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Minutes: General Membership Meeting November 2, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Moran at 1113. 14 members in attendance. Welcome shipmates Sully and Scott Reid—have not seen y’all in a while.

Note: Unfortunately President Tom Mishenko submitted his resignation by text message early this morning; Tom is resigning for personal reasons and to spend more time with his family.

**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. Discussed the two e-mails I traded with the landlord—nothing significant.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Treas report read and accepted as read. Rent paid for Nov. \$8.56K total in bank (combined USD and PHP).

**Americanism and Patriotism:** NSTR

**Hospital and Welfare:** Shipmate Pat Kane: no change. Still no response from letter sent to his son in the States—it sure would be nice to have a shipmate in NYC to find this fellow.

**Membership:** We continue to hold our own. Reminder that ANY FRA member can sign up new members; not just the secretary! Several new member applications and renewals mailed in this month by the Sec.

**Building and Maintenance:**

Building and maintenance log turned over the President Moran from Shipmate Mishenko. Dave Niemela to take over the wall ads program.

**Canteen:** Business getting better with the nice weather. Profit of P15,746 this past month and relief fund total is now P17,500 (min we want is P50K easily available).

**Youth Activities and LAFRA update:**

1. The top male youth darter of Butch Hugley Memorial Youth Darts tournament at FRA on Oct 7 won First Place in the 16 and below national darts tournament in Manila. One of the female youth darters placed in the top 5 in the country. We sponsored the top four females and top four males in a national dart tournament in Manila on Oct 20 and 21. We still need to get the kids together for a photo op with their FRA darts shirts on.
2. No update on the little San Antonio SHIPMATES little league baseball uniforms we paid for

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

**Public Affairs:** NTR. Still looking for a PAO.

**UNFINISHED AND DEFERRED BUSINESS:**

1. Shipmate relief fund is building: P17K+ now after Pat Kane expenditures.
2. Internet challenges with Smart continue. We are still Internet-free.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. BOD meeting minutes discussed in detail. See Nov BOD minutes for more info.
2. TRICARE meeting update from Jeff Fuller: more info on this sent out to the FRA 367 Mail List.
  - a. Philippines demonstration project to begin Jan 1, 2013.
  - b. Closed network of providers for TRICARE customers who live within one of the designated demonstration areas (Manila, AC, Olongapo, etc.)

- c. Provider list due out Nov. Note: list was published and looks absolutely dismal. The only authorized hospital in the Olongapo City is Gordon Hospital.
  - d. See the e-mails sent out on this for more details or contact the Sec.
3. Motion Doty, second Moore for the FRA to purchase all raffle tickets from VFW 2485 and VFW 9892 that are not sold. Note: all VFW 2485 tickets for Veterans Day have been sold. Should be able to sell all the VFW 9892 tickets before we head up for the chili cook-off on Thanksgiving weekend. Approved unan.
  4. Discussed Tom Mishenko's resignation. BOD needs to select a VP before the next GMM on Dec 7, 2012. We will wrap it up at the next BOD. Don Randolph has thrown his hat into the ring for VP. President Moran reminded us that loyalty to the FRA takes priority with personalities set aside—organization over the individual. Let's all do our part to better the FRA and not let our individual outside challenges impact the FRA. Don Randolph reminded us that Tom will continue to support the FRA as we have heard numerous times from Tom.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Please, no parking at the entrance and any place else that inconveniences or endangers our patrons. We just had someone (anonymous, of course) back into another's car who was parked in an inconvenient spot next to Shorty's Bar—no parking area.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Shipmate Jack Wilbanks 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov 5 at 1100. All FRA shipmates and ladies invited.
2. Motion Doty, second Randolph for FRA funds to provide the difference between individual donations and the total required for 16 baseball uniforms. Approved unan. Note: it minimal time and effort for our shipmates to cover all uniform expenses (P14K) for the San Antonio Shipmates Little League Baseball team—no FRA money needed.
3. RSL Angeles City Australia Day Curry Cook-off in January. We have already committed to going and have reserved a full tent this year—we were overwhelmed last year and almost run out of the dang thing by our tent co-inhabitant who was running a resto/bar business in the same tent we were cooking in. Letter drafted and sent to RSL president on this by-the-way.

4. FRA Branch 367's 35<sup>th</sup> birthday in February 2013.
5. La Union chili cook-off: bus sign-up list at the bar. We still need team members. We need a new chef.
6. VFW 11447 Beach Bash 2013 will be at driftwood Beach. 7-10 Feb 2013.
7. VVA Chap 887 on Nov 6, 1400.
8. VFW 11447 GMM on Nov 14, 1000.
9. 50/50 raffle: P1200 to Sully; P1200 to the Relief Fund.

### **CONDUCTED CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Meeting adjourned at 1218.

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Approved:

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