



**San Miguel, Branch 367**  
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Minutes: General Membership Meeting August 3, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Mishenko at 1103. 16 members in attendance

### **CONDUCTED OPENING CEREMONIES.**

#### **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. A Pacific Stars and Stripes article with an attached letter about our area in the mid 80s was read. Letter and article received from Shipmate Mike McEnery in Arizona. Thanks Mike!

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Treas report read and accepted as read. Rent paid for Aug. \$8,115.00 total in bank (combined USD and PHP).

**Americanism and Patriotism:** NSTR

**Hospital and Welfare:** Shipmate Pat Kane is still home-bound. Discussion on how to proceed about protecting Pat's best interests and ensuring he is being properly taken care of. Sec drafted and mailed a letter signed by the P, VP and Sec to Pat's son expressing our concerns about his father's financial support. Note: response from his son never received despite providing numerous ways to reach us.

**Membership:** We continue to hold our own. Reminder that ANY FRA member can sign up new members; not just the secretary! New Life members Matt Owens and Ray Tullas and new members William Stevens and Bill Masters.

**Building and Maintenance:**

1. Tree limb fell on the roof of Shorties Bar. Nipa needs a bit of repair.
2. Tree trimming needs done
3. Heavy rains lately

**Canteen:** loss again this month due to rainy season: less customers.

**Youth Activities and LAFRA update:**

LAFRA continues to do well with their bi-weekly bingo fund-raisers.

**Retired Affairs:** FRA 367 E-Mail List mentioned again. Anyone not on the list, let the sec know.

**Public Affairs:** NTR.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

1. Electrical source pigtail still needs installed.
2. Sec to arrange meeting with Counselor Butch Echiverre to discuss youth darts and softball sponsorship.
3. Wheel chair purchased and will be loaned to members only.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Past FRA 367 secretary Smokey Joe Freeland died. Funeral scheduled for Clark Veterans Cemetery at 1000 on Aug 7. Viewing at his home in Subic. FRA to take up a collection.
2. Motion Doty, second AW Rogers to fund a wreath for Vietnam Veterans Day on August 18. Price not to exceed P3000.
3. VSO leadership meeting with Subic RAO discussion:
  - a. Mail delivery now once a week which hurts some RAO members who rely on timely mail receipt and delivery. RAO membership not informed of this in advance.
  - b. What is RAO Subic's financial status?
  - c. Believe they have too large a staff for the amount of work they do.
  - d. Why does RAO Subic not hold meetings with the RAO membership.
  - e. Membership has no visibility of the books and no input into the services provided by Subic RAO.

- f. Why doesn't the Subic RAO use Internet phone to minimize their long distance phone bills?
  - g. Is there a charter or Constitution and Bylaws the RAO must follow?
  - h. RAO leadership attendance at VSO (FRA, VFW American Legion, etc.) meetings would be a good way to better communications with Subic RAO. They have repeatedly been invited over the years.
  - i. Who audits Subic RAO's books?
  - j. Angeles City mail delivery is three times a week.
  - k. Customer service needs improvement.
  - l. RAO works for their dues-paying members.
4. BOD meeting minutes discussed in detail. See July BOD minutes for more info.

**OLD BUSINESS: no parking at the entrance!**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 1. FRA 367 barong
  - a. Go to Marilyn's in Sta Monica to get measured
  - b. FRA will pick up
  - c. P900 each
  - d. Pocket or no pocket option
  - e. Sign-up list at the bar
- 2. Shipmate Sandlin is donating his 1941 Pearl Harbor model ship collection to FRA 367 as well as Halsey's 1944 Task Force model ships. THANKS SHIPMATE!
- 3. Durable medical goods donor list discussion. VFW 11447 has a wheel chair, four-legged cane, a cane and a walker for loan.
- 4. DFA (Dept of Foreign Affairs) office now in Marquee Mall in Angeles City—far less hassle than going to Manila.
- 5. All Save the Building LOAs have been mailed out.
- 6. 50/50 raffle: P1650 to Bill Bay; P1650 to the Relief Fund.

**CONDUCTED CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Meeting adjourned at 1213.

Submitted:

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