

WreathsForTheFallen.org

July General Meeting Minutes

7-9-13

I. Call to Order

John Thomas called the monthly July meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org to order on Tuesday night July 9, 2013 at 6:30pm at the VFW in Little Falls MN.

II. Roll Call

There were 10 members present. Those present were – Jayme Storlie, Norv Pervier, Freddie Barbeau, Bob Larson, Ron Robbins, Jerry Ratcliff, John Thomas, Laura Becker-Pallister, Joyce Tveit and Carrie Johnson. Everyone in attendance signed in and would be entitled to one vote.

After the call to order we all faced the American flag and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

'I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for all.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

John made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting – minutes were approved by a unanimous 'Yea' from everyone present. Carrie Johnson our secretary always has the minute book at the meeting so if anyone has any questions the minutes are available. The meeting minutes are posted on our web site at <http://www.wreathsforthefallen.org/index.cfm?pageid=9711> and also filed in our minutes book.

IV. Treasurers Report

Our treasurer Ron Robbins gave the treasurer's report.

On June 1st the checking account balance was \$3,960.48. After paying administration expenses of \$ 565.87 and making a deposit of \$2,012.47 the ending balance at 6-30-13 was \$5,407.08. Deposits came from the savings

account (\$1,420.83) and the Memorial Wreaths account (\$541.83). Actual contributions for the month of June were only \$49.81.

Bob Larson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Jayme Storlie seconded the motion, motion was passed to accept the treasures report as submitted. Ron Robbins submitted the report to Carrie Johnson our secretary. John Thomas reported that the contributions to date are \$3,383.92.

(Please note – there must have been an error in last months minutes regarding the YTD contributions. Actual to date per Johns records are \$3,383.92)

V. Old Business

Facebook – Discussion about Facebook was again addressed. Laura Becker-Pallister offered to post events and comments on our Facebook page. John will connect with her and set her up as an administrator.

Twitter – Not a lot of interest in having a Twitter account at this time.

Fair Dates – Clearwater Fair (Bagley MN - northern MN) on July 28th. Tom & Doreen Norgaard will be in the American Legion booth. Thank you Tom & Doreen!!

Crow Wing County Fair (Brainerd MN) July 30th – August 3rd. We can be in the Erickson's Greenhouse booth again this year. Tuesday July 30th is Military Appreciation Day. Thanks to Mykel Barthel for letting us be in his booth!

Morrison County Fair (Little Falls MN) Military Appreciation day is August 8th. Joyce Tveit will be our contact person. No booth available –just walk around and visit and greet people. Thanks Joyce for your help!

Benton County Fair (Sauk Rapids MN) Military Appreciation Day is August 11th. Laura Becker-Pallister will be in the booth. Thank you Laura for volunteering!!

Minnesota State Fair (Minneapolis MN) Military Appreciation Day is Tuesday August 27th. Norv Pervier has offered to be in charge of organizing this day at the fair. John Thomas had several hand outs with information about the fair. He had maps and information regarding set up and the entire day's events for the 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Day. It is also the 50th year anniversary for the recognition of the Vietnam War. There will be a Vietnam Veteran's Parade at approximately 3:30 pm. **EVERYONE AND ANYONE WILLING TO HELP AT THE FAIR IS INVITED TO COME TO OUR BOOTH. WE NEED SOMEONE THERE ALL DAY.**

PLEASE CONTACT JOHN THOMAS OR NORV PERVIER IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO BE THERE – CONTACT INFO IS ON OUR

WWW.WREATHSFORTHEFALLEN.ORG WEB PAGE!!

This is an amazing opportunity for us to inform people about our mission for wreathsthefallen.org!!! Thanks to everyone for helping out with this fair.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES – The community representative project was again discussed at great length. John has been working on a kit to give to each representative so they will be prepared to go out and meet people and inform them about WFTF. He had name tags for each representative and a bundle of brochures for everyone. The kit would include business cards, name badges, brochures, membership cards and a write up about the history and mission of wreaths for the fallen. We will continue to put the kits together and get a list of interested people. Everyone at this meeting is representative of their ‘home town’ community.

Statue of Liberty Framed Photos – Norv Pervier had one of the framed photos of the Statue of Liberty – made up of thousands of soldiers who stood in formation to depict the Statue of Liberty. It is an awesome photo. Norv will get many photos made and have them professionally framed (basically at no charge) and will be given to various donors and businesses that have gone over and above in helping us out every year.

Memorial Day Flag Removal – John Thomas gave an update on removing the flags at the cemetery. It was too wet when we were going to do it – but we had lots of help available – so – when the weather dried up many troops from Camp Ripley went out and collected the flags and put them away properly. Thanks so much to everyone who helped in any way!! Many hands make for fast work!!

VI. New Business

Meeting Day Change – We discussed changing the meeting day from Tuesday night to a different night to see if we could get more members to come to the meetings. We might try the 3rd Tuesday night of the month as so many people have conflicts on the 2nd Tuesday night. We will discuss it at the Officers Meeting and let everyone know if there will be a change.

Joyce Tveit made the motion to move the meeting night to the 3rd Tuesday night of each month and Jayme Storlie seconded the motion. We will move ahead to see if it will work with the VFW or if they would have any conflicts. Carrie Johnson will call the VFW and check it out.

New Style Envelopes – John Thomas and Lakes Printing have come up with a new design for our mailing envelopes. 1 sheet of paper that would fold into an envelope – that would have all necessary information on it. We are going to get

some made up to see if they would work. They could be much more cost effective.

One of our large mailings is scheduled to go out by September 1st.

VII. Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting for WreathsForTheFallen.org will be on Tuesday, August 13th 2013 at 6:30 pm. at the VFW in Little Falls. The next Officers meeting will be July 23rd, 2013 at the Fort Ripley Steakhouse. Please watch for emails regarding any changes to the meeting times or places.

Everyone is invited to our meetings.

Please remember all the County Fairs coming up and try to make it to our booth. Check out our website at www.wreathsforthefallen.org for more event information.

VIII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

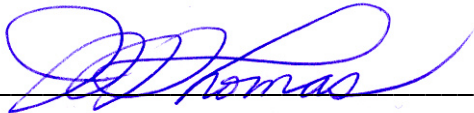
Freddie Barbeau led us in our closing prayer.

Jayme Storlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Norv Pervier seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

THANKS FOR COMING TO THE MEETING!

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson, Secretary
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Minutes approved by: _____


John Thomas, President
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Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us at our meetings and share our website with them: www.wreathsforthefallen.org and our Facebook Page.