

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

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2013, AT THE STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY, PHOENIX, AZ 85012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:00 a.m. by UAV Chairman Bob Madden, followed by Invocation by Chaplain Bo Bohach, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Sgt-at-Arms Bob Hysko.

Chairman Madden welcomed the following guests to the meeting: Vic Conner, AUSA; Robert Flores, State Library; Michelle Howard, WACVA; Scott McRoberts, VAMC; Homer Rodgers, AZDVS; and State Representative Catherine Hernandez Miranda, LD-16 and member of the Veterans Caucus reaching out to veterans. Her dad Robert Hernandez is a Korean War veteran, her husband Ben Miranda a Vietnam veteran. See Representative Miranda's bio on the last page of the Minutes.

**Presentation: "The VISOR Web Site," Michelle Howard & Toni Grimes, WACVA/Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association.** Michelle & Toni walked us through the web site: [www.womenRveterans2.org](http://www.womenRveterans2.org)

Clicking on Resources, there is a dropdown to: VISOR Directory

The VISOR Directory webpage is an on-line resource for all Arizona veterans & makes extensive use of external links to organizations which offer services to Arizona veterans. It provides current information which is continually being updated; avoids individual names, titles and specific programs; visitors to the site can provide additions; external websites provide specifics on their own programs & personnel. The webpage, which is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act, also offers information in a geographic/transportation format, arranging resources by distance and suggests auto, public transportation, biking & walking routes. The data input and maintenance is by Arizona veterans currently concentrating on Maricopa County. An eventual rollout within the next year is planned for the other counties of Arizona. Point of contact: Toni Grimes at: [tonigrimes@hotmail.com](mailto:tonigrimes@hotmail.com)

**Presentation: "Flagstaff StandDown, May 18, 2013 – Vice Chair Terry Araman**

participated in the Flagstaff StandDown and reported 83 homeless veterans registered and 3 homeless veterans unregistered. Flagstaff locations used included the National Guard Armory and the American Legion Hall. Participating agencies included the VFW, AZDVS, and the Catholic Charities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day included participation by members of the Navajo Nation. The statewide StandDown organization now aids with coordinating StandDowns in Mojave County (Bullhead City), Maricopa County (Phoenix), Pinal County (Casa Grande), Pima County (Tucson), and Coconino County (Flagstaff). Point of contact: Terry Araman, email: [taraman@lodestardrc.org](mailto:taraman@lodestardrc.org)

**Presentation: "U.S. Army 238th Birthday Commemoration/Flag Day Luncheon" – Vic Conner,**

**AUSA/Association of the US Army, invited everyone** to participate in the Celebration of the US Army's Birthday/Flag Day Luncheon, Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, McCormick Ranch Golf Clubhouse. Details: The Arizona Territorial Chapter will celebrate Flag Day and the 238th Army Birthday on 9 June 2013 at 11:30 am at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club at 7505 East McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. The event speaker will be Dr. A. Rudy Byrd, M.D. He will give a presentation on Revolutionary War battlefield medicine. The event singer will be former Air Force Band member, Dr. Joe Hegstad. The Colors will be posted and retired by the Continental Army Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution. Cost will be \$30.00, except for cadets and E-5 and below, \$15.00. POC is Gene Rafanelli, (480) 272-8302 or [rafanell@flash.net](mailto:rafanell@flash.net) or click on the Chapter website.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call taken, quorum certified.

