

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

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 1, 2014, AT THE STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY, PHOENIX, AZ 85012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:05 a.m. by UAV Chairman Rob Welch, followed by Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Chaplain Jon Altmann.

**Presentation: "May 26, 2014 Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park, 1317 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona," -- Sterling Foster, USAF Vietnam veteran, and President, Pioneer Cemetery Association.** Mr. Foster presented a short history of the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park. This Memorial Day, May 26 at 9 a.m. will be the 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Ceremonies with cannons, muskets, re-enactors, and Marshall Trimble as keynote speaker. Point of contact: Sterling Foster, tel. (602) 534-1262; PO Box 63342, Phoenix AZ 85082-3342; 1317 W. Jefferson Ave., Phoenix.

**Presentation: "Proposal to include Replica USS Arizona Bell into the Tradition of University of Arizona Football" - Cody Nicholls, Army & Wyoming National Guard veteran, Assistant Dean of Students.** Assistant Dean Nicholls informed us of the pending creation of a new tradition at the University of Arizona, the ringing of a replica USS ARIZONA bell prior to the start of home football games and following points scored by the University of Arizona football team, beginning the 2014-2015 college football season. It is anticipated that the Athletics Dept at the U of A will be able to finance the replica bell, and the NROTC Unit at the U of A will maintain the bell and ring it at the games. Point of contact: Cody Nicholls, Assistant Dean of Students, Military and Veteran Engagement, Tillman Point Person, The University of Arizona, USS Arizona Student Union Memorial Center VETS Center, 404M Tucson, AZ 85721-0017, Arizona Health Science Center VETS Center, 2101G, Tucson, AZ 85724-5079, SUMC VETS Center Tel: (520) 626-7154 AHSC VETS Center Tel: (520) 626-0772 Fax: (520) 621-6930.

**Harry Bailey, Primary Representative, Air Force Association,** was introduced and welcomed by our organization.

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

**FEBRUARY 1, 2014 MINUTES:** Judy Hatch corrected an expense figure to \$69.33. Motion to approve the corrected Minutes by Secretary Carol Culbertson, seconded by Director Gene Crego. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bob Hysko** presented and distributed a Statement of Funds report:

General Fund - \$11,829.17  
Savings Account - \$14,016.50  
Hall of Fame Account - \$6,859.74  
Total: \$32,705.41

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit made by Lew Bradley and seconded by Director Yates. Motion carried.

31 out of 51 veterans organization members of UAV have paid their dues for CY 2014.

Reminder: UAV Dues are considered late as of Sunday, March 2nd. Any organization who has not paid their dues this month/March will have their Organization Name removed from the UAV Roster to be issued on April 5, 2014. Membership renewal forms and dues checks can be mailed to UAV, PO Box 34338, Phoenix 85067, Attn: Treasurer.

Sickness & Distress: Chaplain Altmann reported the passing on February 26<sup>th</sup> of Les Nagy, age 86, Army Korean War veteran, AVHOF Class of 2010. Bo Bohach reported the passing on February 7<sup>th</sup> of Arthur Hubbard Senior, age 102, Marine Corps Navajo Code Talker, AVHOF Class of 2004.

## **REPORTS:**

**1. Congressional Offices – Congressional District 7 - James Pitts, Outreach for Congressman Pastor’s Office, reported that Congressman Ed Pastor will not be running for re-election, he will be retiring at the end of this current term.** When he leaves office, Congressman Pastor will have served 23 years in Congress. He previously served as a Maricopa County Supervisor from 1976 to 1991. Constituent services will continue. James appreciates any job and career leads. Point of contact: James Pitts, [james.pitts@mail.house.gov](mailto:james.pitts@mail.house.gov), 602.256.0551.

