

MINUTES MID-SOUTH CHAPTER MVPA

November 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Bob McFarland at the Mid-South Military Museum. Ten 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.

Sick List: Bob Van Keuren reported that Taylor Stamps is doing much better since having back surgery.

Theta Rone is also doing well

Wayne Fitzgerald is having problems with a ruptured disc in his back.

The minutes of our last club meeting on Oct. 17 were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer James Rone reported that the balance in the club checking account is \$3,335.95.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterans Day Parades:

Jackson, Tn – George Jones reported that it was a good parade but low public turnout for it but
It was cold and windy that day.

Covington, Tn – 5 military vehicles were in the parade. After the parade, James Rone and Nancy
Lewis went to the Austin Peay Elementary Veterans Day event and Bob & Barbara
McFarland went to Tipton Rosemark Academy for their Veterans Day program.

Millington, Tn – there were 4 military vehicles in the parade, a total of 1,000 people in the
Parade including Gracie, James Rone's german shepherd. The weather was pleasant
with fair public turnout.

NEW BUSINESS:

Observance of 25th anniversary of Mid-South Chapter MVPA – this will be included with the club
Christmas party. There was discussion about having either a special pen, patch or t-shirt made for club

members. George Jones made a motion which was seconded by Bob Van Keuren to have a special pen made. The motion passed.

Club Christmas Party, December 19, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Halls Veterans Museum Barracks. The club will pay for members' meals. George and J.P. Jones will provide 40's music. We are also trying to get a trio of singers (Andrews Sisters). The menu will be the traditional Thanksgiving meal with peach cobbler and cake for dessert. We will give Jenny Waring a British flag which was signed by club members and re-enactors.

Club members voted to have a donation jar at our meetings beginning next year to cover the cost of refreshments for the meetings.

Club web site: Winn Stephenson is working on the web site but he needs information to put on the web site. The web site address is www.msmvpa.weebly.com. Everyone was asked to go on the site and let Winn know what you think about it and provide him with information to put on it.

National Dues: National and club dues are due by the end of the year. Any officer of the club has to be a member of the national club. James Rone made a motion which was seconded by Ken Pettit to have our club pay the national dues for Rose Lightfoot if she will continue as newsletter editor. The club will also waive the club dues for Rose. The motion passed.

Club members were asked to fill out the event log for 2015.

There will be no club meeting in January.

Election of Officers: In the absence of Vice-President Eric Patton, President Bob McFarland presided over the election. The present officers agreed to serve another term. There were no nominations from the floor. The following officers were re-elected by acclamation: President Bob McFarland, Vice President Eric Patton, Secretary Barbara McFarland, Treasurer James Rone, Sargent at Arms Dave Huff. The chaplain and newsletter editor are appointed positions. Chaplain James Rone and Newsletter Editor Rose Lightfoot agreed to serve another term.

OTHER BUSINESS:

George Jones has a heavy duty utility trailer for sale for \$250.00.

MUSEUM NEWS: Nothing new to report on restoration of the Huey helicopter. We hope to start back to work on the Museum soon.

There was a long discussion about trying to relocate the Museum to a better, more commercial area. Debra Moody, state representative for Tipton County is now on the Museum Board. James Rone will attempt to contact Debra about a possible meeting with Museum Board members to seek her help in trying to relocate the Museum.

President McFarland will work on an electronic inventory of the Museum to differentiate what are Museum items and what are his personal items.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Our next club meeting will be February 20, 2016 (no meeting in January). This could possibly be the same weekend as the Civil War Show. President McFarland will e-mail club members about this meeting as the date gets closer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McFarland - Secretary