

Memorial Rifle Squad Leadership Meeting Sept. 25, 2021

Review – Mask mandate still in order indoors and on the Bus,
And to those that are Presenters.

Meeting called to order – 1000 hours Commander Selden

Invocation – Commander Selden

Pledge to the Flag

Welcome to all for coming to this Leadership meeting.
(Have a quorum of 10)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Selden
Jack Wallace
Ray Frisvold
Allan Johnson
Charlie Korlath
Mike Pluta
Dan Fisher
Rich Asbury
Jim Jore
Dave Fleming
Bill Lee
Mike Hanzal
Ricky Youngsmark
Paul Pokorany
Ernie Denzer
Lee Aragon

Officer Reports;

Finance Officer – Bill Lee

Bill gave out the figures for the MRS checking, savings, and CD. ALL is good.

Allan Johnson made a motion to accept the Report, Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Quartermaster – Rich Asbury

Rich reported that all is good. It is taking longer to get some items, as they are on back order.

Historian – Jim Jore

Jim has several charts (Active members, Inactive members, and deceased members).

116-117 Active members (average length of service is about 15 years), on the roster at this time. Historically have had 125 members. We are down about 10 members. Recruiting about 6% new members every year.

Supply of Business cards are in armor room to pass out, grab some and when you meet a Veteran, hand them a card.

Explain to them about our Mission and Duties.

Squad rosters are on the MRS web site, NO OTHER PRIVATE INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS WILL GO PUBLIC.

Only the Commander, Vice Commander and Historian will have member's private information.

Ordinance Officer – Paul Porkorny

Inventory of the Rifles should take place every 3 years. List should then be sent to the front office.

Rifles problem is related to the cleaning and extraction of shells. Rifles should be deep cleaned taken apart 1x a year.

Dan Fisher and Allan Johnson both thank Paul for polished brass. All the polished brass looks great.

Jim Jore mentioned that all MRS Manuals, Meeting notes, Newspaper articles are going to be digital.
Mike Pluta mentioned that George Weiss has left lots of history materials in the Officers locker that he will get to Jim.

Adjutant Report - No Report.

Squad Leaders reports:

Monday – Allan Johnson

21 members on roster.

Doing well. 1 on leave.

Inactive list per squad – How many hours a year
Are required? Nothing in Constitution or By-Laws,
Will then be left up to the Squad Leader to manage.

Tuesday – Dan Fisher

24 members, with about 19 regular.

Lost Kent Petrie.

Concern about new raincoats, members leaving and
not returning raincoats. Rain coats are inventoried,
Numbered and signed out.

Tree trimming needed around shelter 6.

Focus on getting a Bulgur for Tuesday squad.

CEMETERY OWNS THE BUSES....

Wednesday – Mike Hanzal

24 members on the roster.

16 – 18 daily 1 won't come out , because of medical
reasons.

Some are signing up for ½ days.

(The general rule is to have 25 members daily,
May have to increase squads to 26 – 27 to

Accommodate the snowbirds).

Thursday – Ray Frisvold – Dave Fleming

22 members on roster, we need to pick up at least 4 more members. Will have a couple of snowbirds leaving soon.

Average about 16 weekly. 1 new member.

13 members are at the squad 60% of the time, 2 members are at 70%.

Friday – Mike Pluta

24 members on roster.

Ken Dalhman lost a leg but is in a wheelchair with a chrome rifle.

Charlie Korlath is the Squad Leader.

Trustee Report – Jack Wallace

Did an audit of the books before the meeting,

All looks good. Bill Lee is doing an excellent job.

Old Business;

Bob Nelson has not given date for 2022 Annual meeting to be held at the Apple Valley American Legion.

The annual Banquet and Installation of officers were all good. Had a good turn out.

New Business;

Covid form that was mail out should be sent back to Volunteer services. (The VA , at this time, has no policy about what to do with people that have not Received any shots.

If you haven't received any shot, you cannot work for the Govt. (Nothing has come out from the VA, yet).

Booster shots are not scheduled yet, for over 65,

VA, when you are eligible will send out a letter to set Up an apt. this will be 6 months after your second shot.

If approved, the MRS Commander would come to Train those that missed VA training date.

Discussion about Badges.

Picture Passes – Need to get Volunteer Services to Commit. MRS DOESN'T NEED BADGES.

Budget for lunch, VA wants the MRS volunteer hours to make them look in Washington.

Ray Frisvold lead a discussion about how the MRS came about receiving lunches.

Discussion about water –

Who is going to get it?? The Quartermaster...

Mask – Who is the supplier??? QM buys enough mask for each squad, issues them. Black mast only.

If a squad needs more, let Rich know.

If the MRS issued you a mask, it is part of your uniform.

Constitution and By-Laws changes;

1.) Chaplain was removed from an elected position to an appointed position.

2.) For the annual meeting, according to “Roberts Rules”, if not quorum is established, it is suggested to be at 51%.

Proposed By-Law addition: for a quorum at the annual meeting, 33% of the membership, Which are 116, would be 38 members that would make up the quorum.

3.) Discussion about MRS duty hours, Voted on by Membership to change from 10 – 2 to 9:00 – 2:00pm

With possibility of going until 2:30pm.

THIS IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE, QUOTE FROM JOHN KNAPP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FSNC.

These hours will be changed in the By-Laws.

Dan Fisher- Accept the 9 – 2pm hours, remember that the came about because of Covid 19. This is permanent, it is not going away.

Reason for change is that cemetery workers were Getting overworked and calling in sick, Admin needs more people. The number of funerals per day were Reduced from 36 to 24, with no funerals on the 15 past the hour.

Dan Fisher mentioned that he is concerned about Members driving early in morning, rush hour, and in the late afternoon and driving long distances.

The schedule is being booked out into the future.

Allan Johnson – Funerals that are late, takes away Our lunch time. Problem are the Family services.

Is there any indication of getting caught up.

Commander,

Suggestion for a lapel pin for past commanders, For 100 pins would cost \$250.00. Discussion followed.

Bus repair – Air and heater do not work.

Suggested that buses go in for repair 2x's a year.

FSNC own the Buses.

New Bus – Seats need to be recovered – to cloth.

(may be cheaper to just by new ones).

Lead car – Dale is always late and pushes all services back. Needs to be mentioned to Admin.

Discussion about letter from Mike Hanzal, concerning MRS Leadership. Lots of stress.

Services are booked 6 - 8 weeks out for the Monday and Friday squads, (Families come in for the weekend). Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are ok at 3 weeks out.

Squad policies need to be consistent,
Commander – “I let you run your squad and not any other”.

Discussion about vote to change from short sleeve to long sleeve. Commander is going to leave this up to the Squad Leaders. END of subject.....

Friday does not want left over lettuce and tomato left in refrigerator. Mentioned that refrigerator is cleaned out every Thursday, at the end of the day. Only items left in refrigerator , is water for next day.

Jim Jore needs 2 – 3 ring binders for the daily schedules. These are kept for 5 years.
Schedules are also archived on MRS web site.

Benediction – Commander
Salute
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
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Minutes Official after 30 days without any changes.

