

Desert Mustangs Spring Newsletter2019

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Recently on Saturday, February 9th the chapter did itself proud by hosting a "Picnic" for the Residents of the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix. This event had been planned for the fall in October but the weather did not cooperate.

Members present for the foregoing event were: Mark & Cindy Blaydes, George & Jo Meegan, John & Evelyn Culver, Don & Evelyn Mosley, Jim Geiser, and Stuart Frasier. We were also assisted by some of the Vets Home's Staff.

The Veterans Home staff reported that the residents were very happy with the picnic and wanted to know when was the next one.

Not to be outdone, we hosted a "Bingo" session on Tuesday, February 12th. This again was welcomed by the residents but there was a bit of confusion. We found another organization was also scheduled to sponsor the "Bingo." They were from the Old Breed Detachment of the Marine Corps League. This occurred because the Vets Home's staff had confusion with names of organizations.

In the end all worked out as the residents had more people assisting in passing out drinks, snacks and cash prizes for winning a game. We have made arrangements to ensure this does not happen again with the staff. Our next sessions are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesdays of May, August and November. Notification reminders will be published so you can schedule to come and participate. Chapter members present were George & Jo Meegan, John & Evelyn Culver, Jim Geiser, along with a personal friend of the Meegans and members of George Meegan's MOAA Superstition chapter.

Following lunch the chapter held a short business meeting : Treasurer's report, Recruitment, and officer nominations for President, 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominees were Mark Blaydes for President, George Meegan and John Culver for 1st vice President, Jim Geiser for Treasurer and Cindy Blaydes for Secretary. Elections will be held at our next meeting in mid-June.

Next meeting is to encompass both normal business and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Chapter. Plans are being finalized to hold it at the Robson Ranch Clubhouse in Eloy. It is located about ten (10) miles south of Casa Grande of Hwy 84, Jamison Road.

The exact cost, time and place of the Anniversary Lunch will be published no later than the 1st of May. Dates proposed are 15 or 22 June from 1100-1430 approximately.

Recruitment— our President and Treasurer have done extensive work to update and purge our roster in order to establish an accurate membership roll. It is by no means complete for ascertaining that all names, addresses and e-mails are correct is an ongoing task.

The revision was conducted so that we can revitalize the chapter by bringing back delinquent members and recruit new members.

The current MJROTC Senior Instructors at Tolleson, Westview, Kofa(Yuma) and Vista Grande are being encouraged to join and will be invited to the Anniversary Lunch in mid-June.

The final item of our February meeting was a moment of silence for our deceased members who have recently passed away. Captain Dale Manifold, Lt .Col. John O'Brien, Sue Haley, Captain Byron Hougard and Captain George Search.

So you can see the chapter is not like others within the association which have participation and recruiting problems. We are active and vibrant in spite of our increasing seniority of health and minds.

We encourage you to plan for our next meeting in June which will be festive, informative and will rejuvenate our Marine Corps Spirit.

Contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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George