

GREAT LAKES NATIONAL CEMETERY ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 7, 2011

Members present:

Jeanne Thick/MACVC	Nancy Reed/DAR
Donald Lada /Funeral Director	Peter Sardo/DAV
Edward Schultz/NCOA	Bettie Johnson/WAVES National
Stephanie Krueger/VFW Aux.	Dan Crocker/VFW
Stanley Eisenberg/Jewish War Vets	Dan Burrows/UAW 1C
Gerald Check/PLAV	Dennis Harvey/MOPH
James French, Jr./UAW Region 1	Alexander Crowe/40 & 8
Bill Eplett/VVA	Garth Wootten/Oakland County Gov't
James Tuohy/MCL	Bob Downer/AMVETS
Pauline Bickersteth/A.L. Aux.	Ruth Hindes/DAV Aux

Others Present/Alternates:

Richard Burton/MCL Alt	Roger Sharp/Funeral Directors Alt.
Linda Burton/VFW Aux Alt.	Rick Anderson/GLNC Director
Joe Mishler/ VVA Alt.	Rick Lentz/Patriot Guard Riders
Lloyd Clark/MOPH Alt.	Walter Owiesny/PLAV Alt.
Carl Pardon/MACVC Alt.	Diana Calvin/Oakland Cnty Govt. Alt.
Gerard Kehoe/NCOA Alt.	Bonnie Welbaum/PVA

Excused:

Ray Johnston/American Legion	Scott Gloger/Dads of Foreign Service
Bob Tibbals/Patriot Guard Riders	Lowell (Sam) Elston/VFW Alt.
Delores Smith/A.L. Aux. Alt.	Larry Edwards/UAW 1C Alt.
Bill Browning/VAMC	Brenda Ott /DAV Aux. Alt

President Jeanne Thick called the monthly meeting of the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council to order at 1:00 p.m. and provided a printed agenda to all present.

Chaplain Dan Burrows gave the opening prayer.

Vice President Donald Lada led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Nation.

Stephanie Krueger made the roll call of officers and organizations present.

President Jeanne Thick stated that the minutes of August 3, 2011 meeting were e-mailed or mailed to the membership. Additional copies were available to members present.

President Jeanne Thick asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. Minutes accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report –

Treasurer Edward Schultz gave the treasurer's report. The printed report was distributed to the Advisory Council members showing a beginning balance on August 1, 2011 of \$43,236.57 and the ending balance as of August 31, 2011 of \$44,061.96. Details of the receipts and expenditures were included in the report.

President Jeanne Thick asked if there were any corrections to the treasurer's report. There were none. The treasurer's report is filed; pending audit.

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Cemetery Directors Report –

Director Anderson introduced Al Richburg who has been assigned as an assistant to Director Anderson.

The scheduled programs at GLNC for the remainder of 2011 are the September 11th ceremony at 1pm. Also on 9-11-11 there will be a ceremony with the Motor City Harley Davidson group and at 4 pm the Blessing of the Bikes and a Memorial Service. The 2nd Annual POW-MIA Program will be held on Sept. 17, 2011, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 175, and the dedication of the Carillon Tower on October 29th at 11 am, by the AMVETS, followed by our Veteran's Day Program Nov. 11, 2011 and Wreaths Across America in December. Last year GLNC received 2,600 wreaths to place for the Wreaths Across America program.

Director Anderson said that GLNC had 300 plus burials in August with a total of 12,692 as of 9-6-11. He mentioned the cleaning of the headstones will be on October 1, 2011 beginning at 11 am.

The new Assistant Director, Mr. Richburg told us that he is a US Army retiree and spent last year in St. Louis receiving training and that he is very happy to be here.

Report of Committees:

Fund Development –

Chairman Donald Lada provided a printed report to all. The initial plans for the next Golf Outing will be discussed at the next committee meeting on October 5th. Chairman Lada said that Bill Wentz is the chairman for the Avenue of Flags and was doing an excellent job.

It was moved by Bob Downer and supported by Peter Sardo to sponsor the October 1st cleaning of the headstones and allocate up to \$500 for costs of cleaning supplies, and food; motion carried.

Refreshments –

VVA provided the refreshments today, and AMVETS will supply refreshments in October.

Historian –

Dan Burrows had no report.

Veteran's Day –

President Thick stated that the VVA will be the host organization for the Veterans Day Ceremony. The meeting will be after today's council meeting.

Election Committee-

It was moved by Dan Crocker and supported by Jim Tuohy that in the event that there is only one candidate nominated for any office, the secretary will cast a unanimous vote for the candidate, motion carried.

President – Jeanne Thick accepted the nomination, Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Jeanne Thick and she was elected.

Vice President – Don Lada accepted the nomination, Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Don Lada and he was elected.

Secretary – Nancy Reed accepted the nomination. Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Nancy Reed, and she was elected.

Treasurer –Edward Schultz accepted the nomination. Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Edward Schultz and he was elected.

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Judge Advocate – Dan Crocker accepted the nomination. Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Dan Crocker and he was elected.

Chaplain – Dan Burrows accepted the nomination. Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Dan Burrows and he was elected.

Provost Marshall – Ray Johnston accepted the nomination by letter. Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Ray Johnston, and he was elected.

Three Year Trustee – Peter Sardo accepted the nomination. Secretary, Stephanie Krueger cast one unanimous ballot for Peter Sardo and he was elected.

Two Year Trustee will be Garth Wooten and **One Year Trustee** will be Jim French Jr.

The Oath of Office was administered to the new officers by Director Anderson. President Jeanne Thick thanked Stephanie Krueger for her dedication and for the fine job she has done as Secretary.

It was moved by Dan Burrows and supported by Jim Tuohy to accept the committee reports, motion carried.

Unfinished Business –

Treasurer Ed Shultz reported that the following organizations have not yet paid their annual membership fee of \$100 which is due immediately: UAW-1C, 40 & 8, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Failure to pay by 12-31-11 will remove the organization from the Advisory Council.

It was moved by Gerald Check and supported by Jim Tuohy to move the Golf Outing proceeds to the General Fund, motion carried.

There was a discussion in regards to the Avenue of Flags and the motion passed from the GLNCAC meeting in July to display only 50 flags 24/7 with the exception of the designated Federal holidays. It was requested to rescind that motion. Judge Advocate Dan Crocker advised the Council that a 2/3 majority vote was needed to rescind the motion.

It was moved by Gerald Check and supported by Jim French Jr to rescind the motion that was passed at the August 2011 GLNCAC meeting to display 50 flags 24/7 with the exception of the designated Federal holidays and to continue with the current schedule of displaying all 100 flags 24/7. A hand vote was taken 17 yes out of 21 present, motion carried.

It was noted that it is the delegate's responsibility to inform their organizations that we need donations for flags (about \$65 per flag). A master letter will be prepared for all of us to use and send out.

New Business –

Jim French announced that the treasurer's books will be audited after the October meeting.

Good of the Order –

Carl Pardon announced a Job Fair to be held at Cleary University, in Howell, on October 4th from noon to 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Stephanie Krueger
Secretary

PLEASE NOTE – The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 5, 2011** at the Holly VFW Post #5587 located at 201 Airport Drive, Holly, Michigan.