## **MINUTES**

# SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, 17 August, 2017 6-8 PM

#### Present:

Craig Barnes, Commander
Bob Cole, Adjutant, Chair of Constitution/Bylaws Committee
Cynthia Brooks (Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member)
Allen Robinson (Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member)
Intisar Hasaan (Chair, Audit Committee/Member, Artscape 2018 Committee)
Ralph Vanderhall (Audit Committee Member/Artscape Committee Member)
Katina Barnes, Treasurer (Chair, Artscape 2018 Committee)

## **PROCEEDINGS**

1. Commander Barnes opened this special Committee session. Treasurer Katina Barnes led the opening prayer.

# 2. <u>Chapter 1 Constitution & Bylaws Committee</u>

- Adjutant Cole, Chair, convened a revision session with Committee members Cynthia Brooks and Allen Robinson. They went over the entire document and made suggested revisions. Chair Cole will draw up a final draft that incorporates these revisions as well as follow the template in the "Members Only" section at dav.org.
- The final draft will be read and discussed at our Chapter meeting on Thursday, 14 September at 6 PM. Last-minute revisions will be made and a vote will be taken on the adoption of the revised update.
- After the adoption of the revised Constitution & Bylaws, it will be signed by Chapter officers and forwarded to Dept. and National HQ for final approval and filing.

# 3. Artscape 2018 Committee

No updates

# 4. **Hospitality Committee**

- Comrade Cynthia Brooks will send Commander Barnes a cost list for the paper products our Chapter has volunteered for an anticipated participant showing of 400 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dept. of MD picnic scheduled for 24 September.
- Comrade Brooks also will donate two chess sets for the table games at the picnic
- Tickets will be available online and information on how to obtain them is forthcoming at our Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting.
- We need to select dates for our holiday party. Chairperson Brooks will work on getting the American Legion NE Post # 285 Hall in East Baltimore near Johns Hopkins. Food will be potluck.
- 5. Following is a recap of all Chapter Committees. Commander Barnes will address participation expectations at our Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting.

# **CHAPTER 1 COMMMITTEES**

#### **ARTSCAPE 2018**

**Committee Report due September** 

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#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Review Chapter financial books during July/August recess
Report to Chapter Treasurer at beginning of September prior to Annual
Financial Report deadline of 15 September

Chair:

Intisar Hasaan

Member:

Ralph Vanderhall

#### **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

**Submit revisions to current (2004) version by September 14 Chapter meeting** Chair:

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# **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

First report due by Sept. 14 Chapter meeting with recommendations for funding

Chair:

Cynthia Brooks

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Formation of Committee tabled until Sept. 14 Chapter meeting

Prospective Chair: Craig Barnes, Commander

Prospective Members: All elected Chapter officers and Past Chapter Commander

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Chapter members voted approval of introducing an incentive to pay off balances up to \$100, with the requirement that recipients attend at least one Chapter meeting following acceptance of incentive.

Chair:

Emmitt Hawkes, 1<sup>st</sup> Sr. Vice (in absentia per existing Bylaws)

Members:

Intisar Hasaan

Bob Cole, Adjutant

# **BENEFITS PROTECTION COMMITTEE (Legislative)**

**Tabled until Sept. 14 Chapter meeting** 

Chair:

John McKoy, 1<sup>st</sup> Jr Vice 410-240-6508

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 Treasurer Katina Barnes motioned that the Chapter fund her expenses to the Women Veterans' Conference to be held in Georgetown from 10-12 November 2017. She stated the benefit to the Chapter in the potential for increased membership, especially women, and enhancing our presence in the community. The body voted to approve \$350 to cover Treasurer Barnes' expenses for this convention.

6. The meeting was adjourned by motion and vote at 8:00 PM.