

NCD VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 2009 MEETING
(Social: 5:30 pm; \$7 Spaghetti Diner: 6:00 pm; Meeting: 6:30 pm)
AT CARMICHAEL LODGE # 2103

Open: 6:30 p.m.

NCD Veterans Services Committee Members Present: PER Al Russell, Chairman; Bob Burns, Jr;
Lodge Veterans Services Chairs Present:
Carmichael Lodge Dale Wiest; Placerville Lodge Inner Guard Jack Vranes; Roseville Lodge Vet Chair
Deborah Deas
Others Present: Placerville ER Chuck Wilson; Roseville Trustee Dave Deas;

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Account:

Last Meeting's Balance This Meeting's Balance

	01/12/09	03/23/09
B of A Checking	\$30.00	\$30.00
Gold Country Checking (\$16.10 for new checks and \$.01 interest since 1/12/09)	<u>\$309.55</u>	<u>\$294.28</u>
Total Checking Balance:	<u>\$339.55</u>	<u>\$324.28</u>
Gold Country CD Balance: (\$709.80 Interest since 01/12/09)	<u>\$11,571.12</u>	<u>\$11,932.75</u>

(Maturity Date: 08/20/10) 4.07% Interest Rate

Old Business:

1. Follow-up On Adopting 257 Veterans at Yountville Veterans Hospital: Al is trying to get the birthdates information on the 257 hospitalized veterans that were adopted and provided Christmas presents in December, so they can be sent birthday cards, etc.
2. Michael Manning Coin Can Project: Still not much activity or interest in this project.
3. Status of Letter To Donors of Van Money: Lou Mellot has provide a list of donors and letters have been sent to all on the list explaining that the money will be used only to help out local veterans.

New Business:

1. Quarterly Reports: All were reminded to send in their reports by the 5th of April.
2. Adopting Sections of non-hospitalized Veterans at Yountville: Placerville has indicated they will adopt Section K, with 36 beds; Roseville has indicated they will adopt Section J, with 51 female beds; and Sacramento has indicated they are interested in adopting Section L, with 32 beds. Carmichael has already adopted Section F with 51 resident Veterans and has already planned a BBQ for them and has earmarked their birthdays and other dates to send them cards, etc. Placerville, Roseville and Sacramento Lodges should select a representative to Chair this adoption project and they should contact Susan Heims, the Yountville Veterans Home Volunteer Coordinator at: susan.heims@cdva.ca.gov , to work out the details and establish a schedule or plan of action. Please info Al on any communications between your Lodge and Yountville, so these activities get reported in the quarterly reports to the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

3. Update on “Catch the Spirit” Project actions affecting Veterans in the District: Bob reported that CTS has temporarily lost its warehouse and what is left of the provisions is in temporary storage. It looks like CTS may get some good warehouse space at Mather Field and we should know sometime in April. Bob is currently negotiating with the Sacramento County Airport authorities and has the backing of Rancho Cordova City Council and a County District Supervisor. If CTS gets one of the buildings at Mather, it is possible that CTS could let other offices like the Red Cross, Tri-Care, and other Veterans-related service organizations use some of the space in return for paying the utility bills. CTS now has a Tax Exempt 501 © 3 number and should be able to get some grant money from several organizations. It may also get two vans to use from the State Veterans Administration to help homeless Veterans twice a month. CTS may also get the services of an American Veterans organization “Grant Writer” to help us get grants. CTS also hopes to move the Paws For Vets organization into the new warehouse. The goal is to have something like a one-stop place for Veterans who come in for help. Four power chairs were given out by CTS to hurt Veterans. In the planning stage is an Armed Forces Day Weekend, June 6th, to do a BBQ Cook-off at either Mather or Goethe Park. CTS is also looking into helping with a “Children of Veterans At Risk” program.
4. Other Ways to Raise Money For Veterans Projects: This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Yountville BBQ August 8, 2009: Most of the RV sites are reserved by now. We should have a good turnout of volunteers from the District Lodges this year. We will have a sign in area, so each volunteer will get a name tag, if they don’t have one, and each volunteer will be given an assignment to cook, serve, or help transport veterans, etc. We also promise to try and use one from each Lodge to help cook this year. Menu this year will be food items that are easy to eat: pull pork, hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, potato and macaroni salad, etc. Also hope to have the 17-piece “30s, 40s, 50s, Big Band” there to play, and some National Guard presence there with a 2-ton truck and a field kitchen.
6. Identify Priority List of Veterans’ Causes Where Money May be spent: The list is basically the same kinds of things that were discussed at the last meeting. We will try to prioritize them at the next meeting.

Good of the Order: None

Next meeting: It will be on Sunday, June 7th at the Roseville Lodge. Breakfast at 9 am and the meeting will be at 10 am.

Close: 7:45 pm

Al Russell, PER
NCD Veterans Service Chairman