

KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

**Minutes of Winter Council Meeting**

The Plantation Golf Resort & Spa, Crystal River, Florida 34429

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Prior to the meeting a video presentation on "How I use the Association Online Membership Database" was given by Chapter 169 President Tom Thiel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by DOF President Charlie First at 1100 hours.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by DOF Chaplain Harold Sievers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by DOF Alternate Sergeant-at-Arms Everett DeWitt

**WELCOME - Message** by DOF President Charlie First – Thank you for your support.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**Executive Board** – Six Members - Present

**Appointed Officers/Staff** - Six Members - Present

**Chapters** – 15 - Present

**REPORT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was reported by Secretary Maxine Parker (3 Officers and 8 Chapters required) for morning and afternoon sessions.

**INTRODUCTION OF DOF OFFICERS**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** - None

**MINUTES OF THE September 24, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

These Minutes were sent to all Presidents, Board Members and provided to all Members in your Folders today. The Secretary called for any corrections, additions or deletions. Receiving none, a Motion to accept the Minutes was offered by Tom Thiel

and second by Everett De Witt. Motion passed. These Minutes were approved by President First and presented to Tom Thiel for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

**REPORTS** (five minutes of less):

1. Financial Report – Treasurer Joan Arcand - (attached)

Motion made by Richard Arcand to accept the report as read, second by David Smith. Motion passed.

2. Correspondence Report – None.

3. Chaplain’s Report – Chaplain Sievers - (attached).

4. National Secretary – Frank Cohee – No Report, but commented on National Elections. “We have two people running for the office of President. See your Greybeards and read the resumes of each candidate before you vote. VOTE!”

5. DOF/Association Report – Liaison Jake Feaster –Passed out Reports to the Chapter Presidents followed by discussion on use of Management Information System. Jake stated Chapter’s can log in to [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and from the Home Page they can check their Members status. Jake stated the importance of Chapter’s sending in their election reports. It’s up to Chapter Presidents to monitor their Membership. Each Chapter Presidents needs to provide the names of their deceased and inactive members. Life Members continue to receive the Greybeards until National is informed that the Member is deceased. This is costing KWVA thousands of dollars. Jake provided President First with current Florida Inactive Membership and Chapter President/Commander List.

6. Chapter Elections Report – Treasurer Joan Arcand has been helping the Secretary with the Election Reports. Secretary duties are to keep a Log of Elections from each Chapter. Total to date are nine Chapters reporting.

President First introduced Bob McGuire as the new Chairman of the Elections Committee who so graciously accepted these duties. Gene Gillette, Chairman had to resign due to health problems. Bob McGuire announced letters have gone out requesting Members send in a Letter of Intent to run for Office. “I have received two, your President and your Treasurer. I need three more. Thank you”.

President First, also stated that Bob McQuire has accepted the job of Assistant Secretary to help Maxine. Secretary position is now an Appointed Position not Elected.

7. DOF/Judge Advocate Report – JA Hank Butler – Amendment changes to Procedures Manual (page 12) in Greybeards. President First thanked Hank and Rita for all their help

in the past few months. Hank received request for Amendments in two different areas, but they have not been approved and will have to go before The Board at the next Council Meeting. "You may want to take a look at the Greybeards regarding an amendment to the Procedures Manual".

8. DOF Newsletter Report – Editor Thomas Thiel – (attached). Two Issues have been published. He made a request for more Chapter material. Some Members asked to get on his mailing list – they were referred to Chapter 169 web site. President First stated Chapter President receive the Newsletter and it is their responsibility to E-mail or print it off and see that their Members receive it.

9. Korea/American Report – Liaison Eddy Koo – **Good News** – North Korea President died. Mourners were acting not really crying. The youngest son who is now in charge, mobilized his troops to show power. Older brother is hiding out in Singapore. JPAC is once again gearing up for recovering remains of Americans. Eddy will try again to go to North Korea to find remains around the Chosin Reservoir, estimated 2,000 and Koonwonsan, around 2,000 there. His desire is to see Korea become one Nation such as South Korea.

