



# The Monthly Minutes

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**POST # 10223**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### At the "Irish V" Canteen:

SUNDAYS-\$5 Breakfast 10-12  
- Karaoke 1300-2100  
MONDAYS- Karaoke

FRIDAYS- 1900-Pool Tournament

SATURDAYS- 1900- Dart Tournament

### SPECIAL EVENT!!!

Saturday's, between paydays,  
Starting 9 August 1800-??  
"Burger Burn (and hot dogs too!)"

All other nights, it's your choice!!!!!!

**!! PLEASE SEE PAGE 6 FOR  
INFO ON THE MEMORIAL  
SERVICE FOR JIM PRICE !!**

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!

To Comrade Torres, lucky winner of the PS3. His ticket was drawn at the last Post meeting, 19 July. Thanks to all for supporting this, and I'm sure Alex thanks you all as well (at least his kids do!).

### DISTRICT 3 MEETING

2 August, 1400 at Post #10223  
District Commander Sloan's  
Homecoming Party to follow  
All Members Welcome!!!!!!!!!!

.....Followed by a Cootie Swarm @  
1900 for all MOC Members.....

### NEXT POST MEETING:

**-1300. 16 August. 2008**



Visit by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary President, Virginia Carman on 1 July

### *from the editor...*

Thanks for all of the comments and suggestions for the news letter! With your continued support, it will be a great way to get the info out that YOU want! Please keep sending it in! I will post just about anything that you want, keep in mind that I need your comments and info on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to give me some time to add it in, and have it published on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The news letter name has been chosen and special thanks to Comrade Sloan for coming up with the catchy title. Something special awaits you at the canteen! Not reading what you would like to read? Let me know!!!

.....If we only had a place to drop suggestions at the Canteen.....hmmmm.....

Yours in Comradeship,

Bobby Gage  
SVC and editor of "The Monthly Minutes"  
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*from the Senior Vice Commander...*

And now we are into yet another month! We have started the year in a good direction with two continuous members paid up, and SEVEN new members! The Life Members will post at the end of August and we should have a better idea of how many more recruits we will need to reach our goal of 100% by December. I really would like to concentrate on Continuous Members this year. We do a great job at getting people to join, but seem to lack in the “getting people to stay” category. What can YOU do? You can get out there and RECRUIT! Talk to those that joined last year and get them in to renew their membership! Better yet, get them to convert over to LIFE MEMBERSHIP! Special awards and recognition are out there for those that get three or more members to join! If there is anything that I can do to assist you in your recruiting needs, please do not hesitate to ask! Attached to this month's news letter is the “new” membership application. Copy it, get ‘em filled out, and turn ‘em in to the Post! Until next month..... .

Yours in Comradeship,  
Bobby Gage  
SVC

*from the Junior Vice Commander...*

Comrades,

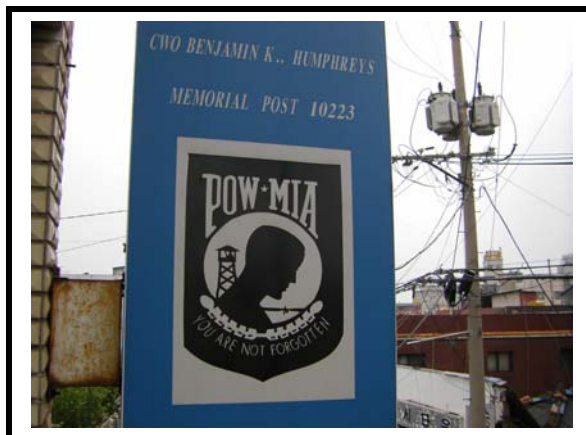
This will be the second month that I have no information for you on our programs. I will say, that it will be the last month that there is a ? for our programs. Once I get my head wrapped around this and can write about it, I will let you all know what we have coming up. Things around the corner are the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy. Both of these programs are targeted at the schools here. Once coordination is complete I will let everyone know the status on them. There will be some good opportunities for some new members to get their hands red when we start our Buddy Poppy drive. I will need some volunteers to get this set up and running. I will have much more on all of this later.

