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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2013

Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel

Jacksonville, FL

President Sharon Hobbs called the newly elected Board of Directors first meeting to order at 9:02 am on Saturday, August 17, 2013, in the River Terrace 2 meeting room of the Hyatt Jacksonville Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida.

Opening Exercises:

Sherry Wright, Region 6 Director, led the invocation and prayer. There was a Moment of Silence for POW/MIAs. President Hobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Secretary called the role; a quorum was present.

Board of Directors Roll Call:

President:	Sharon Hobbs	Region 4:	Jeri Wallis
Vice-President:	Cathy Keister	Region 5:	Penny Meinhardt
Secretary:	Joanna Henshaw	Region 6:	Sherry Wright-Anderson
Treasurer:	Bill Williams	Region 7:	Kathy Andras
Region 1:	Frances Cartier	Region 8:	John Birch
Region 2:	Nancy Rekowski	Region 9:	Elayne Mackey
Region 3:	Beverly Pounds		

The President, Sharon Hobbs, welcomed the guests and requested remarks from each of the new Board members.

It was brought to the Board's attention that an article had been printed in the local Jacksonville News about the AVVA and VVA helping the Five Star Veterans Center, which was this year's Project Friendship. \$4000.00 was donated.

Motion 1: To Accept the Agenda as written; motion passed.

Required documents for the new Board were explained, filled out, and signed by all members.

Wes Guidry was introduced, and explained the travel procedure to the new Board members. Details of the upcoming October meeting were used as examples. Wes pointed out that if we use our "do not disturb" hangtag for the hotel maid service we could receive a \$5.00 per day food credit for the restaurant. End of business on

September 6th, 2013, will be the absolute deadline for getting our hotel reservation information to Mr. Guidry, via the “e-registration” on the VVA website. We will send a reminder approximately one (1) week prior to that date. Travel dates for the October 2013 Board Meeting are Wednesday (Oct 9) and Sunday (Oct 13). Mr. Guidry requested that we simply use “Weds – Sunday” on our reservation requests.

Appointment of Committee Chairs:

Awards:	Kathy Andras	Membership:	Cathy Keister
Disciplinary:	Nina Schloffel	<i>Sub-Com. Incarcerated Veterans:</i>	Penny Meinhardt
Elections:	Elayne Mackey	Policy & Procedure:	Joanna Henshaw
Finance:	Kaye Gardner	PTSD:	Frances Cartier
<i>Sub-Com. Produce Sales:</i>	Penny Meinhardt	Public Relations:	Beverly Pounds
Leadership Development:	The 4 Officers	Strategic Planning:	Nancy Rekowski
Health:	Elayne Mackey	Veterans Benefits:	Nancy Switzer
Legislative:	John Birch & Nancy Rekowski	<i>*Sub-Com. Agent Orange:</i>	Nancy Switzer
Bylaws:	TBA	Web Site:	Joanna Henshaw
		Scholarship:	TBA (may be moot)

Without objection, Committee Chairs accepted.

Mr. Mike Swift was appointed as the Parliamentarian.

The Historian will be appointed at a later date.

Sherry Wright-Anderson was appointed to new position: AVVA National Chaplain.

*Motion 2: Motion to create a new sub-committee, under the Veterans Benefits Committee, to be called ‘Agent Orange Committee’ and chaired by Nancy Switzer; Motion passed.

Motion 3: Motion to create a new program, titled “Volunteer Services”, with Kathy Andras and Jeri Wallis as co-chairs; motion passed.

Bill Williams introduced Mr. George Claxton [sitting in the audience] as a good source of information regarding Agent Orange.

Kaye Gardner, Finance Chair, verified that everyone had received his or her current budgets.

The President requested that members NOT call the National Officers with concerns unless they have already exhausted the chain of command with no results. They should contact their State Presidents or Reps [respectively]. She stated that she would refer the person back to the Regional Director and/or would contact the RD to let them know of the incident. She expects everyone to adhere to the Chain of Command, and wants Regional Directors and State Presidents and Representatives to have the chance to do their jobs.

Motion to Accept the Following Deputy Directors:

Region 2: Bobbie Morris; Region 3: Connie Jones; Region 4: Susan Henthorn;
Region 5: Freda Goodwin; Region 6: Diane Nicholson; Region 7: Percilla Newberry;
Region 8: Michael Ross; Region 9: Anne Pancrazio. Motion passed.

The travel information for the October Board Meeting was discussed in more detail. Bill Williams stated that taxi receipts are not required but all other receipts are required. Travel days were set for Weds and Sun.

The President requested a meeting at 1:00 pm with the Officers and the Finance Chair in the second Floor anti-room.

The A.O. Town Hall Meeting was announced: Begins at 11:00 am in the River Terrance 2 meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Henshaw".

Joanna Henshaw, AVVA National Secretary

Adopted: 8/29/13