

Memorial Rifle Squad
Leadership meeting –Outside Squad Room
August 15, 2020

Call to Order – Commander Pluta

Salute and Pledge Allegiance – Commander Pluta

Invocation – Ricky Youngmark

Adoption of Agenda – move to accept – motion carried.

Roll Call Officers and Squad Leaders – (17 –
Members Present)

Commander -	Mike Pluta
Vice Commander/Judge advocate –	Richard Geis
Adjutant	Harry Braaten
Finance Officer	Bill Lee
Quartermaster	Rich Asbury
Assist. Quartermaster	Gary Klein
Ordinance Officer	Howard Tillen
Historian	Jim Jore
Trustees	Wayne Duerfeldt
	Bob Nelson
	Jack Wallace

Squad Leaders –

Monday	Mike Rose
Tuesday	Dale Mallberg
Wednesday	Mike Hanzal
Thursday	Ray Frisvold
Assist.	Dave Fleming
Friday	Mike Pluta
Saturday	Lee Aragon

Minutes from March 4, 2020 Leadership meeting are pre-approved, as no changes were made after 30 days.

Squad Leaders Reports;

Monday – Mike Rose

16 active members, 4-5 members waiting to come back after vaccine. All doing a good job. Distancing while presenting.

Tuesday – Ricky Youngmark

24 active members, ave. about 16 members. Using 2 buses, working out well. Do have some lead car issues.

Wednesday – Mike Hanzal

26 active members, 3 on medical leave (may not come back) 3 refuse to return until vaccine. Using a split shift – AM – PM.

Thursday – Dave Fleming

23 active members, 2 members went on inactive list, 1 new member, Using 2 buses and splitting squad to alternating weeks (10 members each week).

Friday – Mike Pluta

25 active members, ave 18 week, Health issues are a concern, All members back on Friday's, sharing duties – all busy, Going to present to squad for a vote as to which scenario they prefer. Geo Weiss would like to retire from the FSNC committee. Bob Seldon Is the President. Richard Geis and Mike Pluta are also members of committee.

Saturday – Lee Aragon

Became active on Saturday August 1st. 22 members, made up from Monday-Tuesday and Friday squads. Just doing memorials , as no FSNC workers are on duty. There were 600 letters sent to family Members asking if interested in Cemetery Honors, about 250 positive responses.

Note from Commander Pluta, the first Central Honors, there were 30 names read off. John Knapp mentioned that is the most since he has been at FSNC. A Thank you for the Saturday squad.

Officer's reports –

Vice Commander/Judge Advocate – Richard Geis

Copy of “Roberts Rules of Order Motions will be in the minutes that will get posted in Squad Room.

Adjutant – Harry Braaten

Promise to have the rewritten Memorial Rifle Squad Manual Ready for the Annual meeting.

Discussion – Bob Nelson

Possible to have copy made for new members.

Will be put on web site and possible to send out to all members that have an email address. Will only make 50 – 75 copies for Squad Leaders.

Finance Officer – Bill Lee

Books are all good.

Motion to accept report, seconded, motion carried.

Quartermaster – Gary Klein

Hand Sanitizer available.

Electric Bugle works on batteries, a battery charger has been purchased and is in the case with the Bugler, Make sure you check before using. White gloves available, just DON'T leave your old ones.

Ordinance Officer – Howard Tillen

Inventory of Rifles taken last Wednesday, all in good shape.

Chamber brushes, not being sent out. Need of polished brass.

Howard will take of for squads.

Historian – Jim Jore

Has found and gone thru 2 large shopping bags of old materials, going thru and categorizing. Talk about a 50th anniversary Book to be put together.

Memorial wall plaque, additional 47 names were found that were not on the plaque. Discussion about a Commanders wall with pictures and a Bio. Records found going back to 1980, there are only two years missing, 1979 and 1982 for MRS rosters.

Trustees – Wayne Duerfeldt

Last Audit was in January 2020. All good.

Commanders Report – Mike Pluta

John Knapp and Kimberly Wright were invited to meeting.

Asked John Knapp about the returning of all members for duty, as the Patriot Guard and families have more people.

(Patriot Guard are not part of the FSNC Family). From Mr. Knapp, Not at this time.

Covid modifications – no new recommendations.

Expecting Fall and Winter to be really bad with flu and covid combined.

MASK and SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE BOTH VERY IMPORTANT...

ADDED NOTES FROM COMMANDER PLUTA'S DISCUSSION WITH MR. KNAPP ;

“PATIENTS IS REQUIRED”.

When at a scheduled shelter - radio 14 at shelter ????. Lead cars have a list of things to do prior to moving. They may have their radios turned down or left in the car. If you are where you need to be, they will radio back – 14 are you at shelter??, if yes, they will give you the number of cars and then proceed. (Returning first call repeatedly is unnecessary and unproductive). If you are running late, ask to move ahead to next scheduled Honors, then return.

Helping lead car drivers with MRS volunteers was mentioned and Mr. Knapp is open to it, but needs to fine tune it for the benefit of MRS and FSNC staff, not confusing either group involved, many things may show up at last minute.

More men on the line instead of ten, Will happen in small increments, but not yet.

Mr. Knapp put it this way, “FSNC cares about every member of the MRS (LIKE FAMILY) and feels this the best approach, to keep us safe.

Commander Pluta gave Thank You's to the men that redid the stocks on the Rifles (Robert Peterson and Paul Prokorty). To Harry Braaten for getting the Manual - with updated By-Laws and all ready for print.

Outlet for PC on the east wall , FSNC paid a lot of money to have this added, for the purpose of sending in our volunteer hours to the VA Volunteer services.

A thank you to Bob seldom, Ken Gibson, John Barnes, and Alla Johnson for dismantling the old shed. New box is on east side of building.

Explanation of the DOD vs CH vs OS.

DOD – filled in for two weeks that we were not present.

- Liked what was going on, all branches of service used.
- DOD orders – Federal Law – Play Taps, fold Flag and then Present Flag.
- They get Paid.

OS – American Legion and VFW's got a leg in. Haven't seen for a while.

3 ways Families are asked about services;

- St. Louis first item they will ask the Family if they want Honors.
- Family would like service by branch of service veteran was in (they have orders to do honors).

Funeral director , memorial and wake at funeral home,

(Funeral directors may not be aware of what the MRS provides, Commander Pluta will get out info to all funeral directors in metro area, and to out-state. (What are our duties and mission, letter with pictures of squads on duty, to be included).

UNIFORMS;

- Working with Strickers in Plymouth.
- Galls, just not consumer friendly.

MRS has spent \$1500.00 on mask thermometer, etc.

Karletta has 17 years at FSNC and is retiring on Sept. 30, 2020

Other items,

Coffee maker – new

Check to see if Squad room can be repainted

Sandwiches, if any changes needed contact Commander.

Vinyl seats in new bus getting taped, as they are tearing and have some rips.

No Sept. meeting.

January meeting ?????

Reminder to all, that the Commanders position, Vice Commander/Judge Advocate and a Trustee (3 Year) are up for election in January.

Benediction

Salute

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectively submitted,

Harry Braaten
Adjutant - MRS 2020