

VETERAN'S MEETING 2/28/11

Called to order at Carmichael Lodge at 6:37 PM by Jim Wash, Vets Service Chair.

In attendance: Jim Wash, Al Russell, Mel Rojko, Harry Hopton, Wayne Bellows, Jack Vranes, Sam Butler, Dale Wiest, Troy Asher, Ron Rudrow.

Guests: Bob Brotherton, CTS Golf; Dave Abbott and Mike Alford, CTS Yountville Picnic.

Bob Brotherton led off with a presentation on the CTS Golf Tourney to be held June 6, 2011 at Mather Golf Course. Times to be announced. The cost is \$125.00 per golfer for a foursome for a total of \$500.00. Each foursome will be assigned a veteran or active soldier to play with the group. The cost includes the soldier's golf and dinner. For each foursome, lodges will receive \$25.00 per golfer and \$50.00 per sponsor to be used in their veterans program. All fees will be tax deductible because they benefit the veterans program or CTS under CTS tax exemption certificate. The monies awarded the lodges for participation must be applied to their veterans programs to be deductible. A players package will be available and is planned to include golf balls, raffle tickets, and a shirt commemorating the event.

Local celebrities will be invited to play or participate in some manner to get the word out to the general public. Dave Bender, Channel 13 weather forecaster and Stan Atkinson, retired newsman were mentioned as local celebrities who have been very supportive of veterans programs. The tournament is open to all who wish to play up to 30 foursomes. Bob will send the information to Jim Buell to put out on the internet to spark interest from the lodges and give them info to invite business membership from their respective communities. The first hole is to be dedicated to Bob Burns, Jr., for his tireless work on behalf of CTS.

At the conclusion of the tournament, all participants and workers will be invited to Rancho Cordova Lodge for a reception and the awarding of prizes about 3:30 PM. There will be coffee and pastries available at the course as well as promotion booths around the course. Deborah Dietz will be invited to bring her Hummer which is decorated in memory of her son who was killed in the Middle East.

Dave Abbott and Mike Alford from CTS got information from the committee on planning the Yountville Picnic to be held on August 13, 2011. We discussed food and whatever else we might as well as logistics in getting the items to Yountville. More info will be forthcoming as we get nearer the event.

There was discussion of the laptop project from last year. Jack Vranes from Placerville, who was instrumental in getting 3 laptops donated to the veterans committee. We found we lost the laptops because it was not communicated to members of the committee we needed to go to Placerville to pick up them up for distribution. This lack of communication created some ill feelings that Jack conveyed to the committee. We were sorry to lose the laptops as well as the goodwill we had built with the person who was to donate them. There is still one available we can give to the VA Hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

James Wash, Chair, NCD Veterans Committee