

KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

**Minutes of Fall Council Meeting**

Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs, 350 S. Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Saturday, September 22, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by DOF President Charlie First at 10:30 AM

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by DOF Chaplain Harold Sievers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by DOF Sergeant-at-Arms Chuck Travers

**WELCOME** - Welcome to the beautiful Hilton Hotel. We are fortunate enough to have this for all of our meetings, it is centrally located, everything is on one floor, we'll eat right next door and that's good for guys with bad feet and legs like me. Welcome and thank all of you for coming. This is our first meeting as a new council and we appreciate all of you coming.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** - was read by Acting Secretary Joan Arcand.

**Executive Board** – Six Members – Maxine Parker absent

**Appointed Officers/Staff** – Eight Members - Present

**Chapters** – 13 – Present, Presidents 9, Total 62 Members in attendance.

**REPORT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was reported by Acting Secretary Joan Arcand (3 Officers and 8 Chapters required).

**INTRODUCTION OF DOF OFFICERS** – Elected and Appointed Officers have been introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** – President Charlie First. "We are honored today to have with us one of our new Associate Members, William Cummins wrote the book "Forgotten" about the Korean War. He will give us some idea what the book is about this afternoon."

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2012 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

President Charlie First called for a Motion to Accept Minutes. Motion made by Chuck Travers to fore go the reading of the Minutes since they had been e-mailed to all Chapter Presidents and

provided in each Member's Folder. Motion second by Mickey Tutolo. No discussion. Motion passed. Approved Minutes given to Tom Thiel for inclusion in DOF Newsletter.

**ADMINISTRATON REPORTS:**

President's Report     None

Secretary                No correspondence to report

Treasurer                Joan Arcand - Financial Report – presented annual report and Treasurers noted Audit was completed August 29, 2012 and found to be in order by Don Smith, President Chapter 14 and Major James Slaughenapt, Captain, USA, Ret, Korea. Joan Arcand explained categories and stated that records are available for all to see. Motion to accept Finance Report for audit was made by Bill McCraney. Passed by acclamation with no discussion. Joan further stated that this is her last year as Treasurer and she asked the membership to be thinking about her replacement.

DOF Liaison                Jake Feaster – Florida has 652 paid Members for 2012-2013. 194 Members have not renewed their dues and Chapters should address it before they are dropped. 35 Life Members are still a problem as to their whereabouts. Chapters need to see if they have a Life Member or POW showing as inactive. Check to see if they are deceased, not in your Chapter any longer or if they are alive and well – we need to know. We have difficulty in getting some Election Reports and in some cases Officers are being put into Chapters when they are not paid up or even members of KWVA. We have ten “non-accredited” Chapters as they are delinquent on their reports. Their password does not work so get with me and we will see what we can do. In some cases the Reports are not getting to me or Frank Cohee. We coordinate trying to take care of some of the problems. Chapters must have a minimum of ten paid up Members, their Election Reports must be up to date and their Rosters in good standing with KWVA. Jake stated, “He had not talked with President First yet about the need for an Assistant Membership person to work on developing new Chapters.” Joan Arcand stated all Election Forms for 19 Chapters have been processed thru the DOF Secretary before being sent to the National Secretary.

Judge/Advocate            Richard Arcand – By-Laws Changes & Policy changes were provided in your Folders. They are a couple changes proposed to me by a Member and are just Book Keeping changes. They are from the By-Laws Manual and the Policy Book and have to do with the structure of the Presidency, Vice Presidency, etc. We are not asking for a vote today. Look at the proposed changes, they will be reviewed at the January meeting with a motion to present at May meeting for a vote.

