**D.A.V. Summerville, SC Swamp Fox Chapter 17 Meeting**

**Date: 04/20/2017 Time:**  **19:30**

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| **Opening Prayer By:** | **Chaplain Joe Tallon** | **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag By:** | **Cmdr Bob Jensen** |

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| **Roll Call of Officers:** |  | **Present** | **Absent** |
| **Commander** | **Bob Jensen** | X |  |
| **Sr Vice - Commander** | **James Baber** | X |  |
| **Jr Vice – Commander** | **Will Burns** | X |  |
| **Treasurer** | **Jane Imholte** | X |  |
| **Adjutant** | **Gary Jones** | X |  |
| **Chaplain** | **Joe Tallon** | X |  |
| **Legislative Chairman** | **Bob Jensen** | D |  |
| **Service Officer** | **Buzz Nielsen** |  | X |
| **Membership** | **James Baber** | D |  |
| **Sergeant At Arms** | **Sarah Harry** | X |  |
| **Officer of the Day** | **Bob Wells** |  | X |
| **Public Relations** | **Tom Musolf** |  | X |
| **Assistant Adjutant** | **Vacant** |  | X |

**Total Officer Positions (10): \* Present: 7 Absent: 3 Total Members Signed In: 13**

* **Positions annotated by “D” are dual hatted and do not count for or against a quorum.**

**Agenda Items:**

**Visitors:** Kim Sitterlee and Reede Wakefield, Hospice of Charleston

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Not read. Minutes are available on line at Chapter 17 web site. Motion to

Accept minutes, as posted, made by Ken Curtis. Second by Will Burns. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Provided by Jane Imholte, Treasurer. We have $7,160.86 in checking account;

$14,722.08 in savings account, for total assets of $21,882.94. Will Burns made a motion to accept the

Treasurer’s Report. Second by Joe Tallon. Motion carried.

**Sickness & Distress:**

* Chaplain Tallon reported that Jack Olson continues to experience medical problems. Chaplain Tallon asked everyone to keep Jack in their thoughts and prayers.

**New Members:** None

**Communication:** None.

**Publicity:** None

**Hospital Committee Report:** Gary Jones reported that the visit for April was not conducted, due to lack of volunteers. Next visit is scheduled for July.

**Membership Committee Report:** No report.

**Service Officer Report:** Service Officer Buzz Nielsen, was absent. No report available.

**Legislative Committee Report:** Commander Jensen reported that key legislative issues will be posted on our web site.

**Scholarship Committee:** Committee Chairman Joe Tallon reported the two finalists for our $1000 scholarship were Olivia LeCompte, Summerville High School and Mr. DuBois, Ft Dorchester High School. The scholarship was awarded to Ms LeCompte, based on her sponsor’s 90% disability rating, as compared to Mr DuBois’ sponsor’s rating of 40%. Our rules require that the award go to the nominee, whose sponsor has the highest disability rating.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

* Commander Jensen reported that he had obtained several dozen pair of reading glasses for the VA Hospital patients. Glasses will be delivered during the next hospital visit.
* Commander Jensen reported that the Veteran’s Expo would be held Saturday, April 22nd, at Low Country Harley-Davidson. We need volunteers to man the DAV table.
* Commander Jensen reported that the Camp Corral effort began on April 17th. We need volunteers for all shifts. Our task is to solicit donations to send the children of killed and wounded Veterans to summer camp.
* There will be no Hospital visits for May and June. Mr Jones, our visit coordinator will be on vacation in May and will have surgery upon his return. He will be physically unable to conduct visits before July.
* There will be no General Membership meetings in July and August, due to many summer vacations.
* Ken Curtis contacted Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs office about advertising our Chapter in the base newspaper, “Patriot.” We can get a large ad run in 25 issues (one-year) for about $500. Mr Curtis made a motion that we allocate $500 for this effort. Motion seconded by Will Burns and passed unanimously.
* Chaplain Tallon reported that he was the Guest Speaker at a new AMVETS Chapter on Apr 19. Some AMVET members are interested in becoming DAV van drivers. More to follow on that.
* Ken Curtis reported that the VA Medical Center’s Voluntary Services would be subjected to their annual review, in April. Ensure we have documented all of our volunteer efforts, so VAVS gets credit.

**Visitor Briefing:** Ms. Kim Satterlee, representing Hospice of Charleston, gave a very informative briefing about hospice services to Veterans. Of the 2.5 million U.S. residents who pass away each year, approximately 680,000 are Veterans. Many of these veterans were eligible for hospice care but didn’t receive it because neither they nor their relatives were aware of their eligibility. Hospice is an essential part of care to provide both care for the Veteran and some much needed relief for their families and home care givers. Ms Satterlee provided her phone number and web site address, for those wanting more information. (DISCLAIMER: There are more than two dozen hospice providers in the greater Charleston area, including Hospice of Charleston. Chapter 17, does not endorse any particular hospice service over any other)

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| **Motion to adjourn by:** | Will Burns | **2nd** by: | Gary Jones |
| **Closing Prayer by:** | Chaplain Joe Tallon | **Flag Salute by:** | Cmdr Bob Jensen |
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| **Time Adjourned:** | 8:30p.m. |  |  |

**Next Meeting: June15, 2017**

**Next Hospital Visits: July 18, 2017**

**Gary Jones – Adjutant**