

MRS OFFICIERS AND SQUAD LEADERS MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2019
MRS SQUAD ROOM

Call to Order Commander Pluta 0955 hours
Pledge of Allegiance Commander Pluta
Invocation Alan Krueger

Roll call of Officers:

Commander	Mike Pluta	Present
Vice Commander	Richard Geis	Present
Adjutant	Harry Braaten	Present
Chaplain	Alan Kruger	Present
Finance Officer	Bill Lee	Excused
Quartermaster	Rich Ashbury	Excused
Ordinance Officer	Howard Tellin	Excused
Historian	Jim Jore	Excused
Trustees	Bob Nelson	Present
	Jack Wallace	Present
	Bob Seldon	Present
Web-site Co-ord.	Ken Tibazar	Present
Medical Officer	Rich Zech	Excused
Assist. Med. Off.	Gerry Ballot	Present

Roll Call of Squad Leaders:

Monday	Mike Rose	Excused
Assist.	Allan Johnson	Present
Tuesday	Dan Fisher	Present
Assist.	Gerry Ballot	Present
Wednesday	Mike Hanzal	Present
Thursday	Ray Frisvold	Present
Assist.	Dave Fleming	Present
Friday	George Weiss	Present
Saturday	Lee Aragon	Present

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to accept, seconded, motion carried.

Minutes from February 16th: (Minutes posted for 30 days

No changes, minutes approved.

Officers Reports:

Vice Commander – Rich Geis

Outline of the Sunday Sept. 15th **“Commenderative Remembrance Dedication of the Memorial Rifle Squad”**.

Everything is on schedule. Each Squad Leader will have a sign up sheet for members plus 1 and any inactive members plus 1. (sign up sheet has menu listed on it).

To be held at the Richfield Veterans Shelter from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Rich lead a discussion about Pay Pal, recommends not to use Pay Pal, because it is not socially up to the Standards of the Memorial Rifle Squad.

(See Hand Out).

Recommend to use Vanco as this is a Christian organization; it supports life and the constitution.

Discussion:

Ken Tibazar mention that the use of Pay Pal on the web site as donated dollars goes right into our account.

Recommended that Rich and Bill Lee discuss issue.

Possible to pursue other avenues and bring back at the Sept. meeting. (Majority, to approve to pursue other avenues But, must have the same functionally as Pay Pal.

Adjutant: Harry Braaten

Since Feb. 14th, 55 Thank yous have been sent out.

Putting together a new MRS Manual, that includes all changes and updates. Officers and Squad Leaders that were present each received a rough draft to go thru and to check for any changes and to return to Harry, on the Thursday Squad. The goal is to have a second draft by the Sept. meeting, Then to have a printed copy put into a booklet, having 150 copies made to be handed out to each member at the January 2020, Annual meeting.

We went thru the manual, discussed issues that arose. The Commander and Harry will discuss the changes and will make any decisions concerning the booklet.

Finance Officer: Bill Lee (Harry Braaten gave report)

All the books are in good condition. Everything going smoothly.

Motion to accept. Motion accepted.

Ordinance Officer: Howard Tellin (excused) Commander gave report.

All is good. Ordered rifle-cleaning patches.

There was a rifle damaged, part of a stock was broken and the piece was missing.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT.....

Quartermaster: No report.

Discussion about Galls taking so long to get uniforms out to members.

Dan Fisher made a motion to assign an interim Quartermaster until the election in January 2020. Motion seconded. Motion carried. (Members that will be approached are, Ernie Denzer, and Bernie Bauman).

The new interim, Commander, and Bill Lee will make an appointment with Galls to discuss what can be done about this problem.

Dave Fleming mentioned that Bill Lee has already put work into getting prices from other sources. Commander will check with Bill. Recommended that another source be approached before going to meet with Galls.

Historian: Jim Jore – Excused, No report.

Trustees: Bob Nelson, No report.

Officer of Day: Ken Gibson – No report.

Medical Officer: Gerry Ballot for Rich Zech.

Reminder for each Squad Leader to have a member As the Squad Medical Officer, to keep the Red book updated, and to be the point of contact for members not feeling well.

Web site Co-coordinator: Ken Tibaraz

Web site is being kept updated.

