

THE 38th PARALLEL

Korean War Veterans Association of Arizona Inc.
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P.O. Box 613, Phoenix, AZ 85001-0613

February 2012



Commander's Message

Comrades,

First and foremost, I want to thank you all for the turnout at our Chapter meetings. We no longer have to worry about meeting our quorum. It is also great that we are welcoming some new members.

I will have some information about Rose of Sharon sales at our next meeting. Also, I should know about our next Veteran's home lunch.

I was contacted by the Korean United Methodist Church, which puts on the wonderful Korean War memorial dinners and programs, stating that the Diocese is thinking of selling the church property. They asked if I would send a letter to the Bishop to save the church, which I did.

See you at the Feb. 11 meeting, (the day after I turn 81.) We will have the installation of officers at this meeting.

Carl

Chapter Officers - 2011

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Treasurer's Report - February 7, 2012

Beginning Balance	<u>\$3,531.29</u>
Deposits in Jan:	
Dues:	50.00
F. Halasz, G. Baker, A. Coots, J. MacGregor, C. Daniels	
Boosters:	30.00
R & D Garcia, C & E Carlson, G Chrisman, A Coots	
50/50 R. Garcia	39.00
Total Jan receipts	<u>\$ 119.00</u>
Jan expenses:	
Postage for newsletters (Jan-Mar)	150.60
Total Dec expenses:	<u>\$ 150.60</u>
<u>Ending Bank Balance</u>	<u>\$3,499.69</u>

The Chapter meets the second Saturday of every month except July and August. Chapter meetings start at 10:00 a.m. at the American Legion Post One, 364 North 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ

Meeting Minutes (1-14-12)

Commander Orth called the meeting to order at 1003 hours. After honors to the American Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the opening prayer by Nick Gervase, the roll call determined a quorum was present.

There were three guests present. Bud Collette from Payson brought photos of past KWVA Chapter members and provided some background and history of the Chapter. Doug Crowell, a friend of Bud's who was a POW/MIA also visited and shared a little about his experiences. Chuck Carlson was here from Prescott with us as well.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved on motion and second. The Treasurer's report was accepted as posted in the December newsletter.

Committee Reports

Honor Guard: Participated in funeral yesterday.

UAV: Meeting last week and presentation from the Secretary of State of gun barrels from battleships made at Wesley Bolin Park.

Copper Sword/Shield Ceremony February 9th; 2100 S. Priest Dr., Tempe \$49 per plate

Opened Vets home in Tucson and another is being built near Flagstaff along with cemeteries near each location.

VAH/State Home: The Chapter needs a volunteer to be our representative to meet with them and plan updates for the dinner in the Spring. Won't someone please step up for this important position?

Communication: The national Pearl Harbor Survivors Association is disbanding.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Carl Hayden High School wants to interview veterans from all the wars. These will be sent to the Library of Congress and the individual will also receive a copy of their own interview. Volunteers are needed as they are looking for two vets from each war to be interviewed. Contact John Kent if interested in volunteering.

Presentation of the Chapter Officers postponed until the February meeting due to Jim Rackley's absence this month.

Commander John O'Brien from Florida is trying to get a National Commemoration Day for Korean War Veterans (March 19-25) to present wreath at the Korean Memorial.

Reminder about the Arizona StandDown at the Veterans Coliseum Feb 3-5. Please volunteer to help others less fortunate!

Saturday, 18 February from 9-4 is a World War I tribute held at Falcon Field in Mesa for those interested in attending and seeing some WWI memorabilia.

Corporation dues will have to be paid in April.

The 50/50 was won by Ralph Garcia.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer and honors to the American Flag.

Boosters of the Chapter

To become a Chapter Booster, please send \$5.00 for each name to:
 Al Coots, KWVA Treasurer, P.O. Box 613, Phoenix, AZ 85001-0613
 Thank you for your support!

2012 Boosters

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Upcoming Events

Feb 18 - 9-4 WWI tribute @ Falcon Field in Mesa, including WWI memorabilia

Mar 19-25 - Korean War Veterans Memorial wreath presentation

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ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE!
**Please bring your payment to the
February meeting or mail it in if you
are unable to attend.**

Thank you for your continued support of the KWVA

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