

VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB, INC.

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 7, 2018 called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Bill Schaefer

Meeting Attendance: 62

Members Health and Welfare (Charlie Brown)

Keith Schneider – Surgery on May 7 (today)

Robert J. Fazio, 81 of Wimauma, Fla passed away April 24, 2018.

Schedule of services

- May 14, 2018 Monday 4:00 - 6:00 PM Family 'Meet & Greet' at the funeral home
- May 15, 2018 Tuesday 11:00 AM Mass Prince of Peace Catholic Church 702 Valley Forge Blvd, Sun City Center, FL
- May 15, 2018 Tuesday 1:30 PM Services/Interment Sarasota National Cemetery_with full military honors 9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota, FL
- May 15, 2018 Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 PM Happy Hour The Sandpiper Grill_1702 S Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL followed by dinner

VLMVC Sales

Charlie reminded the group about 50/50 tickets sales as well as challenge coins. Howard Bower is filling in for Keith Schneider with shirt and hat sales. Name tags are provided to new members.

Recognition of New Members and Guests (Charlie Brown)

Charlie Brown welcomed the following new members/guests:

Master Gunnery Sergeant Johnson Lykens – Marine Corps
Janice Bassett – DAR member & wife of guest speaker
Lt Col Gordon Bassett – USAF
Joe Kaye – Navy WWII Veteran
Frank Higher – Army
Tom Mertz

Vietnam Era Veteran Commemorative Pins (Charlie & Jan Bassett)

The following individuals were presented their Vietnam Veteran Commemorative Pins by Jan Bassett:

Carl Carbonaro, Gary Grim, Frank Hile, Bob Hurwitz, Dick Lockren, Tom Russo, Alan Shissler, Harvey Shipton, Dave Tipton, Richard Winston.

Status of Forces/Membership Report (Darrell Katz)

There are 179 members. The breakdown is: Army, 65; Navy, 26; Marines, 15; Air Force, 29; Coast Guard, 1; Dual Service, 7; Supporters/Spouse, 35; Unspecified, 1. Currently dues are \$20 and are paid every March.

Treasurer's Report

Regular Business Checking (x5592)	\$12,139.75
Scholarship Fund Savings (x3531)	\$1,400.10
Reserve Savings (x3531)	\$5,402.02
Total Revenue	\$1,466.00
Total Expenditures	\$(398.30)
Total Ending Balances in Bank Accounts	\$20,009.68

Gasell Estate – “John’s Mobile” status (Charlie Brown)

Currently, the VLMVC is waiting for the fourth and final Gasell Trust beneficiaries to agree in writing to deed the property to VLMVC. The home is located at 15817 Cobble Mill in Valencia Lakes. The home is valued at approximately \$280,000 - \$300,000.00. The funds from selling the property is to be used to set-up transportation for Veterans to go to healthcare appointments. If for some reason the VLMVC could not make this happen then the funds would be turned over to the salvation army.

Memorial Day Ceremony and Speaker (David White)

The Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. The guest speaker is Rear Admiral Lawrence “Larry” Chambers, U.S. Navy, Retired.

Committee Members Needed (Charlie Brown)

Charlie addressed the membership asking for volunteers to serve on committees. He would like volunteers for the Luncheon Committee and the Gasell Estate Committee. Sign-up sheets were passed around the membership.

Secretary's Report (Maggie Lalk)

No report for the April 23rd meeting as the secretary was away on vacation.

Brick Report (Rodney Davis)

Number of recently purchased and installed bricks: 13

Current number of bricks in ground: 623

Price of a Brick: \$45

Special Presentation

Nick Fazio (co-founder of the veteran's club) presented his brother's nametag (Robert Fazio) back to the group in honor of Roberts passing. In addition, Nick presented checks that were donated by in honor of Robert Fazio to the VLMVC.

1. Nick Fazio gave \$100
2. John & Elizabeth Fazio (570 El Camino Real #2601; Naples, FL 34119) gave \$100
3. Julene Hussey (15824 Aurora Lake Circle) gave \$50
4. Joseph & Alice Pinto (1157 Maxwell Manor; Warwick, PA 18974) gave \$50
5. Vincent & Dale DiLeonardo (16004 Golden Lakes Dr.) gave \$50

Lunch

Members and attendees had lunch together prior to the speaker's presentation.

Program

Our guest speaker was Lt Col (ret) Gordon Bassett, a veteran USAF bomber pilot who while stationed in Vietnam flew 155 combat missions with a Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron; he was later a nuclear strike combat crew commander / bomber pilot with the Strategic Air Command. Following his Air Force career, he worked at North American Aviation with its Minuteman Missile and Polaris Submarine Programs. Amongst other military decorations he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Combat Air Medals for his service.

Announcements

Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am Social Hall.

Speaker: Rear Admiral Lawrence "Larry" Chambers, U.S. Navy, Retired.

Monthly Meeting – Monday, June 4th at 11:00 – Recognition of WWII and Korean War era veterans – Social Hall

50/50 Drawing

Winner: Bob Leiker won \$67.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 4, 2018 at 11:00am. Charlie announced the next meeting is dedicated to the WWII and Korean War Veterans.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully,

Maggie Stultz-Lalk

Maggie Lalk, Secretary

Attachments (s)

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Treasurers Report
- 3) Speaker's Bio

Valencia Lakes Military Veterans' Club, Inc.

