



Randall Schmidt, President  
Medina County Veterans Coalition  
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**Minutes- Jan 11, 2020**

**Opening: 9:00AM**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Prayer by Dave Lofy

**ATTENDEES: Voting Members**

1. Randal Schmidt MCL (President)
2. PhillGrassa AL Post 202 (1st Vice)
3. Dave Jacobs Lodi Legion 523, VFW 5137 (acting adjutant)
4. Sandra Porter BSM (Treasurer)
5. Dave Taylor AL Post 202
6. David Lofy Medina County Cmdr.
7. Bob Prevost AL Post 534
8. Catherine Owen MC Military Women
9. Rick Pethel AMVETS
10. Phill Grassa AL Post 202
11. Joe Destro AL Legion 202
12. Ed Selega Rolling Thunder
13. Becky Blackmore Rolling Thunder
14. Jack Forster VFW 5137
15. Sandra Porter BSM

**ATTENDEES: Non-Voting Members**

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**Reading of Minutes:** Minutes from Nov. 9th, 2019 read. Phil Grassa stated he would like name correctly spelled. Also, mentioned that I didn't give sponsoring units at scheduled meetings. Motion by Becky Blackmore to accept pending changes, 2nd by Joe Destro. Motion passed.

**Finance Report:** Finance Report read by Sandra Porter, Treasurer.

The current balance was \$7,002.49 as of 10/31/2019.

Motion by PhillGrassa, seconded by Dave Taylor to accept treasurer's report as presented.

Motion approved.

**Sickness/ Distress:** None

**NOTE: To the Organization Hosting the Meeting, please provide drinks, snacks or lunch for approximately 20 people.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host</u>
May 9, 2020; 9:00am	Medina Veterans Memorial Hall	Rolling Thunder
July 11, 2020; 9:00am	Lodi American Legion	American Legion #523
September 12, 2020; 9:00am	Medina Veterans Memorial Hall	American Legion #202
November 14, 2020; 9:00am	Medina Veterans Memorial Hall	DAV #72

**Old Business:**

- Dave Taylor stated he has received one nomination for Vet of the Year, and has heard of two veteran advocate of the year to be turned in.
- Phill also mentioned that the forms for the Coalition Banquet would be going out next week.

**New Business:**

- Dave Taylor mentioned that Mar. 30th is Vietnam Veterans day in Ohio. Also that on March 28th, VVA 385 and AL 202 will be co-sponsoring a Vietnam event at the Veterans Hall, which will have 4 speakers talking for 15 minutes each on what they saw and their aspects on the war. They will be opening it up to the public, students, etc.
- On Feb. 5th there will be the 4 Chaplains service at St. Francis this year. In addition to the speakers, there will be 2 soloists this year.
- May 9th there will be a dinner/event at Williams on the Lake, featuring a actor from Michigan who portrays Ernie Pyle, the correspondent who served in both the European and Pacific theaters and was killed by a sniper. Cost will be approximately 30- 35 dollars per person. Raffle baskets are requested.
- Phill mentioned the Indoor Golf Outing at Bunker Hill on Jan. 19th, still have 10 spots open and cost is \$50. and there is room for more to come for dinner at \$30.
- The pool room is almost complete, Home Depot will put in the floor on the 18th of Jan. TV will be in next week, and the Career Center is going to install the lighting. Phill also placed some brochures for dental work for Vets by the front door, encouraged us to pick some up and pass them on to others.

**Good of the Order (County Veterans Service Officer)**

- Jack talked about IX Center event, this year is about the Veteran Museum in Columbus, they will be there at the Rolling Thunder booth and the event is raising money for the Veterans Home in Sandusky to fix up their meeting room. He has raffle tickets and flyers to hand out.
- Randy asked Joe about the Vietnam event at the Brunswick rec. center.
- Dave Taylor asked about putting out an E-newsletter for the Coalition, I mentioned that it could be accessed thru the VSO website.

- Bob Prevost asked Jack about parade of troops at the IX center, Jack said the 3/25 Marines would be leading this year. Jack also said he would like help on Wed. and Thurs. before the IX event to set-up. Jack made a motion for \$500.00 for Veterans Home, Jim Kulas seconded, and motion was passed.
- Becky than motioned for March meeting to be changed from the 14th to the 7th as a lot us would be at the IX Center and unable to attend on the 14th• Dave Taylor 2nd the motion and motion was passed. The meeting on the 7th will take place at 10:30AM instead of 9AM due to another meeting prior.
- Joe Destro brought up the Medina County Memorial Fund Account.
- Becky brought up for discussion the condition of the GSM area. Joe mentioned that land was donated by the twmsp. To the monument and they don't have funds to maintain it. Becky, Joe, Dave Taylor and Sandra all agreed to try to attend a Trustee meeting and see if something can be worked out to have it maintained.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Taylor, seconded by Ray Hewitt. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45AM

**Next Meeting:**

~~May 9, 2020, 9:00am~~ *March 7. 10:30.* Medina Veterans Memorial Hall Rolling Thunder

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to Accept: Joe Destro

Seconded: Dave Taylor

Passed / Failed Date: 3/7/20.

Adjutant Initials: ET

**Changes or corrections:**

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