Commander: Mike Pluta

Lee Aragon and Dan Fisher presented a great opportunity for the MRS, as the Chanhassen American Legion post 580 Has authorized \$20,000 for new 3 season micro fiber dusters for each member of the MRS. NO COST TO MRS.

New duster has a liner, can be folded up and struck into white helmet, taken out and shows no wrinkles.

(These will not replace the raincoats or parkas that we now have).

A tailor will come out to each squad to get each member fitted; Tuesday Squad will be the first.

The Squad leaders will be responsible for each member's duster, Squad Leader will keep a sheet with members name, number of duster, and date received. Each member will then have their own to keep with them in their vehicle. Once a member leaves, they MUST turn into Squad Leader. (This is also the policy for member's uniforms).

Motion by Lee Aragon

Be It Resolved: That the MRS adapt and incorporate in to its uniform options the three-season wind and water-resistant raincoat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

These raincoats will be property of the MRS and be considered part of the regulation uniform.

Although issued to individual Squad members, each MRS Squad Leader will be responsible for the accounting and safe keeping of said coats.

Upon resignation from the MRS Squad members will return their coat to the Squad Leader.

Discussion;

Motion to Amend by Bob Nelson,

Seconded by Allan Johnson

Motion – To have the American Legion patch of Post 580 Sewn into the inside collar of coat.

Motion carried

We have new coats.

Commander Pluta;

Decision was made by the Commander to recognize the past Commander's of the MRS by giving them a new white cover that will have the dates sewn on one side of cover with their dates of Commander. Pins will be on the front.

Commander's digression to do this, as the covers have been ordered and paid for.

Discussion followed,

Why have another recognition for the Commanders, as their names are on the board on the wall??

Why did this happen without the leadership voting on this matter??

This will represent MRS Commanders as they meet people, work with Cemetery staff, etc.

Covers are purely for recognition and the past Commanders can wear them at their digression.

MOTION made to accept and give past Commanders the new cover. Seconded, Motion carried.

Discussion about the 40th Anniversary Program June 19, 2019 At 2:30pm. Commander explained where each Squad will be standing and how the program will run.

Ray Frisvold and Dave Fleming discussed with the group that it would be a good idea for each Squad member holding the colors be one the squads new member, as this would represent the next 40 years of the MRS.

Squad Leaders Reports:

Monday - Allan Johnson

!5 funeral a day.

17 - 22 members each day. All doing great job.

Tuesday - Dan Fisher

26 members (summer usually 21 - 22

Winter 14 - 15) one new member

Jim Mahoney

Past Commander Archie Hazard passed away,

23 members presented Military Honors.

Wednesday – Mike Hanzal

27 members, 4 out with illnesses,
Ave. 18 – 20 a day.

Thursday – Ray Frisvold

25 active members (this includes Dan Kirchoffner)
Dan will not be back on the MRS for health
reasons.

1 new member, one member returning.
Ave. 13 funerals a day.

Friday – George Weiss

13 funerals a day
2 new members, and 2 potential members.
22 -23 members a day.

Saturday – Lee Aragon

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Bob Nelson had questions;

About the rugs in entryway, Bob bought one and it has disappeared. Recommend that we rent rugs, and have them changed once a month in the summer and every other week in the winter.

This should be a service supplied by the Cemetery, and Commander Pluta will meet with the Cemetery Director.

Soup supplied by the VA, was 6 weeks short of what it should've been. Follow up will be made.

Air Conditioner: There is a problem with the thermostat, staff looking into it.

Volunteer Hours.

If it does not confirm to MRS Cemetery, IT DOES NOT COUNT...

The wearing of the MRS uniform does have it support, but again, must conform to MRS.

Discussion.

Mentioned to develop a policy. Discussion.

A motion by Bob Seldon that hour's will/can be added for functions on or off site as long as you are representing the MRS in uniform. This should be documented weather on or off site. Seconed by Ken Tibazar.

Motion carried

THIS IS A NEW SOP

MOTION TO ADJOURN

BENEDICATION

MEETING AJOURNED AT 11;55AM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

HARRY BRAATEN

ADJUTANT – MRS

NOT OFFICIAL UNTI POSTED FOR 30 DAYS

