

Call for the Meeting: E-mail from the Secretary.

Place of Announced Meeting: The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, St. Louis-Westport, St. Louis, MO.

Call to Order: President Ferris called the meeting to order at 0900, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant of Arms Sonny Edwards. National Chaplain Leo Ruffling gave the invocation.

Adopt Agenda: Director Brown made a motion that the agenda be adopted; it was seconded by Director Griffith and passed unanimously.

Roll Call and Introductions: President Ferris asked for a roll call of the officers and directors, which was then called by Secretary Cohee:

KWVA Board Members:

Jim Ferris, President

Larry Kinard, 1st Vice President

Roy E. Aldridge, 2nd Vice President-Absent

Frank Cohee, Secretary

Garry Rockburn, Treasurer-Absent

Richard Brown, Director

Lewis Ewing, Director

Ezra Williams, Director-Absent

James Fountain, Director

Arthur Griffith, Director

J. Tilford Jones, Director

George Lawhon, Director

Thomas McHugh, Director

Luther Rice, Director

Luther Dappen, Director

Salvatore Scarlato, Director

Thomas W. Stevens, Director

Action on Absences: Director Fountain made a motion that 2nd VP Aldridge, Treasurer Rockburn, and Director Williams be excused. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and was passed unanimously.

Declaration of Quorum: Secretary Cohee declared that there was a quorum.

KWVA Staff: President Ferris then introduced Judge Advocate Bill Burns, Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer, Membership Administrative Assistant Jamie Rednour, National VAVS Director J.D. Randolph, and Assistant Treasurer John Barwinczok. He also introduced the Court Reporter, Jeanne Pedrotty.

Departments/Commanders/Presidents Recognized: George Bruzgis, Dept. of NJ; Sonny Edwards, Dept. of VA; and Mike Glazzy, Dept of CA.

Approval of Previous Board of Directors Minutes of 10/29/2011 Meeting: In lieu of having Secretary Cohee read the minutes, Director Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the Nov-Dec 2011 issue of *The Graybeards*. Director Williams seconded the motion and it was approved without opposition.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer Barwinczok reported that the primary checking account as of 30 September 2012 has a balance of \$37,737.94, and that the savings account has a balance of \$40,861.05. Director Scarlato made a motion to accept the report; it was seconded by Director Fountain and approved without any opposition.

Proposed Budget for 2013: Finance Chairman Jones presented in detail the budget for 2013. Essentially, the budget increased from \$16,500.00 in 2012 to \$28,149 for 2013. The increase was primarily a hike in color guard expenses from \$3,000.00 to \$13,000.00. The grand totals were \$316,785 for 2012 and \$342,409 for 2013. Director Brown made a motion that the budget be approved; it was seconded by Director Scarlato and passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Ferris commented that it is time we begin to place the KWVA and its membership on the top of our priority list. Our largest budget item is *The Graybeards*. It is \$170,000 a year. We have to increase our membership and we need to increase the number of advertisements in *The Graybeards*. We also need to place more emphasis on recruitment of new members.

National Personal Records Center: At this point a Mr. Chip Ruth interrupted the meeting to announce that he was from the St. Louis National Records Center. He was invited to speak at the meeting and allowed to address the Board; he covered several important points on how one can get their records even if they were supposedly destroyed in the 1973 fire.

Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial Foundation: Mr. Jongwoo Han, President and Director, spoke about the progress of that foundation. People can go to their website, KWVDM.org, and review all of the interviews and artifacts that have been collected.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selection of Location for 2014 General Membership Meeting: Ed Valle, President of the Department of Minnesota, and Mr. Chris Wagner, Regional Sales Manager of the Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota, presented their proposal for hosting the 2014 meeting. There were no other proposals. Following the presentation, which was very impressive, Director Brown made a motion to have the 2014 General Membership Meeting in Rochester, MN. It was seconded by Director Stevens and passed unanimously. The dates will be October 15-19, 2014.

Request for Approval for a Subscription Only Option for The Graybeards: Director Stevens, Chairman of the Membership Committee, commented that the recommendation of the committee was to recommend that this request be approved. He then made a motion that it be approved. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and approved unanimously. The cost for the subscription will be \$30 a year.

Request for Approval to Add a Surcharge for Foreign Mailing of The Graybeards: Director Stevens commented that the recommendation of the membership committee was that the request be denied. He then made a motion that it be denied. The motion was seconded by Director Griffin. There was considerable discussion following the motion, both pro and con. However, when the vote was taken, it was unanimous that the request be denied. Part of the discussion involved mailings to Hawaii at the first class rate of

\$2.30 per copy versus the bulk rate of \$.45 per copy. Director Stevens made a motion that the mailings of *The Graybeards* be mailed bulk as opposed to first class. It was seconded by Director McHugh and passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to eliminate Future Offerings of Life Membership: Director Stevens commented that the membership committee recommended that this request be denied. He then made a motion to that effect which was seconded by Director Jones. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Approval to Eliminate the Life Member Category: Director Stevens commented that the membership committee was for denying this request and he made that motion. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Schedule a Special Meeting Immediately Following The 2012 KWVA Membership Meeting: Director Lawhon made a motion for the Board to consider changing the bylaws and the SPM to allow such a meeting. It was seconded by Director Brown. A vote was taken by a raise of hands at least two times, but the results were not in the verbatim minutes. As Secretary of the Association, I declare that this request was denied.

Request for Approval to Revise KWVA Bylaws, Article III, Section 4F, Board Of Directors: Director Stevens commented that there are two action items that are essentially the same. One was submitted by Director Lawhon; the other one was submitted by him on behalf of the bylaws committee. Director Lawhon made a motion that the Board consider his proposed revision. The motion, which was seconded by Director Brown, was followed by considerable discussion. A vote was eventually taken by a show of hands and the motion failed.