10. Historians Report – Carol Becker – She stated she takes pictures, but does not do reports. President First stated: "We are looking for a Volunteer to do Historian Reports and make a book regarding Department of Florida."

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Report from December 8, 2011 DOF Board Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bill Shibler (attached).
2. Reports of New Chapter Officers – Treasurer Arcand – Nine returns on Elections.
3. Outcome of Survey from September 24, 2011 Council Meeting – Treasurer Arcand.
4. DOF Fundraiser update – 3<sup>rd</sup> VP John Stelling – working on fundraiser, possible 43" TV. Question from a member regarding doing Rose of Sharon. President First stated: "that Rose of Sharon is a Chapter function set up at Publix, Winn Dixie, etc. Last year we had Chapters donate (authorized amount \$75 to \$150) without prior approval. We can either do that or TV, however, at this late date we have only a short time to raise funds. "
5. Convention 2012 Update – 192 Commander Hank Butler/Convention Host – Plantation Inn and Crystal River area information is in Folder. "Please get your ad in the Journal before April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a Hospitality Room with beer and wine for a nominal fee."

Proposed By-Law Amendments – Item (f) Webmaster and Item (g) Editor. President First ask all Chapter Presidents or their Alternates to raise their hand to receive a copy

(attached). Certified Mail – Article VI-A-7 (attached). Jake Feaster will send a copy of the Proposed By-Law Amendments to all Chapter Presidents via E-Mail.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. DOF Policy Manual/New Policy for Chapter QM – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Bob Hebner. DOF Council Meeting or Convention – Host Chapter QM has first option to sell items at the meeting for the benefit of the Host Chapter. If Host Chapter does not have a QM or if the DOF is the Host for the meeting other Florida QM's are invited to send a letter to DOF Board requesting to sell items at the specific meeting to for the benefit of their Chapter. He must have written permission.

2. Award Presentation by President First to Don Struhar. and ' The Flag Lady' – Carol Becker. Most Chapter's Flags were made by Carol. She made a Flag for Chapter 311 of Prescott, AZ. Don Struhar designed the Department of Florida Patch and the Department had it registered with the Library of Congress (Copyright). Carol to deliver Certificate of Appreciation to Don.

President First stated: “We have two bids for Council and Convention 2012-2013. Hugh Harris, Vero Beach Chapter 318, and Bob Hebner, Daytona Beach Chapter 155. Take Council meeting or all four meetings.”

President First also stated: “We will miss Laurie McCraney's help. I want to Thank You for all the work you have done”.

**CALL FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Secretary Maxine Parker – 14 Chapters responded

## **GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORDER**

POW/MIA – Don Edwards

President First asked that we remember Past President Bob Balser and his wife, Rose, who had a stroke about a week ago. She is now in a Nursing Home. In your prayers, remember Bob and Rose.

DOF is getting a lot of request for Swearing- In of Installation of Officers. Past National, DOF and Chapter Officers may swear them in as long as they use the Oath of KWVA. There is a copy in your Policy and Procedures Manual.

**REQUEST FOR SURVEY OF MEETING** – Maxine Parker

**BENEDICTION** – Chaplain Harold Sievers

**SALUTE TO COLORS** - Everett DeWitt (acting Sgt-at-Arms)

**ADJOURNMENT – President First**

**REUNION TIME AGAIN - FRIDAY, MAY 11 AND SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012**

Council Meeting, Friday 1:30 PM

General Membership Meeting, Saturday 10:30 AM

Cash Bar Reception and Banquet, Saturday Evening

**50-50** - 075 – Eddie Ko - \$43 or Wall Hanger (gave money to Chapter), 070 – Jake Feaster – Wall Hanging (Flag), 008 – John Stelling – Wall Hanging, 883 – Dwight Brown, Collected \$122, gave out \$61.

Respectfully submitted

Maxine McCartney Parker  
Secretary