



DAV Orange Blossom Gardens #150  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
8 December 2020

Dennis Storey	Acting Commander
Jan Schmeichel	Jr Vice Commander
Larry Steven Grzanich	Treasurer
Andrew M. Vasaturo	Chaplain
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.

A.J. Welch, Judge Advocate excused.

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Acting Commander Dennis Storey. Sign in sheets showed 30 attendees: 25 members with two Auxiliary members and three guest.
2. Dennis Storey -- Jack Johnson is filling in for the Sr Vice Commander today.
3. Chaplain Vasaturo opened the meeting in prayer.
4. Commander Dennis Storey asked, if there were any 1<sup>st</sup> time Visitors -- Ronalt Davidson, USA and Ann Lyons.
5. Minutes of the 5 November 2020, General Membership meeting – Rhonda Storey – They are posted on the website. Glen Rodgers made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Joe Morales 2<sup>nd</sup>. Link to Chapter 150's website:  
[http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/150/Web\\_Pages/news.aspx](http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/150/Web_Pages/news.aspx)
6. Rhonda Storey - Minutes of the 8 December 2020 E-Board Meeting were read. (Reference attachment A)
7. Unfinished Business:
  - a. **"Part life" member's opportunity to become "full life" members Project** -- The current membership goal for the Disable American Veterans (DAV) is to have all members "Paid" for Life. This is to give members an opportunity to get paid up.
  - b. Display **Case for Patches**.-- the display case arrived and has been install. Mike Summers ordered the tags for two cases that will say, "Donated by DAV Chapter 150".

c. Chapter 150 Constitution and By-Laws. The E-Board is reviewing the final draft of the update to our Constitution and By-Laws. Webmaster will post the document to the website for 30 days, once the E-Board approves them, for your review and approval at the February or March General Membership meeting. Once approved, the document will go to Department Adjutant for review and signature, then to National Adjutant for review and signature.

## 8. New Business:

### a. Commander Butler Resigned.

- In accordance with the By Laws,
  - Dennis Storey the Sr Vice will move into the Commander position
  - Jan Schmeichel will move into the Sr Vice Commander position
  - And the Jr Vice Commander position is being advertised
    - We have two people interested in the position the position

### b. Charitable giving & Fundraising.

- We need you all to be think of ideas for the Chapter to support
- Also we need to get some ideas for fundraising
- Dennis Storey our webmaster is going to send out an email to the membership requesting ideas for both fundraising giving to veterans.

c. Jack Johnson – We have two new members: Robert Bracken (USN), Richard Ridler (USN).

9. Correspondence. Rhonda Storey – Received a letter from J. Marc Burges, National Adjutant titled Sustaining Department and Chapter Operations during the Pandemic, December 3, 2020. The bottom line is we are not allowed to approve any motion at an on-line event. We must be there in person to vote. (Attachment B)

10. The Villages Segway group has a Segway that they want to give to a vet. The E-Board recommended that we give it to Mike Summers since he was instrumental in this program. Recommendation approved by the General Membership. Done.

## 11. Reports.

a. Treasurer's Report – Larry Steven Grzanich – Beginning Balance as of 1 November 2020, \$115,207.35 (General Fund – \$85,207.35, Van Fund - \$30,000.00); Income \$125.00; Expenses \$725.89; Net Decrease in value \$600.89. Ending Balance as of 30 November 2020 is \$114,606.46. Motion to accept report by Jan Schmeichel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Wallace. Motion Passed.

### b. Chaplain Report – Andrew Vasaturo.

- One of Chapter 150's past Commanders, Harold Sievers is in the Club Rehabilitation Center.
- A celebration of life ceremony will be held for David A. Clark, who passed away in April this year, held at St Vincent DePaul, in Wildwood, on 17

December 2020 at 2PM, with a reception to follow at Colony Recreation Center after.

- 2 members passed away since 1 November.

Obituary  
Manuel Freitas



Manuel Freitas, age 96, passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2020, the day after his late wife Elsie Freitas's birthday. He was born in New Bedford, Mass. and was the beloved son of the late Antonio and Virginia (Fernandes) Freitas.

Manuel was a foreman for the National Silver Company for many years until his retirement. He then moved to The Villages, FL where he lived for 31 years. Manuel was an avid tennis player and enjoyed going to the pool to be with his friends.

Manuel was preceded in death by his brothers Frank, John, Antone, Joseph, Daniel and Raymond Freitas as well as Celeste Souza, Alice Mello, and Mary Arthur. He is survived by 2 sons, Ronald Freitas and Manuel Freitas Jr., and 1 brother, Augustinho Freitas of Sarasota FL. He also had many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. A Graveside service will be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:30a.m. at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, leaving from Beyers Funeral Home, 134 N. Hwy 27/441, Lady Lake, FL 32159 at 10:15a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Disabled American Veterans, 510 Montclair Road, Leesburg, FL 34748.

