

ALR, Soo MI meeting 4 November 2009

-Mtg delayed due to funeral of Army Spec. Steffey. Called to Order by Hal at 1835.

-Due to late arrival of Secretary, the meeting proceeded directly to finance. Judy reviewed. Motion to accept the finance report by Norm/2nd by Bruce. Vote_Unanimous.

-Hal requested reimbursement for a wreath purchased for previous fallen veteran Army Sgt. Griffin. Check was provided by the treasurer.

-A discussion concerning replacement for the treasurer, Judy, (who had agreed to stay until a replacement was found) was conducted. Motion made by Frank nominating Chuck as treasurer, 2nd by Bruce. Vote Unanimous. Election Vote held-Unanimous

-Sharon (Sec) arrived and read the previous minutes. Gary motioned to accept, 2nd by Mike G. Vote Unanimous.

-Old business reviewed. Sharon and others reported on Ted's hospitalization status. Ted is "holding on". Card was sent to Ted as well as Jill S. Also recapped participation at Jill's event the previous Sunday.

-Discussion conducted on replacement of the Chaplain. Norm confirmed Ziggy conveyed a lack of time etc. Motion made by Chuck to nominate Norm as Chaplain, 2nd Rich. Vote Unanimous. Election Vote held-Unanimous

-Email from Chaplain Eddy expressing his gratitude for the ALRA donation of \$3000.00. Advised he would provide recognition via the Legionaire Publication. He was profoundly grateful and stunned by the large amount.

-Hal informed the members that 67 Mich Natl Guard members will be departing to the Mobilization Station for further assignment to Iraq on 20 Nov. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on the 18th of Nov at the Armory. Cost will be \$5.00. Approx 1/3 of those departing are from downstate and proceeds will be used to defray their costs. Also, a formal send off at 1800 the evening of the 19th will be held at the Soo High School. Possible escort of the vehicles out of town or a flag line early the following morning was discussed. If you wish to participate bring a flag. Details of all events to be provided via email as the event comes nearer. A rep from the Fallen Eagles, Mr. Tom Rodney was introduced and requested coordination for the events.

-Discussion/explanation of the expenditure of funds to cover 1/3 of the internet costs for the Rider's/Legion/Rally Website was conducted. No formal motions.

-Members with difficulties was discussed. Ted Snyder currently hospitalized with cancer. Few details available but a benefit Hamburger Bash was determined and scheduled for December 2nd from 4:00 to 8:00PM. A committee was formed: Bruce, Popeye, Mike Greenleaf, Gerry, Hal, Sharon with others

offering to assist. Tickets, advertising, door prizes will be determined by the committee and information disseminated to the members. Tickets will be made available at the canteen for members to pick up and sell. Motion by Chuck to authorized \$300.00 for food purchases for the event 2nd by Gary. Vote-Unanimous.

-Discussion was held concerning the recent lay off of Viet Nam Vets of America rep Vic. He decided to continue with his veteran's service appointments at his own expense. Motion by Norm to provide \$50.00 in gas money to Vic was put forth, 2nd by Mike G. Vote-Unanimous. Check was to be presented immediately, but Vic was unavailable.

-Dan from Bike Rally committee discussed the following

Encouraged participation with the Patriot Guard. Advised the raffle bike needs to be picked up in Marquette. A possible change in location for the Rally must be considered due to planned road construction this summer. The Viet Nam moving wall display will be participating in this year's rally. Please seek and recruit other military displays as the event needs more exhibits. Advised that Poat #3 had provided \$500.00 to the Scholarship Fund of Sgt Griffin and would also contribute to Spec. Steffey scholarship.

-Hal "himmed and hawed" his way through 15 further painful minutes in order to facilitate the delivery of a birthday cake in honor of Chuck's birthday. Everyone participated in singing Happy Birthday very loudly so the old geezer could hear.

Motion made by Mike G to adjourn, 2nd Gary. Vote-unanimous. Meeting joyously adjourned at approximately 2025.