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*from the Post Quartermaster's Desk...*

Just a few notes of interest:

1. When you sign up “**Life Members**” that pay by “**Credit Card**” be sure to verify the number and expiration date on the Credit Card, make sure the application is **legible** and also write down the Three Digit Security Number on the back of the card on the signature line. It is now a requirement to process the Life Membership with National. If a member does not want to give the code then they must pay by Check or Cash. This will help prevent applications from being returned and not processed and also prevent “Undeliverable Addresses”.
2. There are new applications this year that have a lot of information on them, please ensure they fill them out legible, correctly and completely. If you need the New Applications please drop by the Canteen and pick some up. Applications will not be processed without SSN, Phone Numbers, Date of Birth and Signature on the Certification on the back of the application. We will have the new Applications available at the District Meeting to be held at 1400 on 2 Aug 2008 at the Post Canteen.
3. Admire Memberships are still **\$10.00** as long as they have never been a member of the VFW before. Also new this year is that Admire Memberships will not be processed until the funds from the Department Quartermaster are received by me. So ensure that you tell the new member that it will be a 1 - 1 ½ month(s) before they receive their cards at the address they put on the “Contact Address” line of the application.
4. Next month I will provide a “By Recruiter List” to show “Who Has Recruited Whom”.
5. Be sure to read this month’s “Pacific Typhoon” to see what you will receive for your recruiting efforts.



*from the House Rules Chairman...*

Comrades

From your HRC....

Hello again. Don't forget that the bean count is still under way. All you have to do is tell Mrs. Chong that you want to make a guess at the bean count. It's only \$1.00 per guess.

I would like to thank Comrade Buckner for his contributions to the music library. This will give us some great up to date videos and MP3's.

The wheel of destiny has turned out to be a great stress reliever for the HRC and I am sure that the HRC will get at least on jagerbomb out of the spins.

We are continuing the Pool and Dart tournaments. We will be installing two more dart boards by our display case to help shorten the Dart Tournaments. The boards will only be up during the tourneys and removed immediately afterwards.

I need some new ideas for the Store. I would like to stock a few more items but money is always an issue. I had thought about getting pool cue and dart accessories, t-shirts, etc. If you have any suggestions please email me or drop your suggestion in the suggestion box at the Canteen. The box should be familiar to just about anyone who has served. (AMMO CAN next to the computer).

Last reminder. SUGGESTION BOX!! SUGGESTION BOX!! SUGGESTION BOX!!

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*Community Projects.....*

Ideas have been flowing like crazy lately for things we can do to better our community. WE NEED YOUR INPUT! After your input, we need your support!

What would YOU want to do for your community?

**SPECIAL THANKS TO** those that participated in the "Post Clean Up" day last month. Over a dozen volunteers showed up to give our 'ol "V" a much needed spring cleanin'. We even have some incriminating footage of someone violating, err... operating the buffer! Clean floor, clean kitchen, new lights, and even donated a few items to a semi charitable organization. I can only imagine how hard it was for Billy to part with the eight track player and laser disk player that was buried beneath the shag carpet and wooden teeth collection. By the way, just what exactly is a phonograph? Thanks again for the help, Comrades, together we spent over 50 well used man hours that day supporting the cause.....

**POW/MIA DAY IS COMING!!!!!!**

**Please let us know if you can help out! We are organizing a committee to put on another superb ceremony at Beacon Hill Park on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. We hope to have everything locked in before the next news letter publishes!**



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***New Stuff.....brought to you by Comrade Purdy***

**SPAGHETTI LUNCH**

A members-only spaghetti lunch with spaghetti, meatballs, and garlic bread will be held from 1100-1300hrs, Saturday, 16 August 2008. Cards must be current and presented at time of payment. Cost is set at \$3.75 per plate. Come on down: eat cheap, enjoy some comradery, and maybe even sit in on the monthly meeting at 1300hrs. *Where else can you get all this for only \$3.75?!*

**SNACKS**

Tired of the same old snacks? Tired of paying for hot wings? Tired of not having anything to tell your 'buds and buddies' other than "Same o, same o"? Well...**STAY HUNGRY!** We're about to kick off with some new taste treats to tease your testy old tonsils! These won't be the same each time, or available every day or every hour of the day, or for every person,. Supplies will be limited, available early, and only as long as supplies last. *You do have to buy at least ONE drink, though!* Juice, soda, coffee, water, as well as alcohol are the normal drinks at the canteen *We do* want to reward our customers, though, for coming out early and encourage others to come on down and check us out. After all, the early bird gets the horse drawers (hors d'ouvres?)...oh well, you get the idea. Current plans are for 8, 10, 22 & 24 August during dart tournaments and one of the karaoke nights. And, who knows? If we get enough people interested, we may even expand and publish the 'what and when' of future snacks!

