

Summary Minutes

This is a summary of the Executive Council Meeting held in Bossier City, Louisiana, at the Isle of Capri Resort during the Annual Meeting and Convention of the KWVA. This summary is subject to confirmation by verbatim record when it becomes available.

Call to Order:

President Dechert called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM on October 4th. Assistant Sergeant at Arms Yanacos led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The newly appointed KWVA National Chaplain, Rev. Leonard Stegman, gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted. Moved by Dauster, 2nd by Edwards.

Roll Call of Executive Council and Introduction of Guests and Staff:

Executive Council – All Present

President – Louis Dechert

First VP – Dick Adams

Second VP – Byron Dickerson

Secretary – Bill Hutton

Treasurer – Richard Hare

Directors

James Ferris	Dean McClain
Stan Grogan	Bob Morga
Larry McKinniss	Robert Banker
Joseph Pirrello	Jeff Brodeur
Lee Dauster	William Mac Swain
John Edwards	Warren Wiedhahn

Guests and Staff

Medal of Honor Recipients:

Col James Stone, MH00028

SFC Ronald Rosser, MH00025

Staff:

Tom Clawson	Boyle Henderson, CPA
Frank Cohee	Tine Martin
Jimmy Faircloth, Esq	Charley Price
Jake Feaster	J. D. Randolph
Sim Goodall	Steve Szekely
Art Hills	Chris Yanacos

Minutes of Meeting:

July 26, 2005: Approved unanimously as published in the July/August 2005 issue of the Graybeards.

Correspondence:

Secretary Hutton reviewed the types of correspondence received.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Treasurer Richard Hare (will be included in General Meeting summary in future Graybeards).

Old Business Action Items:

• Convention/Reunion Committee Report

Presented by Chairman Byron Dickerson. The Committee recommended that the 2006 Convention/Reunion be held in San Antonio,

TX, from October 8-11, 2006. Approved.

• **Budget and Finance Committee Report:** Presented by Chairman Jim Ferris. The following were suggested as methods to reduce expenses: (1) Cut one issue of Graybeards-Not Approved, (2) Schedule only two Executive Council meetings-Approved, pending review of new Bylaws, if approved, (3) limit the number of attendees to Executive Council meetings-Approved, leaving Presidential discretion; and, (4) Review per diem procedures-Approved.

• **Investments:** Presented by Treasurer Hare. Mr. Hare recommended that the KWVA funds in the Smith Barney Account be moved to AG Edwards Account. Joseph Bruska of AG Edwards made a presentation. Approved unanimously by the Council.

• **2005-06 Appointments:** President Dechert made the appointments for the year - Approved. (See KWVA Website)

• **E&G Committee Report:** The report of a nearly year long investigation was presented by outgoing Chairman Goodall with the recommendation that civil action be considered and Harley Coon and Kenneth Cook be expelled from the KWVA. After much discussion and secret ballots, the Council voted to send Mr. Coon and Mr. Cook each a letter of reprimand and to ban them from holding any office in the KWVA.

New Business Action Items:

• **Loan Request, Dept of Virginia:** Referred to Budget & Finance Committee.

• **Public Affairs Officer:** Referred to Budget and Finance Committee.

• **Request for Website Link and Donation:** Link approved, but no donation.

• **Recruiting Task Force Committee:** Approved.

• **Budget & Finance Committee-Disaster Relief Fund:** Director Ferris reported. The Council approved the recommendation that the funds donated for disaster relief be distributed to the chapters located in the disaster areas for further distribution, as they deem appropriate.

• **Korean War Veterans Memorial:** KWVA promotional support will continue; referred to Budget and Finance Committee for ways and means study.

• **KWVA Museums and Libraries Report:** Museums and Libraries Liaison Bill Mac Swain and Larry Sassorossi, Executive Director, Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library, Rantoul, IL, gave excellent reports. A motion of support for the KWVNML, Rantoul, was passed by the Council.

• **Bylaws/Procedures Manual Responsibility:** The President was requested to appoint a subcommittee to the Bylaws Committee for development and maintenance of the Policy and Procedures Manual, subsequent to any action by the Annual Meeting, October 5, 2005, on the new Bylaws.

• **Tell America Report:** Marvin Dunn reported for Larry Kinard, Chmn. of Tell America Committee. James E Yaney, Sr., of the Central Indiana Chapter 30, gave an outstanding presentation of the Tell America Program in their area as a part of the report.

• **Resolutions:** Four resolutions were approved for action at the

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A Dues and Who Gets What Primer

■ Let's get a head start...