**MAY 4, 2013 MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Secretary Carol Culbertson, seconded by Sharon Woods. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Treasurer John Burden.** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, made by Sgt at Arms Hysko and seconded by Art Sloane. Motion carried. Treasurer Burden needs two volunteers on the UAV Budget Committee. Sgt at Arms Hysko and Homer Rodgers volunteered.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS - Chaplain Bohach reported the passing** of Julius Brown, William Harper, and Jim Lay, all AVHOF. Chaplain Bohach appreciates receiving notifications of sickness and distress situations which come to the attention of our UAV representatives. Chaplain Bohach's contact information: 623.846.2212, email: [rbohachbo@cox.net](mailto:rbohachbo@cox.net)

## **REPORTS:**

**1. VA Medical Center – Scott McRoberts, Acting Public Affairs Officer (External)** reported that subcontractor Health Net is not renewing on June 30<sup>th</sup> so the Buckeye Clinic (390 clients) will be experiencing a temporary closure until a replacement subcontractor is found. The nearest Clinic is the Northwest Clinic in Surprise. The construction of the Southeast Clinic has started. Point of contact: Scott McRoberts at: [scottmcroberts@va.gov](mailto:scottmcroberts@va.gov), 602.277.5551 x 2658 or 480.433.6358.

**2. Arizona Dept of Veterans' Services: Homer Rodgers, Assistant Deputy Director, AZDVS,** updated us that the State Veteran Home Phoenix has progressed from a 1-star rating in 2009 to a 4-star rating this year. 3.8 million in Federal grants have resulted in needed renovations. The State Veteran Home Tucson is 75% full with residents, and 2 million reserves in the bank. Completion of the cemetery at Navajo Army Depot, Bellemont, AZ (west of Flagstaff) in the next 30 days. The Sierra Vista Cemetery completion expected mid-July. The announcement of the name of the new Director, AZDVS, is expected shortly.

**3. UAV Legislative Committee - Legislative Chair Lionel Sanchez reminded everyone** that the reply date for the 2014 Copper Shield Legislator of the Year award is: September 30, 2013. A Veterans Day at the State Capitol is being planned.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

## **NEW BUSINESS/OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**1. Hall of Fame Name Tags – Mel Brody** registered a complaint about the AVHOF/Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame name tags which have been distributed recently. Mel stated that the logo is being misused, it is an official logo reserved for Hall of Fame activities and an emblem to be worn by veterans inducted into the AVHOF. Also, the expenditure was a capital expense which was not approved by the body. Motion made by Mel Brody and seconded by Al Kerstetter to disapprove the use

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of the HOF logo. Friendly amendment to the motion made by Bob Delker and seconded by Al Kerstetter to withdraw the use of these name tags. Friendly amendment voted on, motion carried.

Jon Altmann, Alternate AUSN representative who has served as Parliamentarian to other veterans organizations, pointed out that the Friendly Amendment motion had the effect of voiding the original Motion.

At this point, Chairman Madden had to depart the meeting to attend a memorial service, and the Chairmanship duties were assumed by Vice-Chair Araman.

**2. Nominations to the AVHOF Copper Shield Award (Legislator of the Year Award) - The postmark deadline is Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Criteria, Guidelines, and where to mail the Nomination is described on the Nomination Form.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. June 1<sup>st</sup> SPOFIT Event, 3 pm to 6:30 pm – Reminder by Toni Grimes. Veterans and the public invited.**
- 2. Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – US Navy WAVES Birthday Celebration at the Basement Conference Center, Ambulatory Care Clinic Bldg, VAMC Phoenix. Point of contact: Sharon Woods, President, Cactus WAVES, email: [sharonwds1124@q.com](mailto:sharonwds1124@q.com)**
- 3. December 7, 2013 “Guns to Salute the Fallen” Flyer - Judy Hatch** will send to Secretary Culbertson for further dissemination. Action completed June 26, 2013.
- 4. 50/50 Raffle Winner:** Bob Delker, \$44; UAV Treasury, \$44.
- 5. Next Meeting: Saturday, September 7, State Veteran Home Phoenix, Liberty Hall on the second floor, 10 am to Noon**

Closing prayer given by Chaplain Bohach.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/CAROL CULBERTSON  
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From May 4<sup>th</sup> UAV Meeting: Ad hoc committee approved by the body to review, research, and report on the subject of the Military Family Relief Fund. Volunteering to serve: Jon Altmann, Corey Harris, and Terry Araman, and 1-2 MFRF Committee members invited to participate. Report due: September 7, 2013.