**TGIF!? Congratulations!**

You've launched a new tradition here at the Post! Yep, the TGIF burger burn is fast becoming a 'thing' here. Friday (27 June) saw plenty of hungry folks eating on the newly renovated veranda. It was a great turn out to inaugurate the veranda with its \$1,500+ new makeover and THE party. The 50-50 drawing was also a hit with a post member (Scott Southard) who won more than enough for another go at the next TGIF. The general fund benefited with an increase of \$90 to bring our earnings up in a fast and grand manner. Mmm...burgers and dogs...can't do much better between paydays. Of course there are side dishes to fill in any possible empty places, too... a chance to make some cash until next payday. Add music (More'n 17,000 tunes and jams to choose from!), fresh air, escape from the normal hassles of the post and the ville...Hmmm. Next time come on down and get *YOUR* plate early!

**\*\*A Unanimous decision was made to move the TGIF to TGIS (Saturday's) Starting back up on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August\*\***

***New Stuff.....brought to you by Comrade Purdy***

**KARAOKE CONTEST**

Can you sing? I mean, *good?* Think you're good enough to make a few bucks? Plans are being considered for karaoke contests on Sundays and Mondays. Contest times would be limited so people can 'tune up' for free beforehand, or 'cry the blues' afterwards. A single \$1.00 donation enters you (\$2.00 for a duet – no more than a duet, thanks). No minimum, but a maximum of 5 entries should allow people to get a chance at making decent scores. A score of 99 or 100 on any song would get you (or each member of the duet) a drink (not more than a single shot, please). Only 1 song at a time by a singer, and *ya jist cain't keep singin' the same ol' song, Mr. Rogers!* Each song has to be different. Scores would be kept; the highest combined scores would **win 25% of the nightly pot!** The rest is to be deposited in the general fund.

**BEAN COUNT**

If you're more the nerdie type, we have something for you, too! The bean count. Yeah, you know: Volume X lyrics + mass, etc. Come down to the canteen and check out the jar (of beans) on the counter. Give Ms Chong a \$1.00 donation, and fill out your slip with your SWAG (sorry, we can't spell this out here for our more refined customers!). Entries **AREN'T** limited, but donations won't be accepted after 1800, 30 July. At 1800, 31 July, the beans will be counted and the winner announced. Winner of this event need not be present to win either – *but we would like to see you here!* While the general fund will benefit, the person coming closest, without going over, will **win 25% of the total pot!**

**IDEAS**

Think you got some great ideas – okay, we'll settle for good ideas – know how to make some money or do something special? Don't have to be big, fancy, or expensive. Don't like something or other? Wanna volunteer? Time is priceless. Besides, people like to take a break now and then from cooking, cleaning up, etc. How'd you like pie with YOUR coffee? Back in 'Nam – yep, *that's* many, *many* moons ago – there was a saying: "Vietnam: If you ain't been there, *shut the @\$\* up!*" Which translated means: You couldn't have *any valid ideas – or complaints* - if you didn't actually participate as a bona fide member of the team in the Southeast Asian War Games. This really does tie in here: If you want something done differently or just have us change the color of the toilet paper, ***you need to speak up.*** The best way to do that is to attend a post meeting. We don't know what's going on between your ears. We ain't mind readers. Tell us. We won't bite your head off (*that's why we have the snacks*), and who knows? We might just like that idea, and vote it in on-the-spot! Meetings are held at 1300hrs, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, so 16 August is the next. Be there! Or...you know...Just keep on keepin'on!

# Postings from You, Our Members.....

## **New Retiree Council formed for USAG Humphreys and Area III.**

The new council met on 9 July at Camp Humphreys' bldg 542. The members are asking retirees living/working in the area to contact them for more info or if they need any assistance. They also request that if any would like to join the council (there are still 4 trustee positions open) they should contact a council officer. Any and all help/ideas would certainly be appreciated. Already one volunteer has offered to create a website for the council, and it may be a part of the USAG web site. Let them know what skills or talents *you* have to offer.

Newly elected officers are: Charles R. Woods, Chairperson, 753-8839; Cecil Goodman, Vice Chairperson 753-7172; and Donald D. Purdy, Recorder, 753-6759.

While the focus of activities in the past has been on a free meal and sporadic information, the new council is trying to expand the scope to include: A routine information system and an outreach program for local retirees, their families, and survivors (for example, some just can't drive anymore, and have a hard time going anywhere). To do this they're requesting *your* help in locating these people, especially those in need. The council's interested in getting contact numbers, addresses, or any other means of contacting them.

