

RAVI Board of Director's Meeting / August 1, 2011  
Racine Veteran's Center

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge was led by J. Christensen; prayer by T. Yorgan.

Secretary – D. Patton:

- Roll call – see attached
- Minutes of June 6, 2011; accepted

Treasurer – D. Wyatt:

- Report was given (attached), move to accept as presented, subject to audit by H. Kahlert, seconded by T. Yorgan.
- D. Wyatt took a moment to present the various organizations and individual's coins from the Dedication of the Daniel Wyatt Memorial Ball Park that donated towards this worthy cause.
- RAVI is still in need of a Treasurer. The person that met with D. Wyatt to take over decided it was way too much for him to handle.
- Jeep, per the insurance policy, everyone would be authorized to drive the jeep.
- J. Christensen thanked Dave for his extended service, and let it be known that it is appreciated.

Museum Committee – D. Patton (reporting for J. Hart):

- Have not met during the summer due to Committee members on vacation and out for extended illness.
- Will resume meetings in September and pick up working on the Knapp exhibit.

Veteran's Center– S. Heether (reporting for J. Sadowski):

- With the Men's Aux. assistance, the repair from water damage at the 812 building has been completed.
- Ladies Aux. 1391, donated money to the purchase of an ice machine.
- Lease and inventory – there need to be adjustments. Need to set a meeting to resolve some issues that are unclear. Both the treasurers need to be present for financial issues.
- Talk of sending out a newsletter to the older generation that doesn't have website access.

Monuments and Memorials – S. Heether (reporting for J. Sadowski):

- In a bit of a slump, still in need of physical labor at the Veteran's Memorial.

Webmaster – C. Breckenridge:

- In the process of creating a new logo consisting of five individuals representing each branch of the service, walking in line foot to foot, in uniforms from five different eras.
- B. May's granddaughter may be interesting in doing the rendering of the logo; the MC will choose which uniforms will be used.
- Will check with Mike Boldus from Image This for the finishing touch.
- H. Olsen's brother in Chicago is also a possibility. He may even have something near to what we are looking for already completed.
- D. Larsen reported that the jeep was at Palmen on display, with a flyer of information available. There was a discussion on making a wheel cover with the logo on the cover as well as creating patches.

Unfinished Business:

- Elections, there is a committee working on the search for a President and Treasurer.

- Capt. Mielcarek, who was a possibility for the President, decided against it due to his work schedule and family commitment.
- B. May, another possibility was not present.
- Auggie Grulach is interested in the President position, was present at the meeting and will meet with the committee following the meeting.
- Treasurer is still open.

#### New Business:

- D. Patton suggested that there be an area in the Center to hang pictures of our military leaders. The idea passed and the process will continue.
- D. Patton had a conversation with Mayor Dickert, he mentioned getting RAVI and the Mayor of Burlington together for a meeting. Seems as though the Mayor of Burlington has offered to assist us in the expansion/remodeling of a new facility. D. Patton will contact Mayor Dickert's office and get the meeting set up.
- A. Winter: St. Catherine's High School Community Involvement Program; last year they painted the guard rails at the Center. They have about 350 students that will be available on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 to noon. It was mentioned that J. Sadowski wants to spruce up the upstairs and the students would be great to come and assist in the cleaning and painting.

#### Post Reports:

- H. Olsen reported that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Assoc. held a pig roast and raised over \$6,000.00 for the Wounded Warriors. T-shirts were sold and tips were donated.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car show to benefit the Wounded Veteran's will be held Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at Simmons Island in Kenosha. There will be raffles, food, entertainment, car smash w/ sledge hammer and other activities.
- T. Yorgan – Ship 60, reported a new flag is up and one will be purchased every year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Firing Squad will replace the POW flag.
- D. Larsen: reported that he drove the jeep to the Wings and Wheels Show in East Troy, the McDonalds on Washington Ave. and had it on display at Palman Jeep Dealership and it was well received.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deb Patton, Secretary