



DAV Orange Blossom Gardens #150
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
10 November 2020

Dennis Storey	Sr Vice Commander, Acting Commander
Jan Schmeichel	Jr Vice Commander
Larry Steven Grzanich	Treasurer
Andrew M. Vasaturo	Chaplain
A.J. Welch	Judge Advocate
Robert L. Wallace	3 Year Trustee
Michael Summers	2 Year Trustee & Past Commander
Jack Johnson	1 Year Trustee, Membership Committee
Robert Kobac	Past Commander
*Rhonda L. Storey	Adjutant

Note: *= Nonvoting member.

Excused: John Butler, Commander

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Acting Commander Dennis Storey. Sign in sheets showed 24 attendees with two Auxiliary members and one special guest, Thomas Ayala, Department Commander.
2. Dennis Storey -- Jack Johnson is filling in for the Sr Vice Commander today.
3. Chaplain Vasaturo opened the meeting in prayer.
4. Commander Storey asked if there were any 1st time Visitors.
 - a. Larry Smith (USA) served in Vietnam, and Earl Lewis (USA) Served in Persian Gulf, Somalia, Bonia, Afghanistan & Iraq Ara.
 - b. Thomas Ayala, Department Commander
 - 1.) I am the first Department Commander to serve two years in a row. Jack Johnson came close with a year and seven months.
 - 2.) Local Volunteer Assistance Program (LVAP). I received this month's report from your Adjutant. Not all 58 chapters are sending in their LVAP hours, but Chapter 150 is doing good. Thank you all for participating in this very important program. Keep up the good work.
 - a.) Dennis Storey reminded the members that they may charge 2 LVAP hours for the General Membership meeting. Rhonda Storey, I got you covered on this.
5. Reports:
 - a. Adjutant Report:

1.) Minutes from the General Membership Board, 13 October 2020 – Rhonda Storey -- AJ Welch made a motion that we forgo the reading of the minutes and except them as posted. Larry Smith 2nd, Motion Passed.

2.) Minutes to the 8 October E-Board Meeting is posted to the website but need membership approval. A.J. Welch made a motion to approve these minutes as posted, 2nd by Larry Smith. Motion Passed.

This is the link to Chapter 150's website:

http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/150/Web_Pages/news.aspx

3.) Correspondence – NTR

b. Treasurer's Report – Larry Steven Grzanich – Beginning Balance as of 1 October 2020 \$115,500.27 (General Fund – \$85,500.27, Van Fund - \$30,000.00); Income \$275.00; Expenses \$567.92; Net Decrease in value \$292.92. Ending Balance as of 31 October 2020 is \$115,207.35. Motion to accept report by Jack Johnson, 2nd by Andy Vasaturo. Motion Passed.

c. Chaplain Report – Andrew Vasaturo. I have two members who passed away. Also John Verville (our Sergeant at Arms) lost his Brother, Gregory Verville.

**Obituary
Ronald Roberts**

Ronald Roberts born in Frackville PA, formerly of Levittown PA, passed away on October 25, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was recently widowed from his wife of 61 years, Patricia Roberts. He is survived by his daughter Valere Roberts, son Mark Roberts, grandchildren Madison Roberts and Griffin Roberts, daughter-in-law Terese Jacobson, sisters Shirley Hoffman and Barbara Johnson along with loving nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers please make donations in his memory to: the Semper Fi and America's Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

**Obituary
James Kocjancich**

James B. Kocjancich, 75, (also known as Jim Kay) formerly from Bloomingdale, IL passed away on October 24, 2020 at the Villages Hospital. Jim is survived by his only son, Jimmy. Jim was a veteran of the Navy and was a member of the VFW, Vietnam Vets of America, and DAV. He previously had his own business as a headhunter in Illinois. He was an avid pinochle player and enjoyed playing golf with his son and Villages friends. He most enjoyed riding around the Villages in his MX-5 Miata Convertible. Due to current health and safety restrictions, no service will be held. Memorial donations can be made in his name to the American Legion Post 347, PO Box 1534, Lady Lake, FL 32158.

After the names were presented, Commander Storey requested a moment of silence for our departed.

d. Membership Report: Jack Johnson – We have 1382 members. We have one new member Kevin J. Minogue.

e. Service Officer Report: Dennis Storey – We have two certified and Accredited, Department Service Officers (DSO) at the Villages VA Outpatient Clinic: They are paid by Department of Florida; Dennis Storey works T-W-TH 9AM-2PM. Joe Morales works M and F 9AM-3PM. Dennis is also the Service Officer at the American Legion and works there on M 9AM-2PM. Appointments are necessary to get into the VA clinic. Contact the VSO at 352-674-5097 for an appointment. NO walk-ins will be accepted. The appointment list must be turned in by 2PM the day prior to the appointment. You do not need an appointment to see us at the American Legion on Monday.

Service Officer Report for October 2020

Interviews	27
Power of Attorney	12
Intent to file	5
New Claims/Increases/Supplemental	18
Appeals	
Phone Calls	96
Status of claims/General Questions/Records Requests	70

f. Legislative Report: NTR

g. Van Report: NTR.

h. POW/MIA Report. Rhonda Storey reported Thirty Nine (39) POW/MIA remains were found between 3 September and 3 November 2020. Six (6) are from the Korean War, thirty two (32) are from World War II and One (1) from Vietnam. Additionally, Seven (7) Army, twenty three (23) Navy, six (6) Marine, and two (2) Army Air Force. Reference Attachment A -- POW/MIA Report 10 November 2020.

6. New Business:

a. Membership -- Jack Johnson -- The following are our **transfer-ins** since 1 October 2020: Edward Bonjorni, Michael D. Jones, Gary M. Spooner and William G. Stengele. Jack Johnson made a motion to approve transfer-ins. Andy Vasaturo 2nd. Motion Passed.

b. **DAV Centennial Coins** -- Dennis Storey -- For those of you who are new, or have not received a coin, please see me after the meeting.

7. For the Good of the Order:

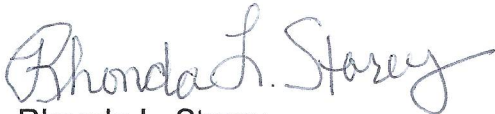
a. **2021 Mid-Winter Conference – Commander Ayala -- The 2021 Mid-Winter Conference, scheduled for Feb. 21–24 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va., has been canceled out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of DAV members, families, guests and the general public amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.**

a. **DAV National Convention 24-27 July 2021:** Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada 89595. Group Name: Disabled American Veterans or DAV, \$105 Summit Room Rate Single/Double \$115 The "A" Tower Room Rate Single/Double, Telephone: (800) 648-5080

b. **Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night 2020 -- Rhonda Storey --** We discussed the Golden Corral Camp Corral Kids event that the DAV holds a fundraiser for each year. Golden Corral is doing a virtual Camp this year due to Covid19. So this fundraiser is cancelled. We looked into holding a fundraiser as we have not had much income this past year.

c. **For-get-me-nots:** We scheduled this for publics in December, however Publics cancelled us to the increase of Covid 19. Jack Johnson said we may be able to do it at Walmart. Jack is looking into this for us.

Respectfully Submitted



Rhonda L. Storey
DAV Chapter 150
Adjutant

Attachment A -- POW/MIA Report 10 November 2020.