A lot of interesting information for our retirees surfaced during the meeting, including the possibility of regular, periodic, checkups/care at both the medical and dental activities on-post (Save that W50,000 for a kid's dental cleaning for something else!). While these are mostly in the discussion stage, medical screenings for retirees and their families were done during the last RAD in May, as were dental exams and cleaning.

New bus routes around the peninsula - some free for retirees - are now in operation. Scheduling and other data will be provided soon.

## **New Retiree Council formed for USAG Humphreys and Area III (Cont'd).**

A suggestion that got a warm welcome from all in attendance was a "Soldier Appreciation Day". While still under consideration, the main idea is to do something for the soldier, eg, serving at a DFAC, to let troops know their predecessors appreciate their efforts and service.

The next meeting will be 7 Aug, from 1100-1300, at the Alaska Mining Club. Stay tuned!

Got a moan, groan, complaint, or just wanna do the *right* thing and volunteer to get involved in improving **YOUR** community? Contact a council member or go to [www.humphreys.korea.army.mil](http://www.humphreys.korea.army.mil) and look for Retirement Services. Yep, the RSO now has his own site for getting the word out! More to follow.

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. ~Henry Ford

### **ACS BIRTHDAY**

Army Community Service will be celebrating its 43rd Birthday on July 25th and you are invited! We will have food, fun, games, live music, prizes and our quarterly volunteer recognition! Please come help us celebrate! We are also looking for volunteers to assist us that day. Please call me if you are interested.

Date: Friday, 25 July 2008

Time: 1100-1400

Place: ACS bldg 311

For more information call Denise Chappell at 753-8401

## **Readers Write.....**

Comrade Georgiana Williams writes from Florida with a link to an interesting website of an outstanding gentleman that she worked with when she was stationed at USSOUTHCOM. Please take a look!

<http://hoperider.org/>

Dear Editor,

I was just thinking the other day that it sure would be a great idea to have a suggestion box or something where Members can drop off notes about improvements and such. I have a few suggestions and no where to put them

YIC,  
"Ideas without a home"

Dear Ideas,

This is your lucky day! The HRC was thinking of you when he installed the all new, all satisfying, all empty SUGGESTION BOX at the canteen. It's on the counter close to the door for your convenience! You can fill out and add as many suggestions as you like, then deposit them on your way out so as to protect your privacy! Hope this helped,  
Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Good Luck and God Speed" to Comrade Letko, who is leaving us soon for greener pastures.....you will be missed, but we will keep you on the mailing list!



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**SERVICES FOR JIM PRICE**

The 51st Wing at Osan Air Base is having a Memorial Service on Tuesday 1245 hours at the Base Chapel for Jim Price. After the ceremony they will leave the chapel to the lawn area where there will be a 21 gun salute, taps and missing man fly over.

**From the DPA CDR, Larry Lyons:**

I have been asked to be the guest speaker in which I gladly accepted and quite an honor for me, the chapel will reserve several rows for VFW members. I realize you may have to take leave or com. time and travel distances to get there. But I would like to see as many members there as possible. The 51st Wing is going all out for this and we should also.

Jim lived a long life with hard times as being a Tuskegee Airman when the US segregated people. And we the VFW need to show our colors the Red, White and Blue that Jim stood so tall and proud of.

Please bring your VFW official hat, I have asked the Chaplain that we wear them and he agreed only that we uncover when prayers are read.

Also this Saturday they will have a draping of the charter for him at the post home.

YIC

Larry Lyons  
 Commander  
 Department of the Pacific Areas

**CLASSIFIED'S**

Tired of paying over \$100 to fill up your tank? Then pick up this beauty for \$300 or best offer! Located in Anjung-Ri. Contact at [svrice@vfw10223.org](mailto:svrice@vfw10223.org)

Can you Cook? We are in search of a new Sunday Breakfast Cook starting in October. If you are interested contact the HRC. Serious inquiries only please. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Know how to cook!

**PRAYER REQUEST.....**

Please keep the following Comrades and family members of Comrades in your thoughts and prayers as they struggle with ailments or ill health.

Comrade "Gunner Jack"  
 Rod Southard, brother of Comrade Scott Southard

It is with regret that I must inform you of the passing of Jim Price, VFW Post 10216 and Pup Tent 8. Jim has been a avid supporter of the Post and Pup Tent and was recently honor by Major General Woods 7th AF Commander by Dedicating a wall at the their VFW in honor of Tuskegee Airman on Loyalty Day. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.