

THE AMERICAN LEGION
MARY ELLEN PIOTROWSKI POST 94 SUN CITY WEST AZ
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2020

1. CALLED TO ORDER: Opening ceremonies performed per ritual. Meeting called to order at 10:00.
2. ROLL CALL: All Officers present except PPC Stern (E). There is a Quorum.
3. MINUTES: Dated December 5, 2019, approved as distributed without change.
4. MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Fifty-One (51)
5. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND MEMBERS ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME:
 - a. Department Commander, Ken Queen
 - b. District Commander, Dee Hoisington
 - c. Henry Branch, Area B Representative to the Department's Law and Order Committee.
 - d. Representatives from Arizona Fire and Medical Authority
 - i. Deputy Chief, Eric Kriwer
 - ii. Firefighter Richard Mixer
 - iii. Firefighter Robert Gallegos
 - iv. Firefighter Jasmine Boisvert
 - e. Jennifer Terstriep, Executive Director, Infinity Hospice Care.
6. Firefighter of the Year Certificate of Commendation for 2019/2020, was presented to above Firefighters at our December 14th Christmas Luncheon, and further honored at this meeting with a plaque. All awards were for a near-drowning rescue from a lake at the Hillcrest Golf Club on October 1, 2019. "Eight minutes elapsed from first alarm to rescue."
7. Jennifer Terstriep (RN), Executive Director, Infinity Hospice Care, gave a short briefing on their commitment to and Honoring all Veterans, and Spouses. There is an Assisted Living and Dementia Program. She, "said, we treat our Veterans like family. "At the end of her comments, her organization donated \$500, to us for helping many Veterans Groups.
8. American Legion State and District Commanders and Representative, here to honor our Firefighter of the Year. Each one commentated on their Military and Legion service.

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9. Jim Marshall "Realtor" was singularly honored for donating a portion of his commission back to the Post. This month, Jim donated \$2,317 from deals recommended by Post members.

10. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Senior Vice Commander:
 - i. Membership; presently we are 87.96% of our annual goal, ahead of the target, of 80% by January 10th. There are new member applications forms on the tables please take one. Our concentration is on delinquent members for 2018/2019.
 - ii. Honor Guard will perform the Honors at the National Cemetery at Cave creek AZ on all Mondays, three Thursdays, and One on January 11th at the Prince of Peace Church. A Veteran who passed as he was becoming a member.
 - iii. Newcomers coffee is on January 16th at the Social Hall. The hours are 0800 to 0930. Contact Sr Vice Commander if you can help.
 - iv. Flag schedule is posted, if you can help contact Ron Ripley
 - v. Several sign-up rosters on the back counter, look over and sign-up; many activities coming.
 - b. Adjutant: No report.
 - c. Finance Officer: The Finance Officers report is approved subject to review and will be maintained by the Adjutant. \$390 donated in doc Danker's memory.
 - d. Chaplain: Our Chaplain was ill but doing better. Marty Spargo was looking OK at our Christmas Luncheon but is still on dialysis and is able to drive. Tom Mohler is getting over the flue. Jack Record's wife, Ann is in hospice. Post Everlasting; Don Morris. He will be Buried at Arlington Cemetery.
 - e. Service Officers Report:
 - i. Starting to contact the deceased member's family to see if they need our help or if we can help them with benefits.
 - ii. Congress is looking at civilians who were involved with manufacturing and transporting Agent Orange. Updates coming.
 - iii. Please make sure wife, and family knows where your military information is and your DD214, an important document, put it at top of your list. Our website has good information about burial rights and procedures. Also, how to donate your body to science.

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- f. Pearl Harbor Day Parade, in El Mirage, was well attended according to Trustee Metzger, all had a good time. The Convertible Club took first place in the Winter Fest Parade.
 - g. Flag Officer Ripley hoped all enjoyed the Christmas Luncheon, he feels it went well; with 110 attendings, and no complaints.
 - h. Children and Youth Committee: No report.
 - i. PPC Berger will call the paper a great success; delivered to MANA house - all storage space full. Thanks, everyone.
 - j. JSSP: We are getting a new school with a shooting club; more info soon.
 - k. Oratorical, need volunteers to sign up if you can help without you we can't proceed.
 - l. PPC Berger is the chair for the Veterans Benefits workshop on March 26th in the Webb room; we still need volunteers; committee meeting scheduled for after the Feb meeting.
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- a. Post-Bylaw's Review: Copies of a summary of the proposed changes are on the tables and will also be sent to everyone before our February 6th meeting. If anyone has suggestions of objections, present them at the February membership meeting and **we will vote to approve or reject the proposed changes.**
 - b. Sun City West "National BBQ Competition", starts with set up on Sat March 7th after 8 AM; hours of operation are 11-4 PM, BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything); volunteer meeting immediately after the Feb 6th meeting and confirmation at the March 5th meeting.
12. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Flag retirement next week. Doug sees how full the shed is. This may be the last Flag retirement that we do all the steps of Flag Retirement because Glendale has a mobile incinerator, and we take the flags to it or it comes to us. It can digest 2000 flags at once. We will know how to proceed soon. Our Ceremony should involve the community.
 - b. Denney Fossey is the new chair for the Pancake Breakfast. His first PCB and will need our help. Sign up rosters at the back counter. He will have a meeting after the February meeting.
 - c. Pamela Cameron, Manager of the Reveille Foundation will be our guest speaker at the Feb 6th meeting. She will give an overview briefing on "Aid and Attendance Benefits". The Reveille Foundation offers training on how to fill out the required forms. Members can sign up for the training.

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- d. Donations from Antigua, after repaired, cleaned and pressed, typically it gives clothing to MANA House, but they have run out of storage looking for another outlet.
 - e. Spring Picnic time is just around the corner, a chair is needed soon; contact Commander if interested.
 - f. Many email addresses have some problems, please take a look to see if it is correct. Having trouble updating your email address contact the Adjutant.
13. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:
- a. Billie Gross; has food to give away. PPC Berger will contact her.
 - b. Maricopa Veterans Stand Down is on Jan 24,25 and 26. The 24 is set up day. Our POC (Point of contact) is PPC Berger. You can register online just google Veterans Stand Down.
 - c. Corte Bella Vets golf tournament is on March 8th. If you can help get sponsors, the money will be given back to the Post; registration is at cortebellavets.org.
 - d. Pancake Breakfast Sponsors are needed; contact Denny Fossey to help.
 - e. Post elections are at the April meeting. If you can serve, contact a PPC.
 - f. There is an article on the website about burial at Arlington.
 - g. Denny Fossey has a book with the History of The American Legion first 100 years.

JAMES M HELLER

ADJUTANT