

SOUTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION
1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Date: October 2, 2009

MINUTES

1. The Regular meeting of the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation (SAVMCF) was called to order at 0930 hours, Friday, October 2, 2009 by President Larry Mckim.

2. **Foundation Officers Present were:**

President: Larry E. Mckim (VFW) (520) 515-0674, lmckim@azdvs.gov - Present
Vice President: Ingrid E. Baillie (DAR), (520) 459-3718, ibaillie@cox.net - Present
Secretary: B. Thomas Dingwall (MOPH), (520) 458-6527, tom_dingwall3@cox.net - Present
Treasurer: Earl M. Devine (MOAA), (520) 458-5224, edevine1@cox.net - Present
SAVMC Coordinator: Ingrid E. Baillie (DAR), (520) 459-3718, ibaillie@cox.net - Present
SAVMC Administrator: Joe Larson (AZDVS) (520) 458-7144, jl Larson@azdvs.gov - Absent Excused

3. **Guests and visitors present:**

a. COL Robert White – Chairman, UVC of Greater Sierra Vista
B.COL Gene Fenstermacher
c. Lindsay Botkin

4. **Member Organizations Present:** (Present)(Absent)(Paid)

a. Air Force Association Cochise Chapt #107:	Absent
b..American Legion Post #52	Absent
c. American Veterans (AMVETS) Post #89	P-SGM Leo Pimple
d. BPOE Lodge #2065:	P-Earl Devine
e. Ladies & Gentlemen of the Cemetery:	P-Ingrid Baillie
f. Fort Huachuca Retiree Council	Absent
g. Military Officers Association of America Coronado Chapt:	P-Earl Devine
h. Wild West Det. Marine Corps League, Sierra Vista:	Absent
i. Military Order of Cooties Pup Tent #13:	P-Joe Larson
j. Military Order of the Purple heart Chapt. 572:	P-Tom Dingwall
k. Southwest Rangers Unit #559	Absent
l. Special Forces Association Chapt #10:	P-Larry Mckim
m. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6271, Benson:	Absent
n. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9972, Sierra Vista	P-Joe Larson
o.VFW Riders, Post 9972, Sierra Vista	P-Joe Larson
p. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 10342, Huachuca City:	P-Craig Smith
q. Warrant Officers Association Silver Chapt:	P-Tom Wisniewski
r. Wild West Det., MC League, Tombstone, No. 1152	Absent
s. COL Terrie Gent, USAF Retired:	Absent

5. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 4, 2009 were read and approved as corrected.

6. Reports of Foundation Committees:

(a) HSRP:

(1) President McKim inquired of Leo Pimple, AMVETS, if he had any success in identifying possible sources of Bronze plaques for use in the cemetery and Leo Pimple reported he had contacted possible sources in Tucson, Whetstone, and California but had received no responses as of this date. Leo Pimple stated that he would need additional information for suppliers before they could get into specifics. He needed information on the number of names to go on the major donors' plaque, and the number of characters/speces per line entry.

(2) Joe Larson reported that the pavers had been ordered, manufactured, and shipped to the cemetery on September 28, 2009. Delivery is expected any day.

7. Reports of on-going projects in the cemetery:

a. Larson also reported that an Eagle Scout Project was standing by to install the pavers under close supervision of the cemetery staff.

b. The bids received for engraving the pavers were approximately the same, but Black Rose Etching would be lower because of the absence of any shipping costs. Black Rose Etching, a local firm, would deliver the etched pavers to the cemetery at no costs. The same etching font was available from Black Rose Etching as used previously. Larson expected the installation of the pavers in November 2009.

c. The gravel had been delivered and another Eagle Scout Project was prepared to spread the gravel Saturday, October 3, 2009.

d. Leo Pimple, AMVETS, offered a comment on the color of the engraved letters and he opined that white colored letters ordered by U of A South looked bad because of the dirt and dust the obscured much of the lettering. Leo Pimple's, AMVETS, opinion was that black letters would show up better. The first order of pavers would be installed around the flag pole, and additional orders would be installed at other locations, such as walk ways, etc. Pimple suggested other representatives go out and look at the pavers with white letters.

e. Larson reported on completion of another Eagle Scout Project to re-line the parking space lines.

f. An Eagle Scout Project to install grave markers for the "Grand Army of the Republic," and "Indian Wars" would be installed in November 2009. There was also a flag holder part of each marker. Each marker would be anchored in a concrete base to prevent theft. The expense of the project was born jointly by the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the Foundation (\$608).

g. One scout is preparing a project plan for a flag retiring pit vicinity the main flag pole.

8. Report of the Treasurer:

A. Earl Devine presented the current status of available funds for the SAVMC Foundation.

b. Income since the cut-off of the last written financial report (Sept. 14, 2009) was approximately \$645.00 and expenses totaled approximately \$8,500.00 including materials delivery of \$7,600, Benches \$320, and plants \$577. Leo Pimple moved and Joe Larson seconded that the Treasurer's written report with verbal update be accepted as presented.

9. Bills Payable. There were no bill payables.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Joe Larson reported the receipt of correspondence indicating that the HSRP had been nominated with the Joint Courts for cooperating and coordination between the Joint Courts and various non-profit entities for historical preservations. Nomination was withdrawn because the total project is not completed. The estimated charge for interning the civilians in the cemetery could be as high as \$200,000.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. (These comments actually occurred at the beginning of the meeting.) Joe Larson offered a comment concerning the costs of interning a veterans' family members. The SAVMC received \$300 for interning a veteran and no funds from any source for interning a veteran's family members. The cemetery's costs for interring family members were primarily labor costs. The purpose of the discussions was to inform the representatives of member organizations so the matter could be discussed and the representative could bring back the feeling of the organization.

b. There were several comments concerning whether elections or nominations had occurred at the last United Veterans Council meeting. The consensus was that elections had taken place.

c. The pay Pal project is an on-going effort by the Treasurer. More to follow at a later date.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. President McKim asked if there was any feedback from member organizations concerning the AZDVS consideration of charging for the interment of family members. Possible costs could range from \$300 to \$700 per family member interment. A Department representative is expected at the Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 meeting of the United Veterans Council of Greater Sierra Vista. Some Foundation officers stated they were waiting for the Department's presentation before taking a stand on the issue.

b. President McKim stated the need for a search committee or search plan to solicit candidates for the various officer positions of the foundation. Secretary Dingwall spoke that individual's offering themselves as nominees for a foundation officer did so as a representative of that organization and needed the support of that organization to be nominated.

13. **Next Scheduled Foundation meeting will be Friday, November 6, 2009 at VFW Post 9972.**

Respectfully submitted,

B.T. "Tom" Dingwall, III
Secretary, SAVMC Foundation
Military Order of the Purple Heart