

James K. Polk Veteran's Association

Annual meeting (1530 7/18/09)

Agenda and minutes

Welcome, call to order by President, Bob Homme at 1530 – 30 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Read and approved. As of 12/31/2008: \$13,817.82 in treasury. 2008 reunion made about \$3000. We are using PayPal, and placing reserves in a PayPal account for the interest rate, which exceeds short term CDs and other investment options that allow access to the fund rapidly. Investments yielded about \$300 which was offset by PayPal transaction fees. PayPal fees included transaction fees for National Atomic Museum Polk Sail Exhibit. \$390 in dues were received.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Read and approved. Contained in file "JKPAA Annual Meeting Minutes 2008.doc".

Old business:

Larry Cox and Linda received a standing ovation and our thanks for the amazingly well coordinated reunion in progress. The hotel is perfect and has shown us every courtesy.

2010 reunion will be in Gattlinburg, TN, coordinated by Steve Springer.

The crew gave special thanks to Walt Drawl who has been Treasurer since the Silverdale reunion. He has worked with Clarence Jordan, who volunteered a few months ago to take over for Walt, pending his election at this meeting.

New Business:

Election of officers: Mike Lame is incoming President, elected as VP/President Elect two years ago. Following are unanimously elected officers: Vice President / President Elect - Jim Murphy; Treasurer – Clarence Jordan; Secretary – Charlie Kotan. The following are the elected Board for the next two years: Larry Cox, Steve Springer, and Barry Danforth.

2011 Reunion discussion resulted in nomination of Clearwater / St. Petersburg, FL to be coordinated by Doc Sills. Doc discussed his research on the likely reunion sites and pointed to the nearby airports. Doc specifically cited the Grand Hotel in Clearwater, with room rates of \$79 - \$105. A banquet meal in the range of \$20 to \$24 was discussed as well. Doc assured us that he can bring off a great reunion with the needs of the crew in mind.

We also discussed Peter Joy's presentation on a reunion in Albuquerque, NM when the Polk Sail Exhibit is completed. Due to funding limitations, we don't expect that to happen in the near term. Peter's research shows that two or more hotels are capable of hosting our organization in the fashion we require. We will revisit an Albuquerque reunion when we have assurances that we can visit the Polk Sail, possibly for 2012. The members showed enthusiasm for a reunion there, and hopes the Polk Sail exhibit will be completed soon.

2012 reunion voted by 30 members to be St. Petersburg, FL with Doc Sills coordinating.

We discussed Peter Joy's excellent work as Association Historian and in presenting Polk memorabilia to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History (formerly National Atomic Museum). This amazing work included a display case with all known Polk patches, and an original Polk Plaque.

We discussed our rules on disbursement of excess funds. Some members feel it is in our best interests to keep all Life Member dues as long as those members live. Charlie Kotan mentioned other organizations that do so, and the interest on these funds can be used to provide services to Life members. After a rousing discussion, the members voted to raise the limit on accumulated funds from \$10,000 to \$12,000. One half of all funds between \$12K and \$14K and all funds greater than \$14K will be disbursed for the good of the Polk Family and Submarine Service.

With these new limits, the amount to be disbursed this year is \$900. A short discussion of where to use these funds ensued, with suggestions that included the Polk Sail, St. Mary's Submarine Museum, and a scholarship. The members voted to send the \$900 to the St. Mary's Submarine Museum.

During a discussion of the need to bring younger shipmates into the Association, Larry Cox raised a motion that the youngest shipmate be given a free Association Membership. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A discussion of those on Eternal Patrol was lead by Willie Wassburg. There will be a ceremony by the Fleet Reserve Association at the banquet, and a short service in the hospitality suite on Sunday morning.

Meeting adjourned at 1640.

By Charlie Kotan
JKPVA Secretary