

Note: Due to the summer break, these Minutes are subject to approval by the UAV Membership on Sept. 3, 2011

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

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 4, 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: Update: USO Phoenix – Don Taylor, USMC veteran, briefed that USO Phoenix will be moving to a 5,000 square foot space in Terminal 4 in the Dec 2011-Jan 2012 timeframe. Financial help and volunteers are needed. Contact Anne Theodosis, USO Phoenix Director at telephone 602.275.1847 or email: Info@PhoenixMVHR.org. Thank you to veterans for your past, present, and future support of USO Phoenix!

ROLL CALL: Quorum established for conducting business.

MINUTES of the May 7th Meeting. A correction was received that the Minutes should read, “the Federal Govt will contribute \$5 million.” Motion to approve the Minutes, as corrected, by Carol Culbertson, seconded by Bernie Kaplan. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT as of May 31, 2011 was presented by Treasurer Jesse Gersten. Motion to approve the Report by Mel Brody, seconded by Lew Bradley. Motion carried. The report is on file with the Secretary.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Chaplain Bo Bohach reported that services were held for Jerry Houston, AVHOF Class of 2009, and Fred Carpenter.

REPORTS:

1. **VA Medical Center Phoenix: Karen Sparks, Patient Advocate,** asked for prayers for our country. Emerald Clinic is up and running. The Outpatient Laboratory has moved to a temporary location. If you have time to volunteer at the VAMC, the Volunteers Office phone number is 602.222.6419. Dr. Chung, Chief of Staff, is leaving VAMC Phoenix for a new assignment as Chief Medical Officer in Washington, DC. Dr. Silvia Vela will soon be reporting aboard.

Webb Ellis added that the VA is not accepting new Veteran Category 7s and 8s.

2. **Arizona Dept of Veterans’ Services – Dave Hampton, Public Affairs Officer,** reported that AZDVS will receive the keys to the Tucson Veteran Home on July 1, with dedication scheduled for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2011. Joey Strickland will soon be

announcing the name of the new Administrator. 100 applications to be a resident have been received already. Dave requested that Legislative agenda items be emailed to David Lucier by June 30, 2011: davidflucier@cox.net, thank you!

Sat., Oct. 22nd is the Arizona 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War dinner honoring Arizona Vietnam Veterans. Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino., Chandler, social hour 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:45 pm. The keynote speaker will be General Barry McCaffrey, USA, Ret. Proceeds to the Arizona Veterans Fund. Cost: \$40/per person. Registration flyers were distributed at the meeting.

3. UAV Board of Directors – Chairman Delker

2011 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame – Chairman Delker reported that the 2011 Selection Committee completed its task in May, and the Nomination materials have been delivered to the Governor for her approval.

Upcoming Feb 2012 Copper Sword/Copper Shield Award Ceremony and Dinner – Chairman Delker reported that with the Legislature Session closing on February 9, 2012, the best date for the Copper Sword/Copper Shield Award Ceremony & Dinner may be Wed., February 8th, or Thursday, February 9th.

(Background: Nominations of legislators for the 2012 Copper Shield Award are due to Linda Fulkerson, UAV Legislative Chair. The due date is: August 30th. Contact Linda Fulkerson (fulkers6@q.com) to obtain the mailing address for submitting your Copper Shield Nomination. The Copper Shield Ceremony hosted by the UAV honors a member of the State Legislature who supports veterans and their families. Location of the Copper Sword/Copper Shield event to be announced. Chairman Delker's intent is to keep the dinner cost at \$35 per person).

4. UAV Legislative Committee – **Linda Fulkerson, UAV Legislative Chair**, reported she has received 4 Copper Shield nominations so far.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Upcoming December 7, 2011 Commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day – Vice Chair Lew Bradley** reported that the keynote speaker will be Marshall Trimble, USMC veteran. AZDVS Deputy Chief Bob Barnes will be the emcee. AZDVS will be providing chairs, etc. Judy Hatch is coordinating the National Guard Rifle Squad and the Army National Guard Band. Lew has arranged a bottled water tent, and continues to work on the Commemorative Air Force flyover (the Commemorative Air Force in Mesa is willing to do a flyover if five passengers purchase tickets to fly in the plane (\$395 per person, \$650 per person to sit in the jump seat). Wreath Participation registration forms were distributed at the May 30th Memorial Day Commemoration event at the National Memorial Cemetery on north Cave Creek Road. To obtain a Wreath Participation form, please contact Judy Hatch at: judithanns1@yahoo.com, or lew.bradley@gmail.com

Dick Collis added that Walgreens has been very supportive of packages to the troops.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, June 7th – WWII Honor Flight departing for Washington, DC from Terminal including 4 Navy WAVES, WWII, honorees (Carol Culbertson, President, Cactus WAVES).
2. Sunday, June 12, 11:30 am, US Army Birthday and Flag Day Luncheon- Gene Rafanelli encouraged everyone to attend, details: McCormick Ranch Golf Clubhouse, 7505 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale. Guest speaker: Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney. Cost: \$15 for Cadets and E-5 and below, \$30 for others. Registration flyers were distributed at the meeting.
3. June 23 – 25, Neighborhood House event at South Mountain. Also in September (Jacque Jackson, NABVETS, jjacksonsvalleyofthesun@yahoo.com).
4. Thursday, Sept 1 – ASU Salute to Veterans – 1,500 free tickets are available at VETTIX (www.vettix.org) for the ASU – UC Davis game. For more information, email David Lucier at: davidflucier@cox.net
5. Friday, Oct 28, 2011 - 11th Annual Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon, 10:30 a.m., El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008. The public is invited. The web site will soon be updated: www.avhof.org
6. Friday, November 11, 2011 Veterans Day Parade – The VA has a funding shortfall - \$30,000. Donations are very welcome (Art Sloane at: artgbeard@aol.com).
7. Nov 11, 12 & 13 – Vietnam Traveling Wall at Tempe Beach Park (David Lucier).
8. TRICARE Weight Loss & Exercise Program including 8 sessions of physical therapy is available (Bo Bohach at: rbohachbo@cox.net).

Silver Sneakers at the YMCA (Dick Collis at: rcollis@cox.net).

9. 50/50 Raffle winner: Gene Rafanelli, \$33.00; \$33.00 to the Treasury.

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

1. **Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 3rd (Labor Day weekend), State Veteran Home, 10 am to Noon.**
2. **Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bohach.**

3. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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