etc. We received a \$189.00 donation from this. We expect to get another check soon.

j. National has come out with new form for Nomination of Department and Chapter Service Officers. Dan Williamson has been sponsored by Chapter 150 for several years. Jack Johnson made a motion to sponsor Dan Williamson as a Chapter Service Officer at no expense to the Chapter. Dennis Storey 2<sup>nd</sup>.

4. Correspondence – Rhonda Storey, received letter from Marc Burges, National Adjutant, **Lets Be Kids Scholarship Program**, dated 17 February 2021. We can not do the fundraising at the Golden Corral as we usually do. Publix, Win Dixie, and Walmart, all not allowed us to do fundraising in their entry ways. This year there will be 15 Camps. E-Board recommended that we do not do this fundraiser this year. We also had no fundraisers at all last year.

5. For the Good of the Order:

a. The **2021 National Convention** July 24-27, 2021 at Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada is still on schedule. Bobby Wallace will be a delegate for Department; Jack Johnson will be delegate for National, Dennis Storey and Rhonda Storey will be our delegates.

b. **Florida Department Convention**

- o CSO Training: June 16-18, 2021.
- o Joint Opening Session: June 19, 2021 8:30 am-4:00 pm
- o National DAVA Auxiliary Commander's Dinner Saturday: June 19, 2021 7:00 pm
- o Joint Opening Session: June 18, 2021 9:30 am-4:00 pm
- o 2021 Department Convention: June 16-18 at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary Fl
  - Dennis Storey, Rhonda Storey, and Steve Grzanich will be our delegates
  - Bobby Wallace will be a delegate for Department
  - Jack Johnson will be a delegate for National

c. **Next E-Board Meeting 8 April 2021**

d. **Next General Membership Meeting 13 April 2021**

6. Andy Vasaturo closed the meeting in prayer at 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted



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DAV Chapter 150  
Adjutant