Obituary  
Patrick H. Hoey  
October 20, 1942 – November 23, 2020



Patrick H. Hoey Jr., age 78, of The Villages, FL passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020 at the Cornerstone Hospice. Pat was born October 20, 1942 in Biloxi, MS to Dr. Patrick and Elizabeth (Costella) Hoey. Following graduation from Parks College of St. Louis University in 1963, Pat was commissioned in the United States Air Force. He married Patricia Frechette on February 29, 1964. Pat served as a hospital administrator in the Air Force for 21 years. During this time, he served in the Medical Service Corps in Vietnam and earned a Master's Degree from the University of Florida. After retiring as a major from the Air Force, Pat spent a combined 20 years as a hospital administrator at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL and Bothwell Regional Medical Center in Sedalia, MO. Patrick and Patricia moved to Florida in 2008, settling in the Village of Glenwood. Pat loved music, he played guitar and sang both solo and in groups. He was a talented photographer, and his home and those of his children are decorated with his pictures, many of them taken during his travels with Patricia. Pat was proud of his Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day was always a joyous, festive occasion in the Hoey household. Pat was a generous, caring person of deep faith and more than anything else, he cherished the time he and Patricia spent with their children, grandchildren, and extended family. Pat is survived by Patricia, his loving wife of 56 years; three children - Patrick (Andrea) of Urbana, IL; Aline (Bill) of Lawrence, KS; and Meaghan (Josh) Shultz of Kansas City, KS; seven grandchildren – Joshua, Liam, Michael, Grant, Honora, Audrey and Kathleen Ann; siblings Chris and Marybeth and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Patrick and Elizabeth Hoey and a daughter, Mary Ann. Given COVID restrictions, a small service will be held at a future date in The Villages with an interment at Arlington National Cemetery sometime in 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in honor of Patrick Hoey at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

12. New Business:

a. Membership -- Jack Johnson -- We have 1384 members. The following are our **transfer-ins** since 1 November 2020: Gregory S. DeNoyer and Nickolas Shulick. Jack Johnson made a motion to approve transfer-ins. Bob Kobac 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

b. Jack Johnson mentioned that we are cleaning up our roster. We have found that 11 members have passed on. Here a list of those members:

Blanco, Antonio
Brown, Michael D
Crawford, William H

Dilallo, John J
Epperly, Benjamin H.
Fitzjarrald, James R
Mortenson, Richard A.
Paton, Richard D.
Thompson, Ardell H
Wagner, Donald E.
Wightman, Donald

b. 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.

[Note: The American Legion is closed until 4 January due to a Covid outbreak; also the Villages Service Office (VSO) will be closed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December – 4 January 2021.]

Service Officer Report for November 2020

Interviews	27
Power of Attorney	13
Intent to file	13
New Claims/Increases/Supplemental	27
Appeals	
Phone Calls	88
Status of claims/General Questions/Records Requests	56
Partial DAV Membership	1

c. Legislative Report: Joe Thompson – Legislative and Benefits -- There has been a lot of discussion about presumptive conditions associated with Agent Orange. Dennis said there are 6 or 8 on the list pending approval (starting with Blatter Cancer, Hypertension, Parkinson like tremor (not have Parkinson). Bob Kobac said the Secretary has to sign it to move it on.

d. Van Report: NTR.

g. POW/MIA Report. Rhonda Storey -- six POW/MIA remains were found between 3 November and 8 December 2020. All are from World War II, five Navy, and one Army. Reference Attachment C. Commander Dennis Storey – let’s take a moment to pay respects to our lost and injured.

13. For the Good of the Order:

a. **2021 National Mid-Winter Conference** – scheduled for Feb. 21–24 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va., has been canceled.

b. **2021 Department Mid-Winter Conference** – scheduled for January has been canceled.

c. **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

d. **For-get-me-nots:** Does not look like we will be doing this, this year. Due to Covid 19 none of the stores we coordinated with are willing to let us use their store fronts. They will come around as soon as the numbers of people getting the Virus starts going down.

14. Jack Johnson – wanted to recognize an individual who has been bring our DAV flag to all of our meetings and takes it out to every event at Memorial park, our Sergeant at Arms, John Verville who has held this position for 11 years. Thank You John.

15. Motion to close the meeting made by Jan Schmeichel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Kobak. Meeting was closed in prayer by Andy Versaturo at 1:35.

Respectfully Submitted



Rhonda L. Storey  
DAV Chapter 150  
Adjutant

Attachment A – 3 December 2020 E-Board Minutes.

Attachment B -- Sustaining Department and Chapter Operations during the Pandemic, December 3, 2020.

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