



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

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**FOUNDATION MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation (SAVMCF) was called to order at 0904 hours, Friday, March 5, 2010 by President Tom Dingwall, (AMVETS).

**Invocation:** The Invocation was led by Betty Jo Miklovic (WAA).

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Dingwall (AMVETS).

**Foundation Officers Present:**

President	B. Thomas Dingwall [AMVETS]	520-458-6527
Vice President	Ingrid E. Baillie [DAR]	520-459-3718
Secretary	Joe Gill [USAWOA]	520-249-0253
Treasurer Emeritus	Earl M. Devine [MOAA]	520-458-5224
Treasurer	Ron Despain [VFW]	520-586-8607
SAVMC Coordinator	Ingrid E. Baillie [(DAR]	520-459-3718
SAVMC Administrator	Joe Larson [AZDVS]	520-458-7144

**Foundation Officers Absent/Excused:** None

**Member Organizations Present:**

Organization	Dues	POC	Attendance
Air Force Association Cochise Chapter #107:	P	Jim Kuriger	Present
American Legion Post #52	P	Bob Herne	Present
American Veterans' (AMVETS) Post #89	P	SGM Leo Pimples	Present
BPOE Lodge #2065:	P	Earl Devine	Present
COL Terrie Gent, USAF Retired:	N	Terrie Gent	Absent
Ladies & Gentlemen of the Cemetery:	P	Ingrid Baillie	Present
Marine Corps League, Wild West Detachment, Tombstone, No. 1152	P	Bill Pakinkis	Present
Military Order of Cooties Pup Tent #13:	N	Joe Larson	Present
Military Order of the Purple Heart Chap. 572:	P	Tom Dingwall	Present
MOAA - Coronado Chapter	P	Earl Devine	Present
Special Forces Association Chapter No. 10	P	?	Absent
USAWOA, Arizona Silver Chapter # 203	P	Joe Gill	Present
Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post # 10342, Huachuca City:	P	Thomas L. Taggart	Present

Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post #6271, Benson:	P	Ron Despain	Present
Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post #9972, Sierra Vista	P	Joe Larson	Present
VFW Riders, Post 9972, Sierra Vista	P	Joe Larson	Present
Wreaths' Across America - Sierra Vista	P	Betty Jo Miklovic	Present

**Minutes Approval:** Earl Devine (MOAA) moved that the minutes of the meeting of 05 February 2010 be approved with Leo Pimple (AMVETS) seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

**Treasurers Report:** Joe Gill (USAWOA) moved with Joe Larson (seconded that the treasurer's report be approved, subject to audit. As we are changing treasurer at this time a candidate has been selected to audit the books.

#### **Treasurers Approved Expenses;**

Payee: \$60.00 Black Rose Etching for Pavers. Moved by Leo Pimple (AMVETS), seconded by Ingrid Baillie (DAR) to approve the expense. Motion passed without objection.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Ron Despain (ELKS) of Benson was introduced by Earl Devine (MOAA) as a candidate for Treasurer. As there were no other candidates Leo Pimple (AMVETS), with Bill Pakinkis (Marine Corp League) seconding, moved a white ballot and it was unanimously approved.

President Dingwall (AMVETS) explained that, he was unaware that Conny Despain (ELKS) - Benson was also interested in the position of Secretary when he appointed Joe Gill (USAWOA) acting Secretary. Each candidate took a moment to introduce themselves and express their interest in the position. Then Mrs. Despain withdrew her nomination and Leo Pimple (AMVETS) moved with Earl Devine (MOAA) seconding the motion for a white ballot for Mr. Gill and approved.

#### **New Member:**

Two Organizations expressed their interest in joining the Foundation as follows:

- **BPOE Lodge No. 2853, Benson** Ron Despain (VFW) moved that the Lodge be admitted as a new member with? ( ) seconding. Motion passed without objection.
- **Wreaths Across America-Sierra Vista:** Betty Jo Miklovic (WSG) moved and Joe Larson (VFW) seconded that WAA-Sierra Vista be admitted as an ex-officio member under WSG, with a single organizational vote with the annual \$12.00/Year dues waved due to their current lack of regular income. Motion carried without objection.

#### **Reports of Foundation Committees**

#### **Reports of On-Going Projects in the Cemetery:**

- See attached financial reports – ANNEX A.

**Good of the Order:**

- In recognition of his years of loyal service to the Foundation, President Dingwall (AMVETS) nominated Earl Devine Treasurer Emeritus. There was no objection.
- Earl Devine moved and Leo Pimple seconded the motion that the Fort Huachuca Retire Council and the Southwest Ranger Unit be dropped for lack of interest and lack of participation.

Earl also suggested that an amendment to the bylaws be prepared that if a member group or individual does not attend at least one meeting a quarter that they be dropped for lack of interest.

**Correspondence:** *None.*

**Unfinished BUSINESS:** *None.*

**New Business:**

Betty Jo Miklovic (Wreaths Across America) advised that they have reached an agreement with Michael Grande to perform a charity benefit for them, on or about 9-11-2010, to raise monies for the wreaths. They believe that they could raise as much as \$3,000.00 in ticket sales by just using a 350 seat local church auditorium. They would like a grant or if not a grant they would be willing to repay a loan for up to \$1,500.00 to include the \$1,200.00 honorarium to Mr. Grande.

It was moved by Earl Devine (MOAA), seconded by Joe Gill (USAWOA) to advance Wreaths Across America up to \$1,500.00 to be repaid on or before their tentative benefit date of 9-11-2010. The motion was passed without exception.

**Announcements:**

President Dingwall announced suggestions as to meeting times and locations had been given him and one was that we could consider becoming a luncheon meeting which might make it possible for those who are still working could attend.

it was further suggested that a convenient place would be the SV Elks Lodge No. 2065. They have a private room that would be ideal and the most expensive sandwich and side was only \$5.75 plus tip.

President Dingwall (AMVETS) announced that our next Foundation meeting would be at the Sierra Vista VFW Hall on Friday, 02 April, 2010 starting at 9:00 AM.

**Adjournment:** President Dingwall (AMVETS) then adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joe Gill  
Secretary, SAVMC Foundation  
USAWOA, Arizona Silver Chapter No. 203**