

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**  
**J.L. GOLIGHTLY CHAPTER #32**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1930 on December 19, 2012.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** Present were: Commander, Earl Mason; Senior Vice Commander, Henry Lee "Hank" Merckson; Adjutant/Treasurer, Brian Mitchell; Officer of the Day, Campbell Love; Executive Board members Jessie Owens and Rafael Rodriguez.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the November meeting were distributed for review. No errors of any consequence at all were noted although Hank managed to find a letter missing from a very short word in the Treasurer's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The income in November was \$1,103.11, which included \$807.00 from the Golden Corral, and expenditures were \$961.27, leaving a balance of \$19,474.52. The single largest expense was \$490.00 for Service Officer school registration for seven service officers.

A motion to allow the Treasurer to pay all bills against the Chapter was made by Jessie Owens, seconded by Skippy Merckson and passed on voice vote.

**REPORTS OF ILLNESS OR DISTRESS** Junior Vice Commander Jo Ann Daszuta is experiencing some medical issues, explaining her absence.

**NEW MEMBERS** Mark W. Latham has requested transfer from Chapter 115 in Philadelphia, PA to this chapter. His request was approved on voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Coke machine has been re-listed on Craig's List for \$350.

Still no change in our bylaws change request.

Newsletter has been compiled and is at the printer. (Note: the newsletter got into the mail on 21 December.)

Still no status on the Auxiliary fund-raiser.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no Executive Board minutes as there was no quorum and no meeting.

Election of Officers will be at the February meeting. There was an announcement in the newsletter asking for anyone interested in running for office to let the Adjutant know before the February meeting so that a ballot can be created.

Comrade Ray Braz made a donation of \$50 to the Chapter as he does every year at this time. Much appreciated.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Membership** Hank briefed that we within about 9 of our quota for this year. Earl read from a letter from the State Membership Chairman on how to have successful meetings.

**Legislative** Earl briefed that the VA is trying to expand the scope of TBI benefits. Hopefully our service officers will get more info on this at the school. The VA is also trying to expand benefits for veterans with multiple qualifying prosthetics.

He mentioned that the State of Florida will soon be issuing Korean Conflict and Vietnam veteran license plates in the “vanity” plate series. There are also several other military-oriented plates being designed.

The State has changed the rules covering the extra homestead exemption for combat-related disabilities to eliminate the requirement to have been a Florida resident at the time of entry onto active duty.

**Service** 83 clients seen and 224.5 hours reported for LVAP (includes Golden Corral time) for the month of November. Still seeing 8-10 client every day we are open. The office will be closed until January 2nd and on January 9<sup>th</sup>, reopening on January 14<sup>th</sup>, returning to the regular schedule.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** The following comrades have passed away since our last meeting: Angel Mercado and Norbert Oswald. May they rest in peace.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 2000 for refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian L. Mitchell  
Adjutant/Treasurer