

Hinesville Military Affairs Committee
Minutes, June 24, 2013

Fort Stewart Coordination Committee chairman PJ Schneider opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. (1900 hrs). Adna Chaffee led the group in prayer.

Present: PJ and Melinda Schneider, George Holtzman, Dennis Fitzgerald, Luis Carreras, Gaby Howard, Adna Chaffee, Chuck and Barbara VanDuser, Jeff Ashmen, Randy Murray, Walter Helmick, Pam Viscarra and Guido Knapp.

MINUTES – Correction to the minutes of June 6, 2013: Birgit Carreras attended the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected; the motion passed.

FINANCE REPORT – One check for \$150 was written to AUSA for HMAC's corporate membership renewal. The balance as of 05/31/2013 is \$4,627.48. The finance report was approved as posted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Publicity – no report

Community and Coordination Committee – no report

Hospitality – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Hail and Farewell, August 10, 2013: General Abram will be returning earlier than expected. The Change of Command is scheduled for August 2, 2013. Per Mayor Thomas, HMAC will waive this event and the Hail and Farewell planning will be diverted to the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce.
2. Veterans Memorial Fundraiser, Veterans Salute, November 16, 2013
 - a. The Veterans Parade will be scheduled for the same day, from 10:00 a.m. (1000 hrs) to 12:00 p.m. (1200 hrs) using the normal parade route.
 - b. Approximately 300-400 cars can be parked on site. A suggestion was made to reserve those spaces for vendors and to use the Chamber parking lot for bus parking.
 - c. PJ will speak with Jumping Jacks reference bringing in inflatable play structures for the children. And Adna Chaffee will speak at the Homeless Coalition meeting to obtain information about the inflatable play structures.
 - d. John Crowley sent a message offering information about the cost of a sound system and beer permit but HMAC will make every effort to get those services donated. Melinda will speak with Ray Gaster reference a sound system.
 - e. PJ will speak with Bryan Steele of the local radio station to ask for participation and a live remote.
 - f. Both electronic marquee owners and churches will be solicited for advertising purposes.
 - g. PJ will check on health permits that may be required.
 - h. George Holtzman stated that any insurance company could issue special event insurance.
 - i. HMAC will not have a food booth. Instead, this committee will solicit vendors for food sales and focus on a raffle and the beer sales.
 - j. Reference the HMAC raffle, early ticket sales will generate more money.
 - k. Raffle item ideas: TV, I Pad, Kindle Fire, Nook, car service package, hotel accommodations and meals at local restaurants.
 - l. Adna Chaffee will speak with Jim McIntosh about procuring 6000 tickets.
 - m. PJ will prepare a letter to solicit vendors and pay the registration fee.

- n. George Holtzman will prepare a solicitation letter from HMAC which members will offer to business owners when soliciting items for the raffle. This will also include information about the plans for the Veterans Memorial, why HMAC is raising funds.
 - o. Members will approach various businesses and return information to the July meeting.
 - i. PJ Schneider: VIP, Imprint Warehouse, Sears and Bass Pro Shop
 - ii. Jeff Ashmen: PX, Verizon and La Quinta Hotel
 - iii. Gabby Howard: Badcock Furniture
 - iv. Adna Chaffee: Wal-Mart
 - v. Barbara Martin: Holiday Inn and Dodge dealership
 - vi. Melinda Schneider: Rent to Own businesses, Vaden Nissan and Country Inn and Suites
 - vii. Luis Carreras: Ford, Golden Corral and Best Western
 - viii. George Holtzman: Mike Reed Chevrolet
 - ix. Pam Viscarra: CenturyLink and Alltel
 - p. PJ Schneider will speak with Leah Poole and Barbara VanDuser will approach Karen Bell reference entertainment. Melinda Schneider will speak with Ray Gaster about USO entertainment possibilities.
 - q. Jeff Ashmen will attempt to contract the 3rd ID Jazz Band for the event.
 - r. George Holtzman will ask Mayor Thomas to speak with garrison personnel about having static displays on site.
3. By-laws
- a. Members discussed adding veterans to the scope of HMAC's care and concern. Previously the focus has been on all of the 3rd ID or representative groups. Melinda said we should have "veterans" included as HMAC is supporting the Veterans Memorial. A motion was made to discuss the by-laws at the July meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Funeral arrangements for Kimberly Webster, wife of former 3rd ID Commander LTG(R) William G. Webster, Jr, are as follows: viewing will be at the Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel on Friday, 06/28/13 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (1700-2000 hrs), with the funeral service at the Main Post Chapel on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. (1300 hrs). Dennis Fitzgerald made a motion to have the amount of money spent previously for a similar situation sent to the American Cancer Society in Kimberly Webster's memory. The motion was seconded and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1. The Liberty County Community Choir will present a free concert, Patriot Concert, on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (1600 hrs) at St. Phillips Episcopal Church.
- 2. Adna Chaffee advised members there was a welcome home today, 06/24/13 for 170 soldiers of 2/7. Additional homecomings are scheduled for 06/29 at 7:15 p.m. (1915 hrs), 06/30 at 11:45 p.m. (2345 hrs), 07/03, 07/05 and 07/07. Please call 767-0227 after 6:00 p.m. (1800 hrs) to check for flights.
- 3. Kirk Healing Center has mattresses available for give-away.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (1900 hrs) at the Hinesville Police Department.

At 8:23 p.m. (2023 hrs) a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was honored by standing at 8:25 p.m. (2025 hrs)