- Chaplain Harold Sievers – gave his report which includes his volunteerism at Chapter level. Chuck Travers Chapter 173, “You gave a Chapter Report, can you give us a DOF Report such as a person who is sick or anyone who dies”? Chaplain Sievers response was Memorial Services are held annually at the Convention.
- DOF Website/News Tom Thiel – requested informational input from all Chapters for the Newsletter. He also presented three reports.
1. [www.dfl.kwva.org](http://www.dfl.kwva.org) Web site is operational.
  2. No Newsletter due to lack of participation by Chapters & DOF Board.
  3. Chapter assessments and National Membership numbers do not agree as noted in Report. Treasurer stated receiving assessments from Chapters not necessarily the number of members. Appreciation of the monies received with no questions asked.
- Korean/American Liaison Eddie Ko – was considered a “Line Crosser” from North Korea to South Korea during the Korean War. “I was always a spy for the US Marines. I came to the USA and fulfilled the American Dream. “I am proud to be an American Citizen.” “Korea is now the 10<sup>th</sup> economic country in the world. You made this happen.” North Korea is beset with problems such as famine. They ask United Nations for some food and equipment and of course American was first to respond with food. They finally accepted some help and food supplies.
- KWVA/DOF Liaison Frank Cohee – National Board Meeting in July with new President Ferris presiding. Next meeting is in St Louis, MO, October 10-14, 2012. We will have a Representative of Records to help Veterans whose records were destroyed in the fire. March 2013 meeting is in Syracuse, NY. Watch the Greybeards. Agenda will address elimination of Life Membership at the July meeting. He’s hoping prior Life Membership will be grandfathered in.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Outcome of May 2012 DOF Meeting Survey – President First read report on Survey from Convention and asked members to fill out survey for this meeting and return to Joan Arcand.
2. Outcome of DOF Petition to National regarding Data Base – Dwight Brown and Tom Thiel discussed the lack of available membership information from National. Frank Cohee said, “The Petition was read and tabled at request of the Nation Web Master. The Board will vote on it.”

Tom Thiel feels we are being left out of the information circle by National for no apparent reason. Website: [ciddfl.kwva.org](http://ciddfl.kwva.org)

3. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Chairman Dwight Brown stated much work has gone into the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program scheduled for 7/27/13 in DC. 2013 will be the last year for this program. Dwight Brown has had no response for four months from Chapters after sending E-mails. Each of the Branches of Services within the Department of Defense has a representative in that 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Major Buck Buchanan representative for the Air Force and is now in charge of the DC Delegation. Chuck Travers, President 173, in conjunction with SCA has a Memorial Day Program with parade and speakers at Sanford, FL on May 27, 2012. All KWVA are invited, call for more information.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

Guest Speaker: William Cummins, Author and Associate Member reported Association has endorsed his book "FORGOTTEN" and is written up in the next issue of the Greybeards. Cost to Members is \$24.95 with proceeds to help KWVA Association. Book includes stories by Rick Kennedy (deceased) and Bob McGuire, DOF 3<sup>RD</sup> VP.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment of DOF Nomination/Elections Chairman: President First – I have talked with Dwight Brown and he will take the job and you will be hearing from him in January.

2. DOF Chapter Elections: Explanation of Forms/Procedures: Joan Arcand for Maxine Parker – National Manual, pg 68 (a copy is provided in your Folder) reads "Chapter Elections Report to KWVA Secretary." Fill it out, put your Chapter Number at the top of the page and send it to Maxine Parker, she will make a copy and send it to Frank Cohee, National Secretary.

**CALL FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT – On file with Web Master/Newsletter**

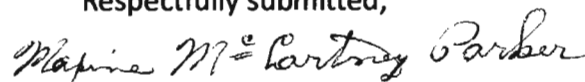
#### **GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORDER**

Jim Bradford made a motion to send resolution to National protesting the discrimination of Life Membership requesting all current Life Members to be grandfathered. He feels many Members will resign if ask to pay dues after paying to become Life Members. Motion made by Chuck Travers and second by Bob McGuire . Motion passed unanimously. Frank Cohee, National Secretary requested letter (form) be sent to him in writing. He will present to National.

Meeting adjourned after retiring of colors and a prayer by Chaplain Harold Sievers.

50/50 won by Tom Thiel.

Respectfully submitted,



Maxine McCartney Parker, Secretary