

Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance
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Minutes

April 22, 2017

I Call to Order

- Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance meeting is called to order at 11:00am
- Pledge of Allegiance; invocation
- Board Roll Call– Fernando Guzman, Randall Stoskopf, Manuel Razo, Ron Lopez, Rudy Alfaro, Mike Rosas, David Manriquez, Alex Ahumada, John Archuleta (absent)
- Treasurer's report – Ron Lopez
- Welcome new members
- MCVA Count is 139
- *****There are no March minutes as we had our Welcome Home Veterans event that day.**

II Old Business

- Ron Lopez stepped down as treasurer; BOD approved Alex Ahumada as a director and will replace Ron as treasurer; motion made by Rudy Alfaro seconded by Mike Rosas.
- Mike Rosas reported the Poppy Day crews have been set for May 26, 2017: Mike will contact team leaders as day draws nearer.
- Finance report for Welcome Home Veterans event was approved; motion to approve by Manuel Razo, seconded by Alex Ahumada.
- Motion made by Randall to move \$1500 from general fund to scholarship; total scholarship \$6,000.
- Need to increase our contacts with organizations who help veterans.

III New Business

- MCVA award ceremony for scholarships is on 5-27-17; **potluck lunch for MCVA members and scholarship recipients.**
- We are going to start a Morale and Welfare Committee to monitor the status of any ailing MCVA members and non-member veterans.
- Lt. Juan Torrez (juan.torres@usw.salvationarmy.org) gave a presentation. He indicated the Salvation Army feeds 150 meals daily; that approximately 50% are veterans. Tuesday through Friday the SA gives away donated fresh vegetables to the poor and give classes on cooking as well. There is also a free clothing program and assistance with rent and utilities; hot lunches are provided daily. The SA gives tokens for bus rides to doctors; hotel vouchers for doctor visits and provide spiritual support (all without discrimination). Donations of any sort to the SA can be designated as 'restricted or unrestricted.'
- BBQ by crew to be lead by directors Ron Lopez and David Manriquez.
- John Archuleta has stepped down as a board member because he was elected to a state position with the Amercian Legion Riders; he will remain active as an MCVA member.
- BOD approved Albert Ahumada as a director; Albert volunteered for the position and will replace John Archuleta.

Perpetual Business Announcement (No discussion)

- Veterans Claims: Veterans needing help with a claim may contact Randall Stoskopf, Manuel Razo or John Sabedra. For more information, contact Randall (805) 680-8403.
- DD214's: It is a good idea for MCVA to have our veteran's DD214 on file in the event of an emergency. Turning in a DD214 to MCVA is voluntary.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting is May 27, 2017 at 11:00am Veterans Hall Post 56 Santa Maria, CA.
- Pot-luck today
- Closing prayer
- Taps

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE – (800) 273-8255; open 24/7 365 DAYS.

VETERAN HOMELESS ASSISTANCE – 877 424-3838