

**VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB (VLMVC), INC.
General Meeting Minutes**

1. Monday, March 2, 2020 - Call to Order at 11:03 a.m. (Charlie Brown, President)

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation (Charlie Brown, President)

3. Health and Welfare of VL Veterans / Member (Charlie Brown, President)

WII Veteran Charles Roederer, United States Navy, passed away. Memorial Service is on March 7, 2020, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Tampa General Hospital or the St Andrews Presbyterian Church.

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

Mr. Peter Pasanen, US Navy
Mr. Nicholas Lombardi, Civilian

5. Salute to Retiring Officers and Directors (Charlie Brown, President)

President Brown provided comments and information regarding the outstanding service and volunteer activities of the following VLMVC retiring Officers and Directors:

Darrel Katz, Director of Membership
Maggie Lalk, Secretary
Allen Lalk, Sergeant-at-Arms
Dennis Lombardi, Director

6. Installation of New Officers and Directors VLMVC President, Charles “Charlie” Brown provided a brief introduction of the following incoming (new) Board Members of the Valencia Lakes Military Club (VLMC):

President – Charles (Charlie) Brown
Vice President – Joe Lumia
Secretary – Arlene Patel
Assistant Secretary - Carol Love
Treasurer – Jim Love
Assistant Treasurer, David Moore
Director, Membership – Sandra Shipton
Board Director – Ron McKenzie
Board Director – Howard Bower
Sergeant-at-Arms – Keith Schneider
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Allen Lalk
Chaplain – Bill Schaefer

7. Status of VLMVC Forces/Membership Report (Sandra Shipton)

There are 188 members. The breakdown is as follows: Air Force 30; Army; 62; Coast Guard 1; Marines 12; Navy 29; Dual Service 2; USPHS 1; and Supporters/Spouses, 51. Membership dues are \$20 per person and paid every March.

8. Treasurer's Report (Sandra Shipton/Jim Love)

Sandra Shipton provided a verbal report. She stated the *General Business Account (GBA)* had a balance of \$20,850.95; the *Circle of Honor (COH)* account contained \$3,682.08; and that the *John Mobile Transport Fund (JMT)* reflected \$284,777.15 for the quarter. The Casino Night proceeds are \$9,014.00. President Brown stated that *My Warrior's Place* would receive \$3,000 in funds/support from VLMVC, *The Southeast Guard Dogs* organization would receive \$3,000.00 in funds; and that the *Parkinson Spine Unit* at Tampa General Hospital would receive \$2,800.

The full Treasurer's Report is available in the attachments to these minutes. A motion was made by Michelle Schaefer (and seconded) to approve the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved/quorum present.

9. Secretary's Report (Arlene "Jazi" Patel)

Arlene Patel reported that the February 2020 General Meeting minutes were posted on the VLMVC Website. A motion was made by Michelle Schaefer (and seconded) to approve the February 2020 minutes. The Secretary's Minutes were approved/quorum present.

10. Brick Report (Rodney Davis)

Rodney Davis reported that there are 668 bricks installed in the Circle of Honor. Six (6) bricks are on order to be installed in April 2020. Rodney encouraged all present to purchase a brick to recognize a Veteran.

11. Upcoming VLMVC Movies (David Breen)

The next scheduled military movie is titled, "The Outsider," and will be shown March 15, 2020, in the VL Club House, Social Hall from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Also, an upcoming movie scheduled is "The Downfall" which chronicles the last days of Hitler. This movie is in German with English subtitles. Other upcoming attractions are "Midway," and "1977." David shared that non-military movies are planned as well; and that suggestions from the membership for movies to be shown/featured are welcomed.

12. Van Transport Project (Charlie Brown, President)

President Brown shared that the van purchased for the transport of Veterans to and from Valencia Lakes and the VA Medical Center in Riverview is awaiting a few necessary items, Specifically, a credit card for gas purchases, and that vehicle tags were ordered February 14, 2020 . President

Brown commented that it takes approximately 10 to 14 days before tags are received. Once the pages are received, the van will be ready for the VLMVC volunteer drivers to begin practice runs. President Brown shared that the volunteer drivers need to possess a Veterans Administration (VA) volunteer driver ID badge before providing volunteer services.

President Brown further shared that there is a call for more volunteer drivers. Currently, there are eighteen (18) volunteers, however, more are needed. Hopefully, a total of 25 volunteers will be available to initiate the van shuttle service.

President Brown stated the van shuttle service will be provided in a “round robin” format e.g., passengers will be taken to the VA clinic from the VL Community using a dedicated schedule format (to be determined). The van will be kept at the Wimauma fire station when not in use.