**2. VA Medical Center – John Scherpf, Assistant Director,** reported the Northeast Clinic has opened for business. The Southeast Clinic in Gilbert (Val Vista and the 202) will have a ribbon cutting on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. A ribbon cutting at the Mental Health Center is being planned. Scott volunteered to look into reserving the VAMC ACC Basement Conference Center for the afternoon of Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**3. UAV Legislative Committee – On behalf of Chairman Corey Harris, Jon Altmann highlighted the following bills:**

SB 1313 – Arizona gold star military medal

SB 1401 – United States submarine memorial

Sent to House, no cost bill, original sponsor Senator Al Melvin

HB 2135 – Military affairs commission; continuation

HB 52204 - Military applicants; commercial driver licenses

Passed the House; original sponsor Representative Sonny Borelli

HB 2303 – Permits or tags; transfer; veterans

No cost bill

HB 2311 – Military justice; courts martial

HB 2403 – State parks; disabled veteran’s pass

Passed House and on to the Senate

HB 2443 – Hunting and fishing licenses; military

HB 2457 – Mental health; veterans courts; establishment

Passed House and on to the Senate

HB 2537 – Pawnbrokers; interest; military members

Passed House and on to the Senate

**4. UAV Board of Directors – UAV Chairman Rob Welch stated that UAV’s position is concerned with State legislation, and not National/Federal legislation.**

Chairman Welch also announced that instead of a regular UAV meeting, UAV will be sponsoring a Veterans Town Hall Meeting with Gubernatorial candidates. Several venues are being researched.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. February 12<sup>th</sup> Patriotic Gala – AVHOF Society Chair John Sentz** reported a successful event attended by 230 people, with the awarding of several scholarships totaling \$9000. Patriotic Gala date for 2015: Wednesday, February 11, Airport Marriott Hotel, Phoenix.
- 2. February 14, 15, &16 Maricopa County StandDown – 1758 veterans were helped.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. Request to Join UAV – A request to join UAV has been received** from the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) , Arizona Association Inc., Sue Crego, Arizona State President. The UAV Board of Directors has reviewed the request and recommends the AVVA, Arizona Association Inc. Motion made by Bob Hysko and second by Sharon Woods. Motion carried.
- 2. Annual December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremonies – Motion to continue participating with ADVS** – Motion made by Bob Madden and seconded by Bob Delker. Motion carried.
- 3. Name Change to United Arizona Veterans – Chairman Welch discussed** that our organization is often mistakenly called United Arizona Veterans. He asked members to think about a Name Change to United Arizona Veterans. UAV was found in 1981 by The American Legion, the DAV, and the VFW.
- 4. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the postmark due date for Nominations to the Class of 2014, Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Nominations are to be mailed to: Unified Arizona Veterans, P.O. Box 34338, Phoenix, AZ 85067.**

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. Luke Days, March 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>, at Luke AFB. This year there will be a parking fee of \$10** (Jody Nededog, [jody.nededog@us.af.mil](mailto:jody.nededog@us.af.mil))
- 2. Peoria High School** received an overall “Exceeds Standards,” the highest rating attainable, during the recent Unit Evaluation of their Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). (Ron Capek, [ronluccap@gmail.com](mailto:ronluccap@gmail.com))
- 3. VFW sponsored a fish fry at the State Veterans Home Phoenix.** On February 28, John Sweeney, USMC OIF OEF veteran, traveled to the Paralympic Games at Sochi, Russia; his dad is Walt Sweeney. Good luck to John! (Treasurer Bob Hysko, [post9400@vfw.phxcoxmail.com](mailto:post9400@vfw.phxcoxmail.com))

- 4. Free “Update - USS PHOENIX SSN-702” guest speaker program on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>,** 11:30 am at Macayo’s Mexican Kitchen restaurant, 4001 N. Central Ave, Phoenix. Speaker: CAPT Pete Lumianski, USN, Retired, former Vice Chair, USS PHOENIX Commission. (Secretary Carol Culbertson, [claudhc@yahoo.com](mailto:claudhc@yahoo.com))

**5. Lew Bradley has 200 Korean War Memorial books left** (Lew Bradley, [lew.bradley@gmail.com](mailto:lew.bradley@gmail.com))

**6. Postmark due date for Nominations to the Class of 2014, Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame**  
(Director Reggie Yates, [ry173abn@cox.net](mailto:ry173abn@cox.net))

**7. Marion Cartland has a new magazine out:** Arizona Veterans Connection. Congratulations, Marion! ([marion.cartland@cox.net](mailto:marion.cartland@cox.net))

**50/50 Raffle Winner:** Roy McClymonds, \$37; \$37 to the UAV Treasury.  
With thanks to Vice Chair Araman for donating the doughnuts!

**Next Meeting: Saturday, April 5, 2014, State Veteran Home Phoenix, Liberty Hall on the second floor, 10 am to Noon.**

Closing prayer given by Chaplain Altmann.

Meeting adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/CAROL CULBERTSON  
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