

SOUTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY FOUNDATION

1300 Buffalo Soldier Trail Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 Web Site: www.savmcf.org

Friday, April 6, 2012 Monthly Business Meeting VFW Hall – 0900-1030

Welcome - Ingrid Baillie

Invocation - Earl Devine

Pledge - All Members

Officers' Roll -

President – Tom Dingwall (AMVETS) Excused/Absent

Vice President – Ingrid Baillie (DAR)

Present

Secretary – Conny DeSpain (BPOE, Benson)

Present

Treasurer Emeritus – Earl Devine (MOAA)

Present

Treasurer – Ron DeSpain (VFW) Present

SAVMC Coordinator: Ingrid Baillie (DAR)

Present

SAVMC Administrator: Joe Larson (AZDVS)

Present

Member Organizations Roll - Conny DeSpain

Air Force Assoc. CHAPTER 107 Present American Legion Post 24, Tombstone Present American Legion Post #52 Present American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 89 Present BPOE Lodge #2065 Sierra Vista Present BPOE Lodge #2853 Benson Present Ladies & Gentlemen of the Cemetery Present Marine Corps League, Wild West Det #1152 Tombstone Present Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent #13 Present Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 572 Present MOAA Coronado Chapter Present USAWOA Arizona Silver Chapter #203 Present

VFW Post #10342 Huachuca Excused/Absent

VFW Post #6271Benson Present
VFW Post #9972 Present
AL 40 & 8 Volture 987 Present

Committee Members Roll Call: Wreaths Across America Present

VFW Riders Post 9972 Sierra Vista Present Chapel Planning Present

Reports of Officers:

President's Report - None

Vice President - None

Secretary – None

Treasurer – February, 2011 Treasurer report approved as presented subject to Audit

Reports of Foundation Committees:

Joe Larson reported on ongoing projects

Michael Jones: 2000 crosses 20 Star of David Memorial display project/Memorial Day 20, 2012, on track

On track about 1,400 done now, recruited some soldiers to help

Scott Greggory: Assembly area cactus island & honor pad extension/to be completed in Spring

Extended Honor Guard path

Porter Bramwill Giant Cactus island behind Assembly area/to be completed in Spring

Jake Daines Paver's around the memorial walk into a circle of benches, will start next month

Mark Egan Project to be set up by Joe

Jenny Lovorn Girl Scouts-landscape around the kiosk area, finished their project

Micheal Collins Cactus island behind assembly area

Chapel Committee member Leo Pimple reported on the last two meetings they had. Mike Rutherford proposed a cost excess of \$200,000, there will be different variations of what to use for building materials. The \$200,000 is not a firm figure at this time. It will be a basic plan with options to upgrade. Joe Larson had some fliers made up for the donations of pavers for the Chapel Building Fund. The Chapel Committee is still in the early stage of doing a full bloom fund raiser. Joe passed out a consensus plan of the cemetery and approximately where the Chapel will be located, also set up a Chapel page on the Web site.

Old Business: Joe reported on the Kiosk educational system for the Kiosk it is now completed. Two displays are already put up and the 3rd to go up soon, the new board will be informational. They need to improve curbing, and 800 ft of irrigation has to be redone. Wasn't done right the first time so had major issues with it. Expansion project review by the National Cemetery is about 65% done. May 15th, is to be submitted is a \$1.7 million project with a new columbarium. The Cemetery received a Grant of \$170,000 for a solar system for the Cemetery will cut down cost of electricity the project is now done. Joe received an E-Mail from the National Guard for the modular. We still might get one. Not verified yet. Joe also gave an update of the possibility of unknown soldiers that might be coming from a construction site in Tucson. Leo Pimple brought up about Jim Kuriger had paid for a new wrought iron sign for the Kiosk looks good!! We gave Jim an round of applause.

New Business: April 20, 2012 from 12:30-1:30 a Missing in America Project, they have 12 remains and there will be a memorial service to honor them.

Good of the order: None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Business Meeting: May 4, 2012 VFW – Hall 0900 - 1030

Respectfully Submitted:

Tom Dingwall Conny DeSpain President Secretary