AGENDA

Monday, May 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., VL Social Hall

1. Call to Order Charlie Brown
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation Bill Schaefer
3. Members Health and Welfare Charlie Brown
4. Buy 50/50 tickets; Challenge Coins – 10.00; Charlie Brown
5. VLMVC Shirts, Hats, Name Tags and Movies Howard Bower
6. Recognition of New Members and Guests Charlie Brown
7. Vietnam Era Veteran Commemorative Pins Charlie and Jan Bassett
8. Status of Forces/Membership Report Darrell Katz
9. Treasurer's Report Sandra Amato-Shipton
10. Gasell Estate – "John's Mobile" status Charlie Brown
11. Memorial Day Ceremony and Speaker David White
12. Committee members needed Charlie Brown
13. Secretary's Report – Meeting Minutes Margaret "Maggie" Lalk
14. Brick Report Rodney Davis
15. LUNCH – Sandwiches – Roast Beef, Turkey, Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad -on wheat, white or rye bread, plus pasta and seafood salad. \$5.00 for members and new members and guests.
16. PROGRAM – Gordon Bassett a veteran USAF bomber pilot who while stationed in Vietnam flew 155 combat missions with a Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron; he was later a nuclear strike combat crew commander / bomber pilot with the Strategic Air Command. Following his Air Force career, he worked at North American Aviation with its Minuteman Missile and Polaris Submarine Programs. Amongst other military decorations he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and six Combat Air Medals for his service.
17. Announcements:
 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 28 at 10:00 Social Hall
 - Speaker: Rear Admiral Lawrence "Larry" Chambers, U.S. Navy, Retired

 - Monthly Meeting – Monday, June 4th at 11:00 – Recognition of WW II and Korean War era veterans – Social Hall
18. 50/50 Drawing;
19. Adjournment

**VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT**

31-Apr-18

Beginning Balances in Bank Accounts

Regular Business Checking (x5592)	\$12,139.75
Scholarship Fund Savings(x3523)	\$1,400.10
Unrestricted Reserve Savings (x3531)	<u>\$5,402.02</u>
Total Beginning Balances in Bank Accounts:	\$18,941.87

+Revenue:

Yearly Dues & Memberships (Darrell K)	\$620.00
Cash 50/50	\$93.00
Bricks and Flags(Rodney D)	\$495.00
Name Tags, Shirts & Caps (Keith S)	\$143.00
Coins (Charlie)	\$30.00
Donations (Luncheon)	\$85.00
Rendezvous Raffle	\$-
Rendezvous Dinner	<u>\$-</u>
Total Revenue:	\$1,466.00

-Expenditures

Brick of Honor Circle - Sweet Dreams (Rodney D)	\$(328.30)
Coins (Charlie)	\$-
Florida Flag & Pennant (Rodney D)	\$-
Name Tags - Scott Machine Dev Corp. (Keith S)	\$-
Shirts & Caps - Gotcha Covered (Keith S)	\$-
Quilts for Veterans (David W)	\$-
Annual Corporate Filing - Sunbiz FL (Michelle S)	\$(70.00)
Website Listing Service (Charlie)	\$-
Speaker & Membership Luncheon	\$-
Brandon Rental - Seffner (David W)	\$-
M&M Printing Co for Memorial Day (David W)	\$-
Donations	\$-
Rendezvous Raffle Winners (Charlie B)	\$-
Rendezvous Posters, Tickets, Decorations (Charlie B)	\$-
Rendezvous Dinner (Delectables) (Charlie B)	\$-
Rendezvous Mixer Bar & Bistro Staff (Charlie B)	\$-
Rendezvous Band (Charlie B)	<u>\$-</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$(398.30)

Reg Business Checking (x5592) + Reserve Savings	\$13,207.45
Scholarship Fund (x3523)	\$1,400.12
Gassel Estate Fund (x3531)	<u>\$5,402.11</u>
Total Ending Balances in Bank Accounts:	\$20,009.68

2

VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 7th,
in the Social Hall to hear

GORDON BASSETT **Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (Ret)**

Lt Col Bassett entered the USAF in the mid-1960s and flew eight different aircraft, including the FB-111 and KC-135, during his career and retired as a command pilot. While at Pleiku AB, Vietnam, he flew 155 combat missions with a Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron. He later served as a nuclear-strike combat-crew commander/bomber pilot with the Strategic Air Command, an Air Attache (DIA) with the US Embassy in Brazil, an international policy-maker/Country Director at the Pentagon (OASD/ISA-IA), and Dean of Students for foreign students at the Defense Language Institute. He is also a graduate of the Brazilian Air Force War College in Rio de Janeiro. Among his military decorations are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and six Combat Air Medals.

Lt Col Bassett has served on the Sun City Center Association's Board of Directors in 2006 and as its Vice President in 2007. He is past president, charter and founding member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, South Shore Chapter. He is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He served as Commander of the local Military Order of the World Wars Chapter, and as Region Six Commander for chapters in Florida and Puerto Rico. He is a life member of MOAA, MOWW, AF Assoc., and a Legionnaire. He has been secretary of the Retired Officers Corp. and is Vice Chairman and Trustee for the Military Family Support Trust in SCC. He and his wife, Jan, reside in SCC.

