



## VENICE AREA CHAPTER

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### MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### OFFICERS

President: Jim Harrington  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Rod Dimon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Cliff Sasfy

#### DIRECTORS

Vince Surwillo  
Dallas Jensen

#### CHAPTER MEMBERS

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| Ellie Neuwirth     | Gary Roam         | Doug Cole    |
| Liz Jensen         | Jeanne White      | Jim Phillips |
| Carolyn Harrington | Michael Himsworth |              |

Guests: John Halbert and Gayle Maxey from Sarasota Chapter  
Captain Paul J. Davis, USA – Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection  
Officer

Speaker: Shirley Olsen

Total in attendance: 17

President Harrington called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Pastor Liz Jensen gave the invocation and included a special prayer for the health and safe travels of Mike and Marjorie Healey. Vice President Dimon led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed guests from the Sarasota chapter and our speaker. Captain Davis gave a short bio and explained his current role in serving at military funerals throughout the southwest coast of Florida and inland to Okeechobee.

#### Reading of the Minutes

In the absence of the Secretary, Carolyn Harrington read the minutes of the March meeting. With no changes or corrections, a motion was made, seconded and voted upon to accept the minutes as read.

### **Treasurer Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Harrington read the Treasurer's Report indicating that as of March 31, 2017, the balance in the checking account is \$1,414.08. The Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$2,694.93 and \$1,514.24 in the Veteran's Fund makes a total in the Savings Account of \$4,209.17.

### **President's Announcements:**

1. The guest speaker at our May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Dr. Julio Gonzalez who is our local representative to the Florida House of Representatives. He is also an orthopedic surgeon in Venice and is sure to give an interesting presentation.
2. Rod Dimon discussed the social on Saturday, 4/22, to be held at his home. He asks that anyone not signed up who plans to attend please let him know today.
3. Dallas and Liz Jensen will host the May social on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at their home, starting at 4 pm. This will be our last gathering for the season with the next meeting in September.

### **Member Announcements**

None

Guest Speaker Shirley Olsen took the podium at 11:45 am and gave a presentation on the book 'Remembrance' that she co-wrote with her late husband, Jack R. Olsen, US AAC, WWII.

The 50/50 donations totaled \$51.00 and the raffle winner was guest Gayle Maxey. She received \$25.00 and \$26.00 was designated for the Veteran's Fund.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Meeting length: 60 minutes

Carolyn Harrington, acting Secretary