Request for Approval to Revise SPM, Section 3.9: Director Stevens commented that since the proposed revision to the bylaws failed, this proposed change to the SPM is now irrele-

vant. Director Lawhon made a motion that the revision be denied. It was seconded by Director McHugh and was defeated.

Request for Approval of a Project To Enable KWVA Members To Promote H.R. 5903: Director Lawhon made a motion that the Board approve the proposed project. It was seconded by Director Brown and was passed unanimously.

During the discussion about the foregoing project the question came up as the best time to have the members contact their congress persons, since some of them may not be in office after the upcoming election. Director McHugh then made a motion that they be contacted now and again if the incumbent is not reelected or retires. Director Griffith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Approval to Dispose Of KWVA Scrap Equipment: Past President Mac Swain requested the Board to give him approval to dispose of some scrap equipment that was still in his possession. Director Jones, Past Treasurer, commented that the equipment has already been removed from the Association's records. Director Rice made a motion that the request be approved. It was seconded and was passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Destroy Records From 2004: Past President Mac Swain requested the Board to give him approval to destroy the 2004 records from Past President Coon's Administration since they are now seven years old. Director McHugh made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Director Griffith and was passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Revise Bylaws Article III, Officers And Directors, Section 1, Powers And Duties. F. Board Of Directors: Director Ewing commented that the proposed revision comes with the recommendation of the bylaws committee. Remove the part that says "schedule meetings between annual meetings, the second or last...during the days immediately preceding the annual Association membership meeting" and replace with "the board shall have at least two meetings each year on a date and location selected by the President." He then made a motion to that effect. It was seconded by Director Stevens and was passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Revise SPM, Section 3.9 Meeting Criteria: Director Ewing made a motion that the SPM be revised to read the same as the change to the bylaws. That is, The Board shall have at least two meetings each year at a date and location selected by the President. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh and was passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Delete Article IX-Liability Insurance From The Bylaws: Director Ewing made a motion to delete the article as it is no longer applicable. The motion was seconded by Director Rice and was passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Delete Section 3.4.4 Chapters And Section 3.5.4-Departments From The SPM: Director Ewing commented that these two sections are now redundant, since the Board approved the deletion of Article IX-Liability Insurance from the bylaws. He made a motion that the request be approved. It was seconded by Director McHugh and the motion was passed unanimously.

Reunion Calendar: 2013

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APRIL

USS Renville (APA 227), open to all former crew and troops, 3-7 Apr., Portland, OR, Red Lion Hotel. Lynda Rumble, 187 Lakeshore Dr., Mooresville, NC 28117, 704-906-7622, lyndahd01@aol.com (ship's website is ussrenvilleapa227.com)

73rd Armor Assn., 23-27 Apr., Columbus, GA. Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Rd., Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940, 518-643-2302, curt0742@hughes.net

USS Ault (DD 698), 25-29 April, Erlanger, KY. Pam@GatheringsPlus.com, P.O. Box 1023, Branson West, MO 65737, 417-338-4048

MAY

67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (All units), 6-10 May, Plano TX. Marion Edwards, 126 Willow Ave., Greenfield Twp., PA 18407, 570-709-8551, jeeme@nep.net

Army Counter Intelligence Corps, 9-13 May, Herndon, VA, Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel. ellyb@cox.net

Request for Approval to Revise SPM Form 4.9.1 Election:

Director Ewing commented that this revision was submitted by Director McHugh. Applicants for KWVA office are apparently overlooking the requirement for a statement releasing their application form for verification by the election committee. There is no change to the SPM wording. He then made a motion that the aforementioned requirement for the statement be moved into a separate line item so that the applicants would not overlook it. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh and passed unanimously.

Request for Approval to Revise Article 1, Section 1, Paragraph A, Subparagraph 4, Gold Star Parents:

Director Ewing commented that this revision is to clarify the requirements for joining the Association as a Goal Star member. He made a motion that the statement that reads "any parent whose son or daughter was killed in action or who is missing in action or died as a prisoner of War during the Korean War from June 25th, 1950 to the present is eligible for free life membership as a Gold Star parent" to read "while serving within Korea, including territory, water around, and air space above during the Korean War June 25th 1950 to the present." The motion was seconded by Director Fountain and was passed unanimously.

Director Ewing suggested that the bylaws committee look into the bylaws that, as presently written, allow Gold Star parents and Gold Star spouses, Medal of Honor Recipients and Prisoners of War to vote and run for office even though they are non-paying members and are classified as regular members. The bylaws will look into the suggestion and report on their recommendation at the next Board meeting in March 2013.

For the Good of the Order:

Secretary Cohee commented that he had received a recommendation from a member that to increase membership we should delete the word "War" from the KWVA flag. Director McHugh made a motion that this recommendation be denied. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Director Griffith discussed the fund raising projects. He suggested that the Chapters start using the Rose of Sharon for their fund raisers. Past President Mac Swain commented that a Maryland Chapter has a deal with South Korea to be the only ones authorized to sell the Rose of Sharon. President Ferris commented that the Association does not have the authority to tell the Chapters where to get their fund raising products. Director Griffith then reported that that 2012 fund raiser has taken in \$58,324.00. The cost was \$14,315.40, a net profit of \$44,008.60.

President Ferris then asked Chaplain Ruffing to give us the closing prayer with special blessings for member Ed Buckman, who recently passed away.

President Ferris then asked the members of the Board to join with him in singing "God Bless America," followed by a salute to the flag.

Director Brown made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Director Lawhon and passed unanimously. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Frank Cohee, National/Association Secretary

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