

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

**MARCH 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1930 hours on March 28, 2012.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** Present were: Commander, Earl Mason; Senior Vice Commander, Hank Merckson; Officer of the Day, Campbell Love; Executive Board Members Paul Adams, Jessie Owens and Ken Haney.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the February meeting were distributed. No errors or omissions were noted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The report for February was passed out. Income was \$ 218.29, expenditures were \$ 784.11, leaving a balance of \$ 16,474.04. Donations as a result of the newsletter mailing are coming in and March should be better.

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

**REPORTS OF ILLNESS OR DISTRESS** None.

**NEW MEMBERS** Larry McDonald was welcomed and administered the oath.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Coke machine has been relisted on Craigs list

Still no change in the status of the by-laws.

The business card holders have been received and we have started giving them out.

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The chairperson is soliciting a "wish list" of items that need to be done in and around our building. The list will be displayed at the open house which will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April from noon to 4 pm. We will have service officers available as well as refreshments. We are hoping to get them donated by local stores but need someone to approach them. A banner and open house signs are being made. A resolution will be read at the April 5<sup>th</sup> County Commission Zoning meeting and a proclamation will be read at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Melbourne City Council meeting, recognizing the Chapter for its many years of service. Congressman Bill Posey's office is also providing a congratulatory letter to be read. The military editor for Florida Today has been contacted and will be interviewing the Adjutant and Commander on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The newsletter has been published. Expect to have another in May. It is also available online on the Chapter website, [davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/32](http://davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/32). We will also try to send it electronically to members who have provided us with an email address.

Comrade Butt reported that he is negotiating with the South Beaches Publix about a forget me not drive this spring. He will also contact Lowe's and WalMart again.

Memorial Day parade. We will not participate in the Rockledge event and are awaiting an invitation from the American Legion for the Melbourne event. The Commander has sent an application to participate in the Welcome Home Florida Veterans event on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The minutes of the March Executive Board meeting were distributed for review.

The NSO Mobile Service Office will be at the Chapter on April 26<sup>th</sup> and then at Wickham Park for the Veterans' Reunion on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Commander read from a request from the VVB reunion committee for wall monitors to provide "crowd control" during the event at Wickham Park. The wreath-laying ceremony will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, commencing at 1800. We have a smaller wreath for this year.

Comrade Jim Daniel has recently been appointed as webmaster for the Chapter web site and has begun to update it. Everyone is encouraged to visit it at [davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/32](http://davmembersportal.org/chapters/fl/32) and give us some feedback.

Past Commander Paul Adams called for nominations from the floor for officers for the coming year, May through April. The nominations were as follow: Commander, Earl Mason; Senior Vice Commander, Henry Merckson; Junior Vice Commander, JoAnn Daszuta; Treasurer, Brian Mitchell; Sergeant at Arms, George Theriault; Officer of the Day, Campbell Love; and Chaplain, Leisa Todero. As all of the positions were uncontested, a single voice vote was taken electing the nominees. Earl Mason will continue as Legislative Chairman and Judge Advocate and Henry Merckson will continue as membership Chair. The Executive Board remains as is.

It was mentioned tha, for \$1, veterans can have a blue "V" put on their driver's license attesting to their veteran status. Proof of their status, usually a DD form 214 is required.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** Comrade Merckson stated that we had once again achieved our quota and presented the streamer for our Chapter flag.

**Legislative** The Commander briefed on the recent announcement about delays and changes in the construction of the new VA hospital. He also mentioned the furor over the upcoming defense budget and possible cuts in personnel, equipment and medical care for active duty, retirees and dependents

**Service** We reported 192 ½ LVAP hours and served 85 clients. We are operating with one Department Service Officer and seven Chapter Service Officers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commander won the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the Chapter, which netted \$ 27.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian L. Mitchell  
Adjutant/Treasurer