

WreathsForTheFallen.org

November General Meeting Minutes

11-12-13

I. Call to Order

John Thomas our President called the November monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org to order on Tuesday night November 12th, 2013 at 6:30pm at the VFW in Little Falls MN.

II. Roll Call

There were 10 members present. Members present were – Jerry Patten, Carrie Johnson, Jayme Storlie, John Thomas, Bill & Fran Kokett, Ron Robbins, Joyce Tveit, Jim Fountaine and Richard McConnell. Everyone in attendance signed in and was entitled to one vote.

After the call to order we all faced the American flag and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

'I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for all.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion was made by Jayme Storlie to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Ron Robbins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. All minutes are retained in the minute book and also posted on our web site at www.wreathsforthe fallen.org.

IV. Treasurers Report

Our Treasurer Ron Robbins gave the treasurer's report.

The beginning balance in the general account on October 1st was \$22,733.46.

After paying administration expenses of \$689.10 and making deposits of \$7,024.73 the ending balance at 10-31-13 was \$29,069.09.

Jayme Storlie made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Joyce Tveit seconded the motion and the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

The report was submitted to Carrie Johnson our secretary.

Contributions and Sponsorships – Total contributions to date are \$34,031.92 which brings our total to 92% of the projected goal.

John Thomas maintains a complete spreadsheet of all contributions.

V. Old Business

Memorial Wreaths – John Thomas updated us on the new Memorial wreath he has been working on for the Red Bulls. It was discussed to have a wreath available in honor of the key note speaker which could be a number of different units of the military. John showed us a template for a wreath that said "For The Fallen" with red, white and blue colors. Other words suggested were – 'Remember the Fallen' and 'Honor the Fallen'. John will work with the spacing on the template to see what would work. This would be a 'generic' wreath that could be used for several different branches of the military at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

New Cemetery – John gave us an update on the Veterans Cemetery in Preston MN. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 8th 2013. It is located just off Hwy 52 in Preston. The cemetery is scheduled to open in 2015. The proposed cemetery in Duluth is also being surveyed at this time.

VI. New Business

Cub Food Cash Register Receipts – The advertising on the Cub Food cash register receipts are now running. They are in several locations in the Metro area and they also are going to run the advertising at no charge at the Cub Foods in Brainerd MN. THANKS TO CUB FOODS ! Please check out the back side of your receipts if you shop at Cub Foods !

Radio Interviews – John Thomas has been extremely busy promoting WFTF.org on many local radio stations. Some of them are KKIN, KLTF, WFAL and KNIS radio.

He has also completed an interview with WCCO – TV – channel 4. That interview aired on Sunday night November 10th the night before Veterans Day. Thanks to everyone who was at the Cemetery for the interview. He also did a TV interview with TBS TV. Most of the interviews are on our web site at the Photo & video Gallery.

Wreath Laying Ceremony – SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH AT 11:00 AM.

Plans are falling into place. Wreaths have been ordered based on the contributions received to date. Our next general meeting will be combined with a Section Leaders meeting and will be on Saturday December 7th at 11:00 am at the Canteen at Camp Ripley. Everyone is invited to attend.

Section Leaders volunteering to help:

Section 1: Richard Hirschey, Brenda Borash, Andrew Borash, Major Marcel Kobberdahl, Dale Armstrong, Cindy McCarthy and Major Larry Smith.

Section 2: Bill & Fran Kokkett

Section 3: Bob & Denise Larson

Section 4: Carl Bates and Jerry Patton

Section 10: Jerry Ratcliff and Jayme Storlie

Section 11: Robert 'Fuzzy' Christen and Gary Abbott

Section 12: John Orlando and Carrie Johnson

KIA Wreath Laying: Tom Smith, Lydia Sasse, Jim Parent, Ron Daniels, William Bollinger

Columbarium: Brenda Robbins and Andrea Corey

Information Table –(inside the building) Freddie Barbeau, Laura L Hofius, Joyce Tveit, Diann Bates, Laura Becker-Pallister and Roger Danielson.

Project Supervisor – John Thomas

Asst Supervisor – Ron Robbins

Staging Supervisors – Jerry Patton & Norvelle Pervier

Patriot Guard RC – Rick Johnson

Camp Ripley Contact – SGM Michael P Worden

Brainerd CAP Contact – Cindy McCarthy

Refreshments: Coffee, Apple Cider and cookies will be provided.

Several people and organizations have donated. THANKS TO EVERYONE who is providing or helping with the refreshments.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO HELP WITH THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY – IT COULD NOT BE DONE WITHOUT YOU !

VII. Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org will be combined with the Section Leaders Meeting on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 starting at 11:00am at the Canteen at Camp Ripley. All section leaders are asked to attend to go over the rules and requirements for laying the wreaths. We will not have a separate meeting in December this year. This will be the last meeting before

the wreath laying ceremony. Please try to come as this is a most important get together to finalize all the plans for this years event. The next Officers meeting will be on November 22, 2013 via conference call. Please watch for emails regarding any changes to the meeting times or places.

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VIII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Carrie Johnson led us in our closing prayer.

Freddie Barbeau was remembered in our prayers for quick healing of her broken wrist.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jayme Storlie and seconded by Carrie Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

THANKS FOR COMING TO THE MEETING!

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary
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Minutes approved by:



John Thomas, President

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