

MEMO TO: MAYOR'S ARMED FORCES COMMISSION

Subject: Report Minutes of Meeting

Presiding: Charles Dalgleish, President

Date: January 13, 2020

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** USCG Rep (Cmdr Jensen, Lt Maio) Donald Ballance, Paul Bauer, Walter Bettis, Al Cochran, Karl Christensen, Charles Dalgleish, Mary Kay Dyer, Marialisa Wyatt, Edward Hudson, Will Houston, James Jackson, Bobby Manuel, Otis Mearidy, Kelly Miseles, Richard Morgan, Roger Pete, Joe Rabalais, James Stewart, John Stills, Rhonda Sullivan, Martina Thibodeaux and Ron Williams

**GUESTS:** Linda Laswell, Mayor Hunter, Britney Felder, Jasmine Simien and Nikolai Karpovs.

Mayor Hunter showed a video of veterans' recordings. He introduced Britney and Jasmine and spoke about the Veterans Oral History Project. It is a program at MSU (TV Production Class) in conjunction with the City of LC, CP School Board, MSU and MAFC. They record veterans' stories. Please let Julie know if you know of any veterans that are willing to record their stories, especially Korean War Vets and Vietnam Vets. They would like to have the names by Feb 10 so they can have it ready for Veterans' Day. The finished project will be stored in the MSU archives.

Nikolai Karpovs (a Boy Scout from Troop 107) is working on his Eagle Scout project. He plans on doing a beautification project at the Veterans' Park. To include planting trees and installing benches. (Particularly note that there is a lack of seating and shade by the WWII and VN bricks.) If anyone is interested in helping him raise funds, please contact him at 337-499-1208 or nakarpovs@gmail.com.

**MINUTES:** Motion to dispense the minutes as read was made by Will Houston and seconded by Mary Kay Dyer. Approved the dispensing the minutes as read of the Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance \$6803.28. Motion was made to dispense the treasurer's report as stated by Otis Mearidy and seconded by Roger Pete. Approved for dispensing of the treasurer's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**USS ORLECK:** Ron Williams- Still there, still open still need support. James Jackson thanked Ron for all he does for the ship.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SCHOOLS:** John Stills – no report

**FUND RAISING:** Ed Hudson- no report

**QUEENS:** Katie Lovett (and queens)- Pepper gave a report of her activities

**VIETNAM VETS HONOR DAY:** Alfred Cochran – ceremony will be 3/28/2020 at 1000.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Herbert Jones no report

**FORT POLK:** Charles Dalglish no report

**MEMORIAL PARK:** Marialisa Wyatt- Didn't have enough members for a quorum for their meeting today. She thanked Nikolai for making the park his Eagle Project.

**NEW BUSINESS:** - Next meeting we will discuss giving Nikolai money for his Eagle Scout project.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

**James Jackson-** Mardi Gras party will be Feb 8 at Post 1.

Post 1 will host the state convention

**Joe Rabalais** – He appreciated being recognized as a Korean War Veteran.

**Mary Kay Dyer** – Ancillary meeting will be the third Wednesday.

- Grand Opening for the Cemetery at the Veterans' Home is due on March. No date has been set yet.

**Richard Morgan** – Feb 28-29 will be the VNV conference in Baton Rouge.

- Vets' court is still in need of mentors.

**Charles Dalglish** – Thanked Ron for his work at the Orleck.

**Commander Jensen-**The Chief Association celebrated 100 years this year. They were looking for a project and will consider giving Nikolai something toward his Eagle Project.

**Rhonda Sullivan** – all members are reminded to do the Ethics training on line and bring the certificate to Julie.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Ed Hudson seconded by Mary Kay Dyer. Approved. Next meeting will be Feb 10, 2020 at the City Council Chamber. Adjourned.