It was noted that all volunteer drivers will be provided training by the VA and receive VA volunteer driver ID badges/name tags. Volunteer drivers are not required to be a member of the VL Military Club; however, all volunteers must be residents of the Valencia Lakes community. The VA training will consist of segments covering driver safety and all drivers must undergo a VA medical exam and possess a valid Florida Driver’s License.

Nick Fazio requested to share with the club members his idea regarding a standard recognition emblem or logo for VLMVC volunteer drivers. Specifically, Nick shared the following:

- a. Veterans using the service will need to know what/who to look for to access initial and return service.
- b. Volunteers will need to be recognizable by VA staff or other authority while on VA premises and within the VL community.
- c. Nick suggested that the VLMVC purchase shirts for the volunteer drivers to wear while staffing the van. Nick provided information on a possible logo and emblem for the shirts.
- d. It was anticipated that initially, 25 shirts would be needed in various sizes for men and women volunteers.
- e. It was suggested by Nick that the Van Fund be used to cover the cost of the shirts. Nick estimated that the cost would be approximately \$1,000 for 25 shirts.

President Brown stated that the suggestions regarding the need for the identifying shirts, logo, cost, and funding would be a matter appropriately discussed and decided by the VLMVC Board during its upcoming Board Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020.

13. **From the Floor - Follow-up/Information:**

Joe Lumia requested that VLMC members take note of a “My Warriors Place” sign-up sheet provided at each table. Members were asked to review and/or sign-up for future volunteer

support services. Joe shared that any and all volunteer skills are needed; i.e., mowing lawns, inventory support, electrical, janitorial and building maintenance. Members were encouraged use the sign-up sheet to share what skills they have or are willing to support.

14. Program: “*A Brief History of Aviation in the United States*” was provided by Arthur Chausmer, MD PhD, F.A.C.P., F.A.C.E., F.A.C.N., a pilot for 52 years and Docent at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport for 10 years. The presentation was engaging and informative. Dr. Chausmer and his wife, Loarelle who was also present, are new residents to Valencia Lakes (July 2019), and former residents of Laurel, Maryland.

15. Announcements

The next *VL Military Veterans Club General Meeting* is in the VL Social Hall on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 11:00 am.

15. 50/50 Drawing (Keith Schneider)

Winner: Ms. Chris Bell Amount Won: \$92.00

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully,

Arlene Patel

Arlene Patel, Secretary

Attachment(s)

- 1) Agenda
 - 2) Speaker Bio
 - 3) General Business Account (GBA)
 - 4) Circle of Honor Report (COH)
 - 5) John Mobile Transport Report (JMT)
- Attachment 1

**Valencia Lakes Military Veterans’ Club (VLMVC), Inc.
AGENDA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall**

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Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Charlie Brown
Health & Welfare of VL Veterans / Members	Charlie Brown

Recognition of New Members and Guests	Charlie Brown
Salute to Retiring Officers & Directors	Charlie Brown
Installation of New Officers & Directors	Charlie Brown
Status of Forces/Membership Report	Sandra Shipton
Treasurer's Report	Sandra Shipton/Jim Love
Secretary's Report – Meeting Minutes	Arlene “Jazi” Patel
Brick Report	Rodney Davis
Upcoming VLMVC – Lifestyle Movies	David Breen
Van Transportation Project Report	Charlie Brown
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Announcements: VLMVC Board Meets Monday, March 9, 2020, at 11:00 am.

50/50 Drawing

Adjournment

Everyone, if able, please help clean up tables, store Flags and equipment. Thank You!

Attachment 2

**VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 @ 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. IN VL SOCIAL HALL**

PROGRAM: “A BRIEF HISTORY OF AVIATION IN THE UNITED STATES”

PRESENTER: Arthur B. Chausmer, MD, PhD, a docent at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum for 10 years, a pilot for 52 years with a commercial pilot license for single and multi-engine land and single engine sea airplane, instrument and small unmanned vehicle ratings and flight instructor certificate. Dr. Chausmer is a retired physician / endocrinologist who loves flying, history and science. He has frequently presented on the history of aviation and “interesting” airplanes. This promises to be a most interesting presentation.

Dr. Chausmer (“Arthur”) was born in Newark, New Jersey, attended Rutgers University and University of New York Downstate Medical Center for his MD and PhD degrees. In 1968, while in graduate school, Arthur obtained his private pilot license. He has been in academic medicine virtually all his professional life. His focus of study within endocrinology has been metabolic bone disease, and secondarily, clinical nutrition and isotope kinetics and modeling of trace elements in the laboratory. His most recent appointment was as a professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Arthur has also written a novel entitled, “MIND” based on artificial intelligence. See: www.mind-thebook.com. Arthur and Lorelle moved to Valencia Lakes in July 2019, from Laurel, Maryland.

VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB	29-Feb-20
TREASURER'S REPORT EOM GBA	
Beginning Balance in Bank Account	\$21,430.95
Regular Business Checking (x5592)	<u>\$21,430.95</u>
Total Beginning Balance in Bank Account:	\$21,430.95
+Revenue:	
Yearly Dues & Memberships (Darrell/Sandra)	\$520.00
Cash 50/50 (Allen/Keith)	\$61.00
Shirts & Caps (Howard) Collected for orders	\$53.00
Coins (Howard)	\$10.00
Donations/Member luncheon	\$24.00
PayPal deposit for online dues payments, donations/other	\$488.10
Deposits for Fundraiser/Cash or online/donations and ticket sales	\$3,210.00
Casino Raffle and 50/50 tickets sales	\$1,815.00
Members Replacement Name Badge Purchase	
Trans. from COH Bricks/flags to cover checks for purchases	
Transfers from Gassel-Vehicle cost/Aplos monthly/Verizon	\$24,519.40
#Brick order inadvertently deposited to GBA/Refunded to COH1/3	
Overpayment of brick order-donated by member to scholarship fund	
Rewards Point Redemption	
Amazon Smile Deposits	<u>\$5.43</u>
Total Revenue:	\$30,705.93
-Expenditures	
Coins (Howard) New order	
Name Tags - Scott Machine Dev Corp. (Darrell)	
Shirts & Caps (Howard)	-\$39.95
**Brick/Gas Payments-By GBA Check (Transfer Back from COH)	
**Florida Flag Payments MC (Back to Bus Acct.) MC	
Office supplies/services/Business check order MC	
Annual Corporate Filing - Sunbiz FL (Charlie)	
State of Florida Renewal (FDACS)	
Website Listing Service (Charlie/Ally)	
Speaker, Membership Luncheon/Beverage Station/Bistro MC	
Brandon Rental - Seffner (Charlie/Howard) MC/Tip	
M&M Printing for Holidays/celebrations (Charlie) MC	
50/50 winners pay out/Annual Fundraiser/Casino Contract	-\$6,286.50
Fundraiser/Event Posters, Tickets, Decorations MC	-\$75.99
Miscellaneous expenses and MC charges (Charlie B)	
Gasell Mobile Transportation Costs-Aplos/Verizon/Vehicle	-\$24,883.49
Scholarship Awards	
Corporate donations from Fundraiser Proceeds	
Cards for troops program 2019	

Lanese Accountant Firm-Taxes 990	
Error in brick deposit to GBA rather than COH Acct.	
Total Expenditures:	<u>-\$31,285.93</u>
Reg Business Checking (x5592)	\$20,850.95
Total Ending Balance in Bank Account:	<u>\$20,850.95</u>

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VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB	29-Feb-20
TREASURER'S REPORT Circle of Honor	
Beginning Balance in Bank Account	<u>\$3,637.05</u>
Circle of Honor Fund (x3523)	
Total Beginning Balance in Bank Account:	<u>\$3,637.05</u>
+Revenue:	
Bricks (Rodney D)	\$45.00
Net Profit from Brick Sales For tax purposes only	\$25.00
Donation to Circle	
Total Revenue:	<u>\$45.00</u>
-Expenditures	
Checks from GBA or MC are Transferred from COH to GBA	
**Brick orders for Circle of Honor /mileage for P/U- (Rodney D)	
Florida Flag/US Flag (Charlie/Rodney) MC	
Member overpayment-member donated amt. To Scholarship Fund	
Total Expenditures:	<u> </u>
Interest	\$0.03
Circle of Honor Fund (x3523)	
Total Ending Balance in Bank Account:	<u>\$3,682.08</u>

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VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB	29-Feb-20
TREASURER'S REPORT - John's Mobile Report	
Beginning Balance in Bank Account	\$309,050.86
John Gassell Transport/Restricted Reserve Fund(x3531)	<u>\$309,050.86</u>
Total Beginning Balance in Bank Account:	\$309,050.86

+Revenue

Reversal of Bank Service Fee	
Line 2	
Line 3	
Line 4	
Line 5	
Line 6	
Line 7	
Total Revenue:	<u>\$309,050.86</u>

-Expenditures

Purchase of transportation Vehicles	-\$24,519.40
Transferred to GBA to cover Aplos monthly charges- MC	-\$44.50
Verizon charges for phones used in Transportation Project	
Bank Service Charge	
Line 5	
Line 6	
Line 7	
Total Expenditures:	<u>-\$24,563.90</u>

Interest

	\$290.19
John Gassell Transport/Restricted Reserve Fund(x3531)	
Total Ending Balance in Bank Account:	<u>\$284,777.15</u>

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