For your dues this year:

Please look at the mailing label used to mail this magazine to you. Your dues date appears on the label on the right-hand side of the second line, just before it says "PKG."

Sample of dues date: "01/01/06"—this means January 1, 2006.

Right above your first name is your membership number...

- ♦ If you are a "Regular" member, your dues are \$20.00 annually.
- ♦ If you are an "Associate" member, your dues are \$12.00 annually.

If your dues are due:

January thru March, your dues are	\$20.00
April thru June, your dues are	\$15.00
July thru September, your dues are	\$10.00
October thru December, your dues are	\$5.00
January thru March, your dues are	\$12.00
April thru June, your dues are	\$9.00

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annual meeting: (1) Resolution supporting posthumous MOH for Chaplain Emil Kapaun, USA; (2) Resolution commending Mr. Eugene Chin Yu and awarding a Lifetime Honorary Membership to him; (3) Resolution supporting H.R. 2369, Award of the Purple Heart Medal to certain POWs; and (4) Resolution restricting monetary donations for museums and libraries to KWVAML, Rantoul (see KWVA Museums and Libraries Report, elsewhere in summary).

• **Membership Records Management:** Updated report of the member data project was presented. The problems in getting chapter and department responses were discussed.

It was noted that a number of elected chapter officers were not current members of KWVA, to include some presidents.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM, to be reconvened on October 5 for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget revisions directed by the Council during the course of the October 4 meeting.

Benediction: Given by Chaplain Stegman.

Added: The Executive Council reconvened at 9:00 AM, October 5, to review the changes ordered in the proposed 2006 Budget. After discussion, the proposed 2006 Budget was approved for presentation to the Annual Meeting. A special order was requested. After discussion, the Council approved a Special Raffle of three weapons of the Korean War—the M1 Rifle, M1 Carbine, and Cal. 45 Pistol—donated by a US Army source, to be promoted through all available in-house media. A fundraising committee/task force of Bill MacSwain, Jim Ferris, and Charley Price was appointed to carry out the task and authorized to expend funds on a reimbursable basis to promote and conduct the raffle. The President later appointed the CPA, Mr. Boyle Henderson, to the Task Force. The Council adjourned to prepare for the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
Bill Hutton, National Secretary

July thru September, your dues are\$6.00
October thru December, your dues are\$3.00

Life Membership: Life membership for a "Regular" Member is \$150.00—regardless of age. You may pay in a lump sum or 6 payments of \$25 each over the period of a year.

Special Notice: If your chapter collects your national dues for transmission to national, please send your dues to them. This will assist your chapter in determining which members are in good standing.

If your chapter does not collect your national dues, send your dues payment to: KWVA, PO Box 101238, Arlington, VA 22210-4238.

Incidentally, if you move (or just head South for the winter) always notify us of each address change at least three weeks ahead of the move. The post office merely notifies us that you are "AWAY," and we do not receive a forwarding address. You are then "away" on our records until we hear further from you. These returns cost us 90 cents each...so let us know. Plus, you don't get your magazine.

To expedite your mail, check the KWVA Directory on the inside front cover of the Graybeards Magazine:

- Things regarding publication in The Graybeards should be submitted to the person whose name is identified as "Editor" [Art Sharp]
- "Membership Office" [Nancy Monson] is to receive information/questions regarding dues, address changes, deceased notices, etc.
- KWVA "Treasurer" [Richard Hare] receives questions concerning other financial matters.
- "The Membership Committee Chairman" [Dean McLean] receives requests for chapter formation information.

Reports of KWVA Department/Chapter Officer elections and President contact information are to be sent to "Assistant Secretary" [Jake Feaster]

Addresses for all the above are on the inside cover of this magazine. Send your questions/information to the appropriate person for handling so as to expedite processing.

Important notice to Chapters: Please include your Chapter ID (CID) number on all applications and communications. These numbers may be found on the KWVA website. Be sure to *use the new membership application* which appears on the inside cover of this issue with correct dues amounts. *It has been changed.* Be sure all information is filled out on a new member application—zip code, area code, chapter assignment, unit of service, etc.

We have developed special forms which can be of assistance to you in submitting dues payments, reporting address changes, etc. You may print them from a link on the KWVA website, www.kwva.org. If you do not have internet access, request them from the Membership Office.

It's important not to abbreviate on a membership application—you may know what "P'sville" is, but we don't—we then have to take additional time and look it up by the zip code. Another item sometimes missing is the telephone area code.

We are still in need of information regarding some chapter officers. Be sure that you keep the Ass't Secretary for Membership, Jake Feaster, advised when you elect officers of the date of the election and titles of those elected.