

ICVV 11-11-22 meeting minutes

Per the 11-04-22 newsletter, ICVV moved its November, 2022, Thursday Executive Board meeting to Friday, 11-11-22, to be held immediately following the parade with the ICVV members who were able to attend. In attendance were George Notarpole, Tony Arlotta, George Fronske, Oscar Urrea, Pat Little-Upah, Kent Bradt, Norm Gallion and Feather. Due to Midge Munro being unable to attend this meeting, Feather was asked to prepare the minutes.

In an effort to regroup after the delays caused by the pandemic, various programs, ideas and suggestions were discussed. The following decisions were made:

The original goals and mission statement of In-Country Vietnam Veterans (ICVV) are to be maintained and will continue.

ICVV's official standing with the State of Arizona's Corporation Commission and its 501(c)(3) status with the IRS are to be maintained in good order.

A minimum of four events will continue to be organized and held each year, to-wit: the annual Christmas dinner where our annual membership meeting is held and the upcoming slate of officers announced and voted upon; Memorial Day events as can be done; Veterans Day events as can be done; and, the collaboration with the Knights of Columbus for the "Knights Kids" event in December. Other events will not be scheduled at this time. Specifically, the historical April Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day event will no longer be organized and monthly in-person Executive Board meetings will be discontinued in favor of regular communications by e-mail and, when needed, telephone. In-person meetings can be held following each of the regular events, if the Board feels that necessary. The annual December General Membership meeting will continue to be held in conjunction with our Christmas dinner event.

The officers will continue attempting to hold our annual Christmas dinner this year, although arrangements for that have not yet been finalized.

ICVV's info pamphlet containing the membership application will be updated and more printed so we have them to distribute.

A concerted effort will be made by all to continue reaching out to Vietnam veterans to let them know about ICVV and encourage them to at least consider joining. It was agreed potential new members would be told of the four annual events ICVV will continue to be active with and the understanding not all members will be able to actively work at or attend an event, that membership-for-brotherhood alone is totally very welcome and encouraged.

Regular monthly newsletters will no longer be printed and mailed beginning in January, 2023, as the newsletter has been incorporated into ICVV's website. A final printed newsletter will be sent in December giving info about the results of the Christmas dinner, advising of any annual donation decisions made and advising the members of the decision to move to e-mail newsletters, noting that, as an accommodation to members who do not use a computer or have access to the newsletter online, any member who wishes to continue receiving the newsletter in print by mail should so advise George Notarpole so that can be noted on their membership record. Those members will continue to receive a printed newsletter by mail.

An announcement will be made in the next newsletter that a membership list of names and phone numbers will be created and sent to all current members, noting that members wishing to not be included in the public list need to so advise George Notarpole.

To accomplish the basic tasks ICVV needs to maintain its public identity, the following people have agreed to the noted responsibilities:

Oscar Urrea

Commander: coordinating everyone's efforts; signing whatever paperwork is necessary to maintain both our corporate and non-profit status; work to establish a strong connection with the State officials so ICVV can access whatever benefits are available to us which will help us assist Vietnam veterans.

Roy Martin

Vice-Commander: assisting the Commander as needed; maintaining ICVV's website; working with Midge to keep our online info current with info received from the Commander, including making sure our newsletter goes out online.

Tony Arlotta

Financial Officer: maintaining ICVV's accounts as necessary, including but not limited to completing and submitting our annual Corporation Commission reports; submitting reports to the Executive Board as necessary.

George Notarpole

Membership Officer: maintaining all membership records; receiving and processing all new membership applications and submitting same to the Executive Board for approval consideration and decision; issuance of membership cards to all newly-approved members.

Midge Munro

Communications Officer: maintaining copies of ICVV's past minutes and records; be a contact person for anyone wishing to have info about the organization; gather info for any future events ICVV might decide to participate in and report on those preparations to the Board; prepare minutes of the Executive Board meetings; maintain copies of all Executive Board and general membership meetings; notify all Executive Board members of any correspondence received and prepare any responses if such are requested by the Board; make sure any correspondence received from new members or changes in member contact info received is relayed to George Notarpole so the membership records can be kept updated.

Pat Little-Upah

Community Liaison: continue working with the various veterans organizations she already is, but also (1) providing info to Roy and Midge to be included in ICVV's newsletter about programs and/or events which might be of interest to Vietnam veterans and (2) let other veterans groups know about ICVV as appropriate.

George Fronske and Kent Bradt

As past office holders, they will continue to support the current officers when asked for input, suggestions or other assistance.

Norm Gallion

Due to his experience and contacts, he will continue to support the current officers when asked for input, suggestions or other assistance, especially in connection with ICVV's need to better connect with State officials.

Feather

General Go-pher for the cause: Continue helping with individual tasks as and when requested by the Executive Board, as she can; continue to house ICVV's grill; continue to monitor ICVV's Post Office box and forward its official mail to the appropriate Executive Board officer.

The meeting lasted not quite an hour, but notes were not taken as to the exact beginning and ending times.

(Signed)

Feather

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