

**Memorial Rifle Squad
Officers and Squad Leaders meeting
Sept. 8, 2018
Squad Room**

Call to Order: 1004 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation Dan Kirchoffner

Roll Call Of Officers:

Commander – Dan Kirchoffner

Vice Commander – Not Present

Chaplin – Dan Kirchoffner

Adjutant – Harry Braaten

Finance Officer – Bill Lee

Ordinance Officer – Howard Tillen – Not Present

Assistant Gary Klein

Quartermaster – Rich Ashbury

Historian – Jim Jore

Trustees – Rich Geis 3 yr. excused

Mike Pluta 2 yr.

Bob Nelson 1 yr

Web site Co-ordinator – Ken Tibesar

Medical Officer – Rich Zech

Judge Advocate – position not filled

Officer of the Day – Ken Gibson – Not present

Squad Leaders:

Monday – Mike Rose

Tuesday – Dan Fisher

Wednesday - Mike Hanzel – Not Present

Assistant – Bob Nelson

Thursday – Ray Frisvold

Assistant – Dave Fleming

Friday – George Weiss

Assistant – Mike Pluta

Other members present,

Ed Denzer, Gary Riesenber, and Dale Mallberg

Honored Guest – John Knapp – Deputy Director FSNC

Adoption of the Agenda;

Motion to accept made by George Weiss,

Seconded by Ray Frisvold.

Motion Carried.

Minutes from the June 9, 2018 Officers meeting, accepted.

OFFICIERS REPORTS:

Vice Commander – Not Present

Adjutant – Harry Braaten

On July 7th received a package with 11 copies of donations equaling \$2920.00, dating from Sept. to Nov. 2017.

Not sure if thank you letters went out.

Bob Nelson made motion to send out Thank you's to those donations.

George Weiss seconded. Motion Carried

Discussion about a squad telling a recruit that they didn't have to belong to an veterans organization. By-Laws state that a new member must belong to a veterans organization.

Discussion for consideration of By-Law chage that was tabled at the June 9, 2018 Officers meeting.

No where in the By-Laws does it state the length of term of office for any elected officer.

This would bring consistency to the Officers positions, as it usually takes the New Commander to learn all the procedures about 6 months.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

SECTION 4

All ballots for the annual election of officers will be cast in person. NO ABSENTEE ballots permitted.

a). TERM OF OFFICE

Officers elected by the membership shall serve a term of two (2) years. The term of office shall begin at the end of the annual meeting held in January and will continue until his/her successor has been elected. An elected Officer shall not serve more than two (2) Consecutive two year terms.

The election for Officers in the odd years shall be for; The Commander, Finance Officer, Ordinance Officer, and Judge Advocate.

The election of Officers in the even years shall be for; Vice Commander, Quartermaster, chaplin and 3 year term for A trustee.

Discussion

Why change ??? Consistency

Carry over , there a lots of plans to take care of,
Can do this properly.

(Dan Fisher - commented as past commander, that it takes at least 6 months to get things done, Panic set in, Don't know the contact people.)

John Knapp is in favor of the extended term, Re; Communication consistency can help going into the next several years.

Interface with the Commander and FSNC.

Harry Braaten made motion to accept the By-law change as read. Discussion followed.

A procedure, as necessary, for the end of the year, or at anytime, a review of the Officers , who are not up to performing their duties , shall be put into the By_laws,

Motion was restated by Harry Braaten.

Dan Fisher seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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The By-Law will be posted prior to the annual meeting, to be voted on by the membership.

Finance Officer – Bill Lee

As of Sept. 7, 2018 all bills are paid,
Donations, interest and other are coming in.
Active checking account.
Bank savings account.
CD certificate.
All Finance books are available for review, contact Bill Lee.
On-Line donations are starting to come in also, about \$1000.00
So far.

Ordinance Officer – Gary Kline

Saturday squad will continue to use Tuesday's rifles.
Lee Aragon has a lead on rifles, but not pursuing, waiting for direction from FSNC.
This is month to month for ceremonies.
11 cases of ammo, an order will be placed later in year to supplement inventory.

