

## **VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB, INC.**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

1. Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 called to order at time 11:00 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** led by Bill Schaefer

**Meeting Attendance:** 72+

**3. Members Health and Welfare** (Charlie Brown) – hospitalizations or deaths to report

Bob Riley was a veteran and passed away last week.

**4. Recognition of New Members and Welcomed Guests:** (Charlie Brown)

a. Charlie Brown introduced the following special guests:

- Ted Van Aulen, U.S. Army, Guest speaker, and his wife Kay
- Barbara Clark, friend of Ted & Kay Van Aulen

b. Charlie also introduced all new members and guests.

**5. Secretary's Report** (Maggie Lalk)

The January and February minutes are posted on the VLMVC website. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 4, 2019 General minutes. January minutes were previously approved.

**6. Treasurer's Report** (Sandra Shipton)

a. The full treasurer's report is available in the attachments.

b. Charlie thanked Sandra for Chairing the Casino Dinner/Dance Fundraiser! Sandra thanked all the committee members and volunteers for their assistance with this event. Sandra also reviewed the details of the fundraising event.

c. Sandra discussed brick sales. The commemorative/honorary bricks honor Veteran's for their service for both living and deceased Veterans. All monies raised for the bricks goes toward maintaining the "Circle of Honor."

d. Additions by Sandra: Don Houck donated his 50/50 Winnings to the Scholarship Program! Also, Mark Douglas donated \$25 dollars to the Scholarship Fund via online.

**7. Status of Forces/Membership Report** (Darrell Katz)

a. There are 174 members. The breakdown is: Army 57; Navy, 28; Marines, 13; Air Force 25; Coast Guard, 1; Dual Service, 3; Supporters/Spouse, 47. Currently dues are \$20 and are paid every March. There are 70 people remaining that have not paid their dues.

b. Darrell Katz reported March 29 is the official date for Vietnam Veteran's Day however Hillsborough County will honor the Veteran's on March 23.

**8. Old Business** (Charlie Brown)

a. Scholarship application submission deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

b. Scholarship Applications received currently stands at one application. Potentially, two \$2000 Grants will be offered to grandchildren of Veteran members and two ROTC Scholarships.

c. Veterans' Transport Project – The VA cancelled the scheduled meeting with representatives from our Transportation team due to a conflict. The meeting is rescheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

d. Volunteers for new VA Clinic & Drivers – Members were encouraged to volunteer to be drivers for the Veteran Transportation Program. Members would be “VA unpaid employees.” The program requires at least 14 drivers. Drivers will be protected under the VA umbrella. However, Charlie plans to have the club purchase additional insurance coverage. Charlie also asked for people to volunteer at the new VA Clinic in Riverview.

e. Memorial Day Planning & volunteers – Charlie reminded members & guests that volunteers are needed to assist with the Clubs Memorial Day Event.

**9. New Business** (Charlie Brown)

a. Charlie discussed the need for a volunteer to serve as the Program Manager for the Club. This person's responsibility is to solicit speakers for club meetings.

b. Charlie discussed the need for a volunteer to serve as the clubs Communications Manager. Charlie described the required skills for this position.

**10. Presentation:** Charlie introduced Ted Van Aulen, a/k/a “Bullwinkle” Sgt., 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, Scout Dog Handler and his partner “Warlock” and stated Sgt. Van Aulen will describe his experiences in Vietnam in 1969.

**11. 50/50 Drawing** (Allen Lalk)

Total monies collected \$148.00. The winner was Don Houck who received \$74.

**12. Final Reminders:**

a. **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M.**  
**VLMVC Board of Directors Meets Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:00 in Board Room**  
(VLMVC Board meetings are open for members to attend)

b. June is the Disabled Veteran's Warrior Games

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully,

*Maggie Stultz-Lalk*

Maggie Lalk, Secretary

Attachment (s)

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

**VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB, INC. (VLMVC)**  
**AGENDA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.,**  
 Monthly Membership Meetings are open to all VL residents to attend  
 (New members see Darrell Katz, Membership Chairman)

- Pre-Meeting Reminders:      Coffee, bagels and munchies;  
    50/50 ticket sales;  
    Badges, shirts and hats;
- |  |                |
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| 1. Meeting Call to Order   | Charlie Brown  |
| 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance   | Bill Schaefer  |
| 3. Health and Welfare of Members   | Charlie Brown  |
| 4. Recognition new members, visitors / guests  | Charlie Brown  |
| 5. Secretary's Report & Minutes Approvals  | Maggie Lalk    |
| 6. Membership report   | Darrell Katz   |
| Membership dues renewals   |                |
| 7. Treasurer's Report  | Sandra Shipton |
| Fundraiser – Casino Night report   |                |
| 8. Old Business:   | Charlie Brown  |
| Scholarship donations & project  |                |
| Scholarship Applications received to date  |                |
| Veterans' Transportation Project   |                |
| Volunteers for new VA Clinic & Drivers   |                |
| Memorial Day Planning & volunteers   |                |
| 10. New Business:  |                |
| Need volunteer(s) for Program Manager  |                |
| Need volunteer(s) for Communications Manager   |                |
| 11. <b>Presentation:</b> Ted Van Aulen, a/k/a "Bullwinkle" Sgt., 196 <sup>th</sup> Light Infantry<br>Brigade, Scout Dog Handler, his experiences with his partner<br>"Warlock" in Vietnam in 1969 & reflections thereon. |                |
| 12. 50/50 drawing  | Allan Lalk     |
| 13. Adjournment (Everyone helps clean up)  |                |
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MILITARY VETERANS  
CLUB**

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
Beginning Balances in Bank  
Accounts**

