

Memorial Rifle Squad
Officers and Squad Leaders Meeting
June 9, 2018
Squad Room

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll call of Officers

Roll call of Squad Leaders

Adoption of the Agenda

Minutes from the January 6, 2018 annual meeting. Have been approved

Officers Reports:

Commander, Dan Kirchoffner;

John Knapp thinks that we will have to form a Saturday Squad.

Discussion:

Geo. W. How do we do this??

Direction from John Knapp, initially one Saturday a month, then maybe every Saturday.

Until the VA supplies Saturday lunches, MRS will buy the lunches.

If Cemetery is going to mandate Saturday ceremonies, then the Cemetery Should buy the lunches.

Geo. W. How are we going to recruit Saturday crew??

Ray F. - Ask vets at state level, - send letter of need to individual posts.

Bill - Until NCA commits, we cannot publish needs.

Mike P.- How do we train new recruits???

Dale Malberg - knows of a person at the VA very interested in Saturday MRS.

Dan K. - until Oct. 1st, we are unsure of how to proceed.

Rich Geis - we should start to recruit now...

Mike Pluta volunteered to be Saturday coordinator.

Web site coordinator - Ken Tibesar

UPDATE :

New mailing address; (this is at the Airport Post Office)

Memorial Rifle Squad at fort Snelling

PO Box 111007

St. Paul, MN 55111

The front Office did not want to be handling our mail.

New Business cards, stationary, website changes

Web site changes include:

New page added "Memorial Benefits" for veterans.

Promote use of the website by funeral Services -Letter sent

Donation Page - credit card donations supported.

MRS Only Page;

Access via". In lower right corner

Daily schedule automated

Electronic bulletin board.
Support from Squads;
Roster updates, volunteer hours submit, etc.
Current;
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday – Ken Tibesar
Thursday – Jim Jore (also Historian)
Friday – Bob Seldon.

Discussion:

Allan Johnson – Business cards are too busy, too much information.
Geo. W. Who authorized the changing of the business cards –
recognition of presentation?
Rich Geis – maybe we should have two cards, one for recruiting and
one for the family service at the shelter.

The focus of the presentation was to get Leadership to think about our website as a
Great communication tool for both internal and public dissemination of information.
Does every body understand????

Reason for new business cards, new address, and now will have a permanent
POBox.

Ken also requested to Squad Leaders to appoint someone in their Squad as the
technical/computer contact. Monday and Tuesday's are not covered at this time.
Any volunteers from Monday and Tuesday????

Vice Commander: (Sandy Kleinke) ???????

Adjutant: (Harry Braaten) not present

Finance Officer: (Bill Lee)

We no longer will have petty cash.

Problem with Gall's uniforms, (Gall's is now holding items until the
Order is complete.

Dave Fleming suggested that a Uniform inventory checklist should
Be established.

Members can order shirts from AAFES.

Geo. Weiss made a motion to accept the financial documents.

Seconded by Bob Nelson.

Motion carried.

Ordinance Officer: (Howard Tellin) ???????????????

Quartermaster: (Rich Asbury) ???????????????????

Trustees: ?????????????????????

Historian: (Jim Jore) ???????????????????

Judge Advocate (MRS does have anybody in this position).

Officer of the Day: (Ken Gibson) ???????????????????

Medical Officer; (Rich Zeck)????????????????????

Squad Leaders reports:

Monday –

Tuesday – Dan Fisher, ran out of ammo, as the Cemetery did placed an order late.

Wednesday-Mike Hanzal, Looking for new members.

Thursday-Ray Frisvold, all ok.

Friday-Geo. W, all ok.

Old Business:

Are we still talking about raincoats????

Dan Fisher, raincoats are relocated in the shed.

New Business:

Commander – do we need to have an Officers/Squad Leaders meeting in April??

Mike Pluta – The Commander can call special meeting as needed.

Wifi – We don't need it.

Bob Nelson – The plaques look great.

An updated, printed list of deceased will be given to Rich Geis,
The list will be checked against the names on the plaques for accuracy.

Motion by ????

Seconded by Geo. W.

Motion carried

A Proclamation by Governor Dayton was passed onto the MRS in recognition of 75,000 interments.

Geo. W. – 2/3rds size model of Tomb of Unknown Soldier, John Knapp planning on placing outside of fence.

Dale Malberg – we are not getting our hours recorded.

Bob Nelson – discussion about switching shelters when there are lots of cars.

Rich Geis – 40th Anniversary committee being formed.

Bob nelson – Flag holders are very dirty.

Commander will take and clean them.

Commander;

Discussion about change of duration for commander from one year to Two years.

Geo. W. – Why change something that is working?

Rich G. – what are the pros and cons of the change??

Dave F. – Table this until next meeting.

Ray F seconded.

Motion carried

Mike Pluta – MRS will get reserved Parking – “MRS ONLY”.

Dan, Dale seconded, getting keys for the Squad Leaders for the outside shed.

Motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Dan Fisher, with the help of Mike Pluta and Tom Mullon, will lead the MRS side of the Dec. 7th Pearl Harbor Ceremony.

Benediction

Salute to Colors

Meeting adjourned (TIME????)