

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

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2011,
AT THE STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY (FORMER
4141 N. 3RD ST.), PHOENIX, AZ 85012**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular business meeting of the Unified Arizona Veterans was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bob Delker with proper ceremonies.

The roll was called and a quorum established for conducting business.

PRESENTATION – (City of) Anthem Veterans Memorial Project – Ron Tucker, Chairman and Rear Admiral, USN, Ret. - Ron Tucker presented a model of the Anthem Veterans Memorial which is being constructed in the Anthem Community Park and is scheduled for dedication on Nov. 11, 2011. The Memorial will include a 25-foot flagpole which will be illuminated at night, and five towers commemorating the five armed services. The towers will be set in a circle of 3,000 brick pavers, which will be engraved with the name of a veteran and may be purchased for \$150.00. Nearby will be the pavers for veterans organizations. Information can be found and pavers purchased at the website: <http://www.onlineatanthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial>

(UAV Secretary Culbertson has a few Anthem Veterans Memorial printed materials if you would like a copy. Contact Carol at: carolculbertson@earthlink.net).

MINUTES of the December 4th Meeting: Motion to approve by Al Kerstetter, seconded by Ken Yamanouchi. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of December 31, 2010, presented by Treasurer Jesse Gersten. Motion to approve subject to audit by Lew Bradley, seconded by Ken Yamanouchi. Motion carried. Report is on file with Secretary Culbertson.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – Chaplain Bohach
Financial assistance for the medical treatment of a young man is being sought; point of contact: Dick Collis (rcollis@cox.net).**

REPORTS

1. VAMC – Sarah Nelson reported that new Veterans Orientation Sessions are being scheduled at the VAMC. Contact Sarah at: sarah.nelson@va.gov to obtain the names of the Patient Advocate Liaison Staff.

2. National Memorial Cemetery – Wayne Ellis reported that inspections of the Cemetery conducted last November found the Cemetery to be at or above standards. Congratulations to Wayne and the staff at the Cemetery!

Gary Fredricks asked Wayne Ellis if the following information was correct, and Wayne replied in the affirmative: the 32nd Street right of way is owned by the City of Phoenix and bisects the national cemetery with the developed portion being west of the right of way and the undeveloped area being east of the right of way. Planning for development in the undeveloped area by the federal government is currently lead time away. The federal government must take the action with the city of Phoenix to resolve the right of way issue.

3. Arizona Dept of Veterans' Services : Dave Hampton, Public Affairs Officer, reported that no veterans bills have been filed. Monday, Jan. 10th will be the Governor's State of the State address will be presented on Monday, January 10th; and the Governor's Budget Report will be presented on Friday, January 14th.

The AZ Dept of Veterans' Services Agency Report has been issued, including such information as the Tucson Veteran Home is 58% complete, there will be private rooms for veterans, and the dedication will be in the fall.

Arizona StandDown will happen Feb 4-6. Third Annual Military Women Conference will happen April 30 & May 1, Sheraton Crescent Hotel, I-17 & Dunlap. Detailed information at: azdvs.gov

Bob Madden added that volunteer escorts are needed to serve as guides for selected homeless veterans for the 3-day StandDown. The Opening Ceremony will be Friday, Feb 4th at 10 a.m.

4. UAV Board of Directors – Chairman Delker reported that the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council of Kingman, AZ, has requested to join the UAV. The Board has asked Gene Crego, President of the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council for more information as to the names of the veterans organizations which will be members of the Council. Therefore, the Request has been tabled for the present time.

The Copper Sword/Copper Shield Ceremony and Dinner is scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2011. The venue will be the Dobson Ranch Inn, \$35 per person. Scott Essex, Chairman, Arizona ESGR/Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve will be the Copper Sword Recipient. Senator Frank Antenori will be the Copper Shield Recipient. One scholarship will be presented on Feb. 11 to a student.

Chair Delker reported that the AVHOF Society has requested to use the UAV AVHOF Logo, restricted to business cards, stationery, and note pads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Report on the December 7, 2010 Pearl Harbor Commemoration Ceremonies – Lew Bradley reported an excellent program, participation by veterans organizations, and participation by veterans and the public. 44 organizations presented wreaths. Lew's committee members were Judy Hatch and Bob Skopac. Lew recommends that UAV co-chair the event scheduled for Dec. 7, 2011 at Wesley Bolin Plaza. The Dec 7th Ceremony will be the 70th Anniversary of the Day of Infamy at Pearl Harbor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New UAV Legislative Chair needed – Chairman Delker asked Linda Fulkerson to serve as UAV Legislative Chair. Linda agreed to serve in the position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Chairman Delker for his previous service as UAV Vice-Chair.

2. Webb Ellis reported that Mary Ellen's Place will open next month/February. A Dedication Ceremony is planned for March 2011.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. 50/50 Raffle winner was Doug Brown, \$31. Doug donated his winnings to the Treasury, for a total of \$62 to the Treasury. Doug, Thank you for your generosity!

CLOSING & ADJOURNMENT

- 1. The next UAV meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 5th, 2011, at the State Veteran Home, Liberty Hall, 4141 N. Silvestre Herrera Way (former 4141 N. 3rd St.), Phoenix 85012.**
- 2. Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bohach.**
- 3. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with a closing salute to the flag.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Carol Culbertson

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