**28. Feb. 2019**

|  |                     |
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| Regular Business Checking<br>(x5592)                       | \$28,312.02         |
| Circle of Honor (x3523)<br>John Gassell                    | \$2,945.26          |
| Transport/Unrestricted Reserve<br>Fund(x3531)              | <b>\$342,948.91</b> |
| <b>Total Beginning Balances in<br/>Bank Accounts:</b>      | <b>\$374,206.19</b> |
| +Revenue:  |                     |
| Yearly Dues & Memberships<br>(Darrell K)                   | \$400.00            |
| PayPal Direct Transfer                                     |                     |
| Deposit for Membership Dues                                | \$40.00             |
| Cash 50/50 (Alan)  | \$87.00             |
| Bricks and Flags (Rodney D)                                |                     |
| <b>DEPOSITED TO COH Fund</b>                               | \$135.00            |
| Shirts & Caps - Gotcha                                     |                     |
| Covered (Howard) MC  | \$33.00             |
| Coins (Howard)   | \$-                 |
| Donations/Luncheons/Beverage                               | \$47.00             |
| Casino Planners Refund                                     | \$1,148.75          |
| <b>Deposits for Fundraiser Event</b>                       | \$-                 |
| <b>Ticket Sales</b>  | \$4,787.00          |
| <b>Sponsorship</b>   | \$600.00            |
|  | \$-                 |
| Total Revenue:   | \$7,142.75          |
| -Expenditures  |                     |
| Brick of Honor Circle - Sweet<br>Dreams/Gas (Rodney D)     | \$-                 |
| Coins (Howard)   | \$-                 |
| Florida Flag & Pennant<br>(Charlie) <b>MC</b>              | \$-                 |
| Name Tags - Scott Machine<br>Dev Corp. (Darrell) <b>MC</b> | \$-                 |
| Shirts & Caps - Gotcha                                     |                     |
| Covered (Howard) <b>MC</b>                                 | \$-                 |

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Office supplies/services <b>MC</b>   | \$-                 |
| Annual Corporate Filing -            |                     |
| Sunbiz FL (Charlie)                  | \$-                 |
| Website Listing Service              |                     |
| (Charlie/Ally)                       | \$-                 |
| Speaker, Membership                  |                     |
| Luncheon/Sweets <b>MC</b>            | \$-                 |
| Brandon Rental - Seffner             |                     |
| (David W)                            | \$-                 |
| M&M Printing for                     |                     |
| Holidays/celebrations (Charlie)      |                     |
| <b>MC</b>                            | -\$291.05           |
| Donations/Other                      |                     |
| Expenses/Annual                      |                     |
| Fundraiser/Casino                    | \$-                 |
| Expenses for Fundraiser              |                     |
| Event/Decorations                    | -\$249.09           |
| Miscellaneous expenses and MC        |                     |
| charges <b>(HelpersTips)</b>         | -\$150.00           |
| PayPal fees                          | -\$3.98             |
| <b>Casino Party Planners</b>         | -\$4,595.00         |
| <b>Mission BBQ with Tip</b>          | -\$5,243.87         |
| <b>South Shore Cruisers</b>          | -\$950.00           |
| Service fees                         | -\$11.50            |
| <b>Total Expenditures:</b>           | <b>\$11,494.49</b>  |
| Reg Business Checking                |                     |
| (x5592) + Reserve Acct               | \$23,960.28         |
| Circle of Honor (x3523)              | \$3,080.26          |
| John Gassell                         |                     |
| Transport/Unrestricted Reserve       |                     |
| Fund(x3531)                          | \$342,948.91        |
| <b>Total Ending Balances in Bank</b> |                     |
| <b>Accounts:</b>                     | <b>\$369,989.45</b> |

**SAVE THE DATE MONDAY, MARCH 4, 11:00 a.m.**

**VL MILITARY VETERANS CLUB MONDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 A.M. SOCIAL HALL  
SGT Theodore James Van Aulen Jr., a/k/a “Bullwinkle”  
48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Platoon Scout Dog, 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division,  
Vietnam 1969-1970**



Our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting speaker is Theodore James “Ted” Van Aulen, Jr., a former Scout Dog Handler in Vietnam. Ted Van Aulen was born and raised in New Jersey. In April 1968, Ted was drafted into the U.S. Army while he was then working as a lineman for New Jersey Bell Telephone. He was assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey for Basic & Advanced Infantry Training. He volunteered for Scout Dog training and was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, where Ted was paired with his dog, “Warlock.” Together they underwent 20 weeks of intense training including “Off Leash,” then a new type of canine deployment tactic. Scout Dog teams walked point for combat

In May 1969 Ted and Warlock were assigned to the 48<sup>th</sup> Scout Dog 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, at LZ Baldy south of Da Nang. With over thirty plus missions not one American was killed with “Team Warlock” walking point. Hundreds of enemy KIA’s and prisoners were taken due to Team Warlock’s efforts. Team Warlock had 27 confirmed combat kills. When Ted later received his Honorable Discharge in March of 1970 he had received a Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Service Medals and National Defense Medal. On returning to civilian life Ted resumed his career with New Jersey Bell and became a Telecommunications Engineer and Manager. He retired from Bell Atlantic in 1997 and continued working in the telecom industry with several international companies including Hitachi. Ted has authored several engineering manuals and publications. He is currently a Project Manager with KCI Technologies in Tampa. He and his wife of 21 years, Karen, have two children and four grandchildren. They enjoy skiing, tennis and hiking – they have hiked Mountains throughout North America and Europe. Ted is currently writing a book of poems about the “Summer of 69,” focusing on his time with Warlock in the jungles of Vietnam and the men of the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade.