

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS (UAV), P.O. BOX 34338, PHOENIX, AZ 85067

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 2011
AT THE STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY,
PHOENIX, AZ 85012**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bob Delker, followed by Invocation by Chaplain Bo Bohach, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: “HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY’S PROGRAM FOR VETERANS”
- Tom Fenner, Community and Military Liaison, Hospice of the Valley (HOV), briefed that Hospice of the Valley began a Veterans Salute Initiative in Nov 2010. The Salute Program honors veteran patients with ceremonial pins and flags, and also connects them with veteran volunteers. Tom also ensures that veteran patients are updated on their veteran benefits. 300 veterans have been visited and honored so far. Veterans interested in serving as a volunteer in the Veterans Salute Initiative, and anyone interested in hospice services, please contact Tom Fenner. Contact information: cell: 602-910-8737, Fax: 602-530-6917, Main #: 602-530-6900, Email: tfenner@hov.org
Hospice of the Valley, one of the oldest and largest hospices in the U.S., is a nonprofit which puts funds back into community services and programs (\$11 million since 1977), and is located at 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014-5656.

ROLL CALL: Quorum established for conducting business.

TWO TREASURER’S REPORTS presented by Treasurer Jesse Gersten (2011 AVHOF Event, UAV Treasury Report). Reports are on file with the Secretary.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: **Terry Araman** reported the passing of Johnny Ray of MANA House, service scheduled at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on December 15, 2011.

REPORTS:

1. Arizona Dept of Veterans’ Services – Homer Rodgers reported a \$5 million dollar expansion of the Sierra Vista Cemetery is planned. Pima County has offered 100 acres for a cemetery. AZDVS goals include a 90-bed Veteran Home at Camp Navajo, a 90-bed Veteran Home in Kingman, a 60-bed Veteran Home in Yuma, and a 60-bed Veteran Home at Chinle.

2. UAV Board of Directors: Chairman Delker reported that the 2012 Copper Sword/Copper Shield Ceremonies event is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at the Fiesta Resort Conference Center, 2100 S. Priest Drive, Tempe. Barbara Hatch, history teacher at Cactus Shadows High School and advisor to the students’ Arizona Heritage Project, will be the recipient of the Copper Sword Award. Jerry Weiers, legislator, will

be the recipient of the Copper Shield Award. Entrée choices are Beef, Chicken Marsala, and Vegetarian. A scholarship will also be awarded . \$39 early bird dinner price and after Jan 1st, \$49 late bird dinner price.

3. UAV Legislative Committee: David Lucier, UAV Legislative Chair, reported that the Committee plans to distribute a spreadsheet for contacting legislators. Please contact Lionel Sanchez if you wish to purchase the Capitol Times' legislative green book for \$4.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wednesday, December 7, 2011 Commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day – Vice Chair Lew Bradley - There will be a flyover (B-17 Sentimental Journey). 64 wreaths are scheduled so far; check-in in time for Wreath presenters is not later than 10:15 a.m. Keynote speaker is Marshall Trimble, Arizona State Historian. Thank you to Judy Hatch and Lew Bradley for all their hard work and for representing UAV so well!

Dave Willis will have videos and photos at the January 7th meeting for \$5 (both video and photo).

2. Reminder - Feb 3-5, 2012 Arizona StandDown at the Veterans Coliseum. Funds are still needed to meet the StandDown expenses.

3. UAV Incorporation – Discussion included the statement that Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) protects UAV's name and its officers from being sued. Motion to incorporate UAV made by Mel Brody and seconded by Dave Willis. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2012 UAV Board of Directors: Nominations Chair Webb Ellis reported the following candidates for UAV Officer positions for 2012:

Lew Bradley for UAV Chair
Bob Madden for UAV Vice-Chair
Carol Culbertson for UAV Secretary
Jesse Gersten for UAV Treasurer

Chairman Ellis asked for additional Officer nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he moved that the four candidates be elected via acclamation. Motion carried.

There are 3 Director positions. Chairman Ellis asked for additional nominations from the floor. Lew Bradley nominated Phil Hanson, who accepted being nominated. Now having more than 3 candidates Bo Bohach, Phil Hanson, David Lucier, and Ken Yamanouchi, each candidate was invited to speak to the membership, with the exception of Ken Yamanouchi who was absent.

A silent ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Bo Bohach, David Lucier, and Ken Yamanouchi.

Outgoing UAV Chair Delker installed the 2012 UAV Board of Directors.

2. AVHOF Society pamphlets were distributed by Chuck Schluter. Nominations are now being accepted for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2012.

All UAV representatives were asked to seek out and nominate veterans with outstanding service to the community.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There is a scam email circulating that USAA is requesting personal data. USAA has issued a notice that it does not use email to obtain personal data (Bob Delker).

2. MOAA's website www.moaa.org can be used to send email to the SuperCommittee to reject the McCain amendment.

Background information: MOAA/Military Officers Association of America was shocked and disappointed at an amendment offered by Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) that would backtrack on the position previously approved by the Armed Services Committee that the percentage increase in TRICARE Prime enrollment fee should not exceed the percentage increase in retiree COLAs.

McCain's amendment would delete that protection and tie future increases to a Pentagon generated index of health cost growth that would raise fees by an estimated 6.5% per year. Over time, that increase would cost enrollees many hundreds of dollars a year.

3. Looking for WWII Veteran Speakers – a school is looking for a WWII veteran speaker. If you know of a speaker, please contact Tom Fenner, cell: 602-910-8737, Email: tfenner@hov.org

4. December 6, 2011 free program “Pearl Harbor: The Attack, The Successes and The Failures” to be presented by George Mitchell, WWII historian, at Macayo's Restaurant, 4001 N Central Avenue, Phoenix (Carol Culbertson).

5. Corey Harris has orders to Aghanistan in January.

6. Saturday, Jan 14, 2012 Stand Up and Stand Proud – Helping Homeless Veterans flyers

were distributed by Roy McClymonds. Can register online at:

www.standupandproud.org. Registration starts at 7 am., Mesa Marketplace Swap Meet, US 60 & Signal Butte, Mesa. \$20 per bike/cage (cage means car). Proceeds to Arizona StandDown.

7. Feb 3-5, 2012 Arizona StandDown at the Veterans Coliseum, Phoenix. 1,042 homeless veterans were helped last year (Mel Brody).

8. US Vets Victory Place Phase 4, 75 units: Bernie Kaplan, Jesse Gersten and Mel Brody attended the opening ceremonies.

9. Vietnam Traveling Wall in Tempe, Nov 11, 2011 weekend – 5000 visitors participated (David Lucier).

10. There was a groundbreaking ceremony on Nov 11 in Tempe: the Arizona Veterans Memorial with the theme “Bridging Generations of Service.”
Phase 1 to be completed in 120 days. Final two phases of the memorial will take 18 to 24 months to complete. Cost: \$500,000 (David Lucier).

11. 50/50 Raffle winner: Carmine Iosue, \$33; and \$33 to the Treasury.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2012, State Veteran Home, Liberty Hall, 2nd Floor, 10 am to Noon.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bohach.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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