

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

MAY 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Commander at 1930 on 22 May 2013.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS Present were: Command Brian Mitchell; Junior Vice Commander Rafael Rodriguez; Adjutant and Treasurer Jim Daniel; Chaplain Leisa Todero and Board Members: Earl Mason, Jessie Owens.

MINUTES The minutes of last month's meeting were distributed for review and accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer reported income of \$1843.12 and expenses of \$ 853.77 in the month of April, leaving a balance of \$18,465.92. Majority of the income for the month was comprised of \$200 from the sale of the Coke machine, \$500 donation from VFW post 4206 and \$1000 donation from the Space Coast Licensed Roofers Association. Earl Mason made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Leisa Todero.

Jessie Owens made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills against the chapter which was seconded by Rafael Rodriguez and passed by voice vote without objection.

REPORTS OF ILLNESS OR DISTRESS The Chaplain reported that Comrade Merckson's wife had surgery (back) earlier on this day and Paul Adams is still recovering from his heart attack.

NEW MEMBERS Paul Venetia, already a lifetime member, came forward to receive the obligation from Commander Brian Mitchell.

TRANSFERS Robert Pocallela (New Jersey), Gerald Livermore (Chapter 155 in Florida) and Thomas Barrett (from Michigan) have applied for transfer to our chapter. Hearing no objections from the floor, the 3 transferees are accepted as new members of our chapter.

OLD BUSINESS The Commander announced that we will not be participating in the Memorial Day Parade in Rockledge due, mostly, to the fact that the Commander's convertible is not running well enough to make the trip.

The Adjutant reminded that we have 50/50 tickets for the State Convention for sale for \$1 each and that they come in booklets of 5 tickets. The Chapter has already agreed to purchase any remaining tickets that we have. The Commander will be attending the convention this year which will be 29 May through 1 June.

Regarding the books that were donated by Lee Greenwood, the Commander contacted chapter 150 today and arranged for them to bring 5 boxes (110 books) to the State Convention – saving us a trip to The Villages (Plant City).

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE The minutes of the last two Executive Committee meetings were distributed for review and accepted as read.

Comrade Earl Mason reported that he has finished incorporating the changes to the by-laws and that a “clean set” is now available. One copy will be available in the Adjutants office for review.

The Adjutant reported that he is compiling a list of questions to be posed to our membership at large in the form of a questionnaire. We would like to do this on our website as the Adjutant has the software to create an online questionnaire, but we recognize that there could be a considerable number of our members that don't have computers. So, our intention is to include the survey in our next newsletter in September with directions to access the online version. That way those with a computer can save themselves the cost of a stamp and those without a computer will still have the opportunity to participate. At this point, we are soliciting ideas from those that are in attendance.

Comrade Butt suggested we include a membership application in our newsletter mailings, something that our members can use to sign up a new member. The Adjutant/Webmaster added that we will be including a new member sign up process on our web page in the near future.

The Commander announced our intention to participate in the Melbourne Memorial Day Parade and asked for volunteers to ride along in one of 6 potential spaces he has in his two convertibles. Those volunteering were Comrades Earl Mason, Ron Butt, Rafael Rodriguez, Brian Mitchell and Jim Daniel.

The subject of the Chapter going into “darkness” for the summer months was raised by Comrade Earl Mason. The proposition was that for the months of June, July and August we suspend having normal Business Meetings. In addition, after the first two Mondays in June, the office will be open for service work on Wednesdays only. This is what the Chapter has done for the past several years.

The Commander asked for a motion from the floor that the Chapter go into “darkness” for the months of June, July and August and that during that time, the Executive Board handle the affairs of the Chapter. Motion to that effect was made by Earl Mason and seconded by Cambell Love. There being no further discussion on the matter, the motion passed by voice vote without objection.

A companion motion was called for to allow the Treasurer to pay all bills against the Chapter for the months of June, July and August. Motion was made by Leisa Todero and seconded by Rafael Rodriguez. There being no further discussion on the matter, the motion passed by voice vote without objection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee Chairman was not present but the observation was made that we are still growing. With 4 requests for transfer and at least one new member, we are already well on our way towards meeting our goal.

Legislative Committee Chairman Earl Mason stated that there are a lot of bills in congress right now and that the list that was published in our latest newsletter was fairly comprehensive.

Service Senior Service Officer Earl Mason reported that we served 141 clients (32 were handled when the NSO van was here) and logged 360 volunteer hours in the month of April.

Chapter Finances The commander reminded all those present of the conversation about the amount of money held by the Chapter that was related in the May Executive Board meeting. Comrade Butt brought up that he would like to see us use the money to enhance our ability to provide service instead of providing the VA with a van. His suggested usage was for such things as fuel allowance for someone to bring in clients that have no transportation, etc. The Commander mentioned toiletries for the homeless and doing more in the direction of welfare relief.

MEMORIAL SERVICE The Chaplain reported the passing of members Henry Sylvia, Walter A Dulott and Lamar Wiggins since our April meeting. May they rest in peace.

ADJURNMENT The 50/50 was won by Brian Mitchell who kept \$5 and donated the remainder of his half back to the chapter netting the chapter a total of \$ 31.00.

Jessie Owens made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Earl Mason.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned at 2025 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

James Daniel
Adjutant/Treasurer