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SQUAD LEADER'S/OFFICER MEETING: Sept 21: 1000 HRS SQUAD ROOM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER-----

INVOCATION-----

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----

ROLL CALL OF OFFICER'S/LEADER'S-----ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice,Adj,Finance,Ordin,Quart,Hist,Trust,OD,Med,Web,ViceCommander.

MINUTES: from June 15th (APPROVED.)

-----OFFICERS REPORT -----SQUAD LEADER'S REPORT—

COMMANDER: Bus Medical bag, new supplies, Old supplies ruined, Pearl Harbor Day sign-up sheets will post on Oct.15th, Wednesday Helmets supplied, Cut back on Bag Lunches/when soup begins, 5 per Squad,

Vice Commander: info review on new scheduling CH

OLD BUSINESS: Recap picnic—up date on new coats—PayPal

NEW BUSINESS—

BENEDICTION-----SALUTE TO COLORS-----AJOURN

The following submitted by Rich Geiss for discussion at the Sept 21, 2019 MRS Meeting.

As a continuation of the discussion related to the use of PayPal on the MRS web site, old business from the 15 June 2019 Squad Leaders meeting, the following motion will be submitted for consideration on 21 September 2019 at the Squad Leaders meeting: To remove the PayPal information from our MRS web site and cease/discontinue the relationship of PayPal and the MRS immediately.

The following two points are submitted in support of this motion:

But for the past two or three years, with the technology of the internet and web site, our Memorial Rifle Squad has never throughout our history actively or subtly solicited financial support from the community at large, the public. We do receive donations from the public, usually from the families of deceased veterans for whom the MRS has performed cemetery honors. These funds are received either at the time of the ceremony or a time shortly thereafter in appreciation of our voluntary dedication, the cause to which we are devoted. This financial support is accepted graciously, in the sincere spirit with which it is offered. It has never been requested.

Funding for the MRS is not wanting. We have been sustained over the past 40 years in this manner to a very satisfactory degree, some might agree to a most substantial degree. Even at our beginning, veteran organizations aware of our situation provided the required financial support, an extra element to provide impetus at the start. I am referring to the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Additionally, at this time, there are several organizations that have considerable financial resources and stand willing and able to immediately provide for our squad should that be required. Examples of this are the funding of our 40th anniversary commemorative re-dedication ceremony this past week or the outfitting of our squad with new rain gear which is now being prepared for us. The squad bus which was funded five years ago was also from such a source. In brief, we have friends with 'very deep pockets' available.

At the present time, our financial month-to-month funds are approaching a limit for a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Personally, I do not feel it appropriate to subtly solicit community funding on our MRS web site. We have more than adequate abilities from the sources with which we have been blessed throughout these past 40 years, and I see no future decrease in this.

Secondly, PayPal is the parent company of Venmo, Bill Me Later, Xoom, Braintree and others. Funding now presented through the PayPal service/business system also support programs which are questionable to our goals and beliefs.

PayPal supports and contributes to La Raza, now known as UnidosUS, which publicly advocates sanctuary cities in our country. This is in specific and direct contradiction to our US Constitution, Article 4, Section 4, our Constitution to which we have each taken an oath to defend. PayPal does not allow transactions for firearms, ammunition, parts or accessories of firearms, a direct obstruction to the 2nd Amendment of our Constitution. PayPal contributes to the Sierra Club which supports cap-and-trade, also, the World Wildlife Fund, an environmental group that is a friend to a carbon tax and the 2015 Paris climate agreement. PayPal has consistently received a score of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) Corporate Equality Index, and publicly supported the 2015 Supreme Court opinion legalizing same-sex marriage. HRC supports the agenda of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ). PayPal is a member of the Freedom Massachusetts advocating for transgender bathroom legislation. PayPal is a partner with One Community in Arizona, a coalition supporting sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) protections in school districts and educators, in violation of the 1st Amendment, freedoms and religious liberty. PayPal supports Planned Parenthood by matching gifts and contributes directly to Susan G. Komen which funds Planned Parenthood. PayPal is a corporate supporter of the Center for Reproductive Rights, a legal group who pushes abortion throughout the world.

Please note the attached information re PayPal.

Thank you for your kind consideration,

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Geis
MRS, Tuesday Squad