Quartermaster – Rich Asbury

Uniforms at Galls. (go get a fitting, if in stock ,you will get,
If not in stock, Galls will mail to you.
There is a delay in getting uniforms, some have been waiting 3 – 4 weeks.
Bill Lee, we have 5 different short sleeve shirts, 4 different long sleeve Shirts.
Galls list price; short sleeve shirt \$64.00, can find on-line for \$36.00
Long sleeve shirt \$75.00, on-line \$36.00
Trooper cap \$69.99, on-line \$25.00.
GALLS IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US.....
Commander, should we be pursuing another vendor???
If we get prices from different vendor, will Galls match that price???
Rich A. stated that he talked to 3 different vendors, and they all told him the same thing.
ALL UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED SHOULD BE THE SAME.

ALL ONE UNIFORM, MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE NO CHOICE.... Page 5

Georg W. made a motion;

The Commander, F.O. and QM make and take a list
Of uniforms to compare prices.

Seconded by Bob Nelson.

(Jim Jore works at the Exchange and can get shirts for \$19.30,
Long sleeve for \$25.00).

Motion carried.

Historian – Jim Jore

Up-dating roster.

Taking pictures of new members.

Medical Officer – Rich Zech

The Red book should be on the bus with each Squad.

New form to help medical personnel with names, addresses,
next of kin, medications, blood type, and which hospital or clinic to
transport to.

Rick will come out to each Squad to explain.

Each Squad should have a medical officer. Send in name to
Rick.

Members could get email refreshers and on you tube.

Trustees – sent in by Rich Geis

Sept. 7, 2018 with Bill Lee, MRS FO, documents for April and
August were examined and found to be in order, accurate, in balance,
and complete.

There are no outstanding unpaid bills as of this review.

Web site coordinator – Ken Tibesar

On line traffic is starting to increase.

There is a members page that covers Benefits

Daily schedules are on the MRS site.

Squad Leaders Reports:

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Monday – Mike Rose

Good shape. 25 members. 21 to 22 daily.

Tuesday – Dan Fisher

27 members. 20 to 22 daily.

Sec. of the VA, toured FSNC, and watched an ceremony of Honors. Group picture taken.

Wednesday – Bob Nelson for Mike Hanzel

Good shape. 27 members. 24 daily.

Thursday – Ray Frisvold

24 members. 18 – 21 daily.

2 members short.

Friday – George Weiss, turned report over to Mike Pluta

25 members. 18/22 daily.

Mike and George held a discussion about MRS members having a sentry (with a chrome rifle) posted at the service

And would stay at attention until the family leaves, and then will be picked up by bus. Friday is doing this now, and it is for MRS members only... Colors salute,

Individual Rifles salute

The one chrome rifle will stand under the shelter,

This placement will be with direction of John Knapps recommendation.

Squad leaders are to discuss with their Squads.

It was in favor by Squad leaders.

Saturday – Lee Aragon

17 on roster, 9 from Tuesday Squad.

Asking for Squad Leaders to get volunteers to help on Saturdays.

John Knapp, again stated that this is month to month .

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Fisher reported for committee, Friday Dec. 7, 2018, with guest speaker Amy Kloubchar.

Committee next meeting Oct. 10, 2018 at 2:00pm

At State veterans Building.

40th Anniversary report read by Commander,

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

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Discussion about the venue for the Annual January meeting;

Many would like to see it going back to alternating post.

Discussion held. **January 2019 will be at Apple Valley Legion.**

Capacity should be a consideration for the meeting.

Motion made by Mike Pluta to keep alternating the annual meeting. Sec. by Lee Aragon. Motion carried.

Consideration should be given to the Saturday Squad.

Motion by Mike Pluta to move the Annual meeting to the Second Saturday of January. Sec. by Lee Aragon.

Motion carried.

This must be changed in the By-Laws also.

New Business;

Commander, the present By-Laws need much attention
And need to be updated badly.

A By-Law committee will be established, by the Commander.

Old Business;

Discussion held on how long to keep the daily schedules.
3 years.

Motion by Ken Tibesar to keep for 3 years, Sec. Mike Pluta
Motion carried

There was a motion to make Jim Hoey an Honorary member of the MRS.
He was the author of the book about the Memorial Rifle Squad.
This vote will be held at the Annual meeting in January 2019.

Benediction

Salute to Colors

Adjourned; 1212 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Braaten

Adjutant

