

MINUTES MID-SOUTH CHAPTER MVPA

June 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order 10:20 a.m. by President Bob McFarland at the Mid-South Military Museum. Eight club members were present. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by prayer by President McFarland. Barbara McFarland and Ken Pettit were thanked for providing refreshments for today's meeting.

Sick List: Dave Huff has kidney stones and is to have lithotripsy next week to break them up.

According to Bob Van Keuren, Taylor Stamps plans to have total knee replacement sometime soon.

The minutes of the last club meeting on May 21, 2016 were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer James Rone was not present but he e-mailed his report. The balance in the club checking account is \$2,933.95.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Bylaws Changes – President McFarland was not prepared to discuss these today. He will e-mail the current bylaws to everyone so they will have a chance to review them before our next meeting.

Jesse Freyaldenhoven (David Waring's son-in-law) plans to retire from his construction business in the next few years and wants to start working on military vehicles. If anyone needs mechanical/auto repair work done, he may soon be available. Jesse has agreed to keep the Museum's M-20 and Half Track serviced and maintained.

Discovery Park Memorial Day Event: this recent past event was discussed and critiqued. The event itself went very well with good attendance all 3 days. The weather (rain and wind) presented a challenge during set up on Thursday and Friday but the rain held off during the event. Twenty-seven re-enactors were present. There were vehicles present representing WWII to present day, several static displays of weapons, uniforms, even a chaplain's display. There were weapons demonstrations the first two days and we had a Sunday morning church service outside with a retired military chaplain and retired local music teacher who played a WWII pump organ. Five hundred chairs were set up inside the Museum for the formal Memorial Day service on Monday – there was standing room only. Discovery Park wants us to return again next Memorial Day.

Suggestions for next year: 1. Possibly more publicity with a sign at the entrance to the Museum informing the public about the display outside on the Great Lawn. 2. We need to display more information/history on each vehicle so the public knows exactly what they are looking at (similar to what James Rone does).

NEW BUSINESS

Hall Prewitt with the "Million Dollar Quartet" TV series which is filming in Memphis wants WWII & Korean era vehicles and props for filming on Monday, June 20 at the Millington Navy base. The vehicles are for backdrops and anyone taking a vehicle will be paid \$300. They will be highlighting Johnny Cash who was in the Air Force.

Halls Air Show will be Saturday, Aug. 13. Set-up will be Friday, August 12. This will be a 1 day event.

July 4 fireworks display and Freedom Festival at McKellar Field/airport near Jackson, Tn. The fireworks display is put on by the Madison County fire fighters and is free to the public. Contact George Jones for more information.

April, 2017 – 50th anniversary of Bataan death march in the Philippines. There will be an observance of this at the Halls Air Show in 2017.

August, 2017 – 75th anniversary of Guadalcanal.

MUSEUM NEWS:

Nothing to report.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:00. Our next club meeting will be Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mid-South Military Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McFarland - Secretary