**Oregon-SW Washington Chapter Council Minutes**

**July 11, 2020**

**I General-** Council meeting was called to order via Zoom on July 11, 2020 at 10:00 am by Chapter/Council President Mike Carmichael. Attendees included Council members Doug Ballard(Trustee) , Mike Carmichael (President), John Adams (Vice President) Ted Scypinski (Treasurer), Butch Bewick David Lutes. Non-voting member present was Doug Bomarito, Janette Sanborn Ray Kutch, Tim Myers, Ron Smith (new member), Mark Cooksey, Tex Hawkings,

David started the meeting with a prayer.

**II Minutes of last Council meeting** of October 2019 were reviewed and approved

**III Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s report was accepted. There was a discussion concerning the negative cash flow at the last two meetings and the possibility of raising the cost of lunch to $25. After discussion it was decided to table the lunch cost question and see how the next several meetings go when we resume meeting.

**IV. Shipmate**

The drafting of the shipmate articles will be done by rotating council members with Frank coordination. Mike will take the first writeup due July 30.

**V. POW/MIA**

The POW/MIA table has been returned from USMA and is in custody Of Mike Carmichael who will bring to subsequent meetings.

**VI Future Chapter Events**

There was a lengthy discussion as to what activities the chapter could and would conduct. It was agreed that there would be meetings by ZOOM, both speaker presentations as well as occasional happy hour to just socialize. Additionally, members may set up get togethers for small groups in locations that can accommodate social distancing. Mike took the action to set up a time for the Tomb of the Unknown soldier as well as occasional hoppy hour. We had a discussion on how to maintain security and decided vs. putting in hurdles we would just send out the invite to alumni.

Mike also briefed the group on the status of the Superintendent’s potential meeting with the Chapter. While we have requested July 30, Steve Hall says they are rethinking how to include more chapters and will be getting back to us.

**VII. Chapter Meeting Potential Guest Speakers** – 10 min

* 1. Rich Walton – Memoirs of Iraq/Afghanistan
  2. Civil War Naval Battles
  3. John “j” Wanders USS LCI 713
  4. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Gavin McLLvenna

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* 1. Eric Shook CDR USNR Presentation on Battle of Midway.
  2. Mick Jones USNA ’02 on the returning VET program..

**VIII. Chapter website,** Janette indicated no real issues. We discussed how to use Facebook more effectively. Janette indicated that the group is closed and that therefore we did not reach too many folks. Mike will encourage folks to join in the August newsletter.

**IX.** Status of Parents club. Butch Gave an update on the parent’s club. Things are good with sound leadership. Butch also gave an update on class of 2024. He indicated that the shift to a new system by Admissions is not going well and as a result we have no information on applicants for 2025.

**IX. Bereavement Cadre** Dave gave an update. Little activity as he is mostly in Mexico these days.

**X. POW/MIA** No discussion.

**XI. Community outreach.** Discussed the USS Oregon. Kay Kutch indicated that he believes the current CO is a relative of his and if so will be attending. We do not know when the commissioning will occur. Also, Mike and his roommate Mike Jones are entering the shoebox derby with replicas of the USS Oregon SSN 793,

**X. New Business**

Doug Bomarito briefed the council on a list of demands several members of the class of 03 are making to the Alumni Association board concerning social justice issues. Doug Ballard briefed the council on the recent incident with the Trustee member of the Jacksonville Chapter who was removed from the Alumni Association.

Discussed new members. Ron Smith and Mark Springer have agreed to join. It was recommended that Butch’s replacement as area coordinator Darin Parrine also be asked to join. His presence would be beneficial to both him and the council. Butch agreed and will include hi in our next meeting.

**VIII Next Meeting** Next Council meeting is 10:00 am, October 10, 2020(USNA Founders Day)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.