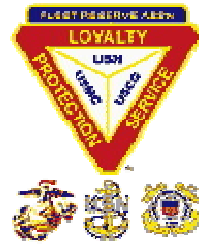




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Minutes: General Membership meeting August 5, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by President Mishenko at 1115.

Visitors or VIPs of mention: Good to see past President OB O’Briant, shipmates Dave Davis and Terry Reynolds. Fourteen members present.

**CONDUCTED OPENING CEREMONIES.**

Initiated new Shipmate Nick Smith.

Conducted two-bell ceremony for Shipmate Steve Brittain who died in a diving accident on the USS New York in Subic Bay.

**Communications**

Minutes from last GMM approved. All routine correspondence from National and Northwest region will be posted on the Read Board and only significant correspondence will be read. No correspondence to read.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Treas report read and accepted as read. Rent paid for June. \$2959.00 total in bank; P170,160 cash in bank; P29,422.00 petty cash on hand.

**Americanism and Patriotism:** Long Tan Day (Vietnam Veteran’s Day) ceremony at Clark Veterans Cemetery on August 18, 1100. FRA 367 to present a wreath and participate in follow-on social with RSL Angeles City, VVA Post 887, American Legion Post 123, VFW Post 2485, and the Special Forces organization. POW/MIA Day Ceremony at American Legion Post 4 on September 16, 2011. FRA 367 to do a two Bell.

**Hospital and Welfare:** We are still looking for former Shipmate Ray Cieslinski (USMC Retired) who had a stroke several years back and was moved to a different location from last known. We are concerned of his welfare and intend to get the US Embassy involved. No other known shipmates in distress.

**Membership:** Five new members and two renewals mailed in. We are holding our own.

**Building and Maintenance:** We still need to get firm word from the land lord on what to do about the roof. Internet tower still not operational. Two new wall ads: American Legion Post 123 and a local lechon vender. Shipmate Russell Sandlin is working on an elaborate Pearl Harbor project of ships that were in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 in preparation for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. We look forward to the finished wall project! We will certainly photograph and ut it up on our web page.

**Canteen:**

Kitchen and bar doing well: Rich turned over P25,000 to the FRA treasurer and P15,000 to the LAFRA treasurer. Future monies will be turned over to the treas quarterly or as needed.

**Youth Activities and LAFRA update:** Nutrition month events by the LAFRA were a success. The ladies conducted feedings at East and West Dirita Elementary Schools.

**Retired Affairs:** Tentative TRICARE meeting in Manila in August. Any volunteers?

**Public Affairs:** NTR.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

1. We will have to coordinate moving the 60ft tall Internet tower to a better location but we need a bucket truck first to get high enough to see where the obstruction is. This is still an on-going issue but we will get it working. The roof and electricians are also continuing challenges.
2. MOTION Randolph; SECOND AW Rogers to allow P15,000.00 for roof repairs. Carried.
3. After several years of working on it and a bunch of letters, San Miguel Brewery now says they MAY give us a free road sign. Every dang

sari-sari store and every other Filipino business within three million miles have San Miguel road signs but they seem reluctant to give us one for some unknown reason.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. BOD meeting minutes discussed in detail. See BOD minutes of July 27, 2011 for more info.
2. Next GMM will be at the VFW 11447 on September 2, 2011, 1100.
3. We received a letter from the principal of West Dirita Elementary School soliciting sports equipment donations (baseball equipment) and book shelves and other school improvements.
4. Discussed ideas for future COMREL projects and keeping a hot stand-by list on hand for short-fused projects.
5. Discussed Aeta Peter's medical relief efforts. More to follow on this as we are supporting it now through first aid supplies, staple foods, and clothing donations.
6. Toys for Tots box is now set up. Toys to be given to children at the San Marcelino Public Hospital on Christmas Eve.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NTR

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Bill Bay brought in several boxes to be used for toys and first aid/clothing/food donations. Thanks Bill!
2. 50/50 raffle: P1350 to the FRA staff.

**CONDUCTED CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Meeting adjourned at 1220.

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