

Agenda for the Meeting held September 11, 2006

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>X</b>
Griff Dalianis, Chair	X
Bill String, Vice Chair	X
Barney Barbera, Treasurer	X
Kelly Dowling, Recording Secty.	A
Roy Graden	A
Dave Smith	X
Ruth Anderson	X

Opening Roll Call:

Kelly was not here and Roy Graden not here. Ruth was sitting in for Kelly.  
 Meeting began at 4:10 p m, there was a quorum of voting members present.

Accept minutes of Past Meeting.

Treasure Report read by Barney and accepted. Barney would like to be put on the card as another signature for the deposits made to the Mayor's Veterans Council. Please call him. He said he was not privy to any past reports and would like to do his job but can't. He did say we have \$2185.26 in the bank, but just was handed a bill from Ruth for the pins. They were a big hit, Kelly will order some more after we pay this bill. Also, we paid out the bank 400.00 dollars. So that left 1923.26.

Old Business:

Dave Smith talked about the meeting Kelly and he had on what the Positives and Negatives from Support our Troops Event. Everyone chimed in with saying the PA system needed to be turned up more and more publicity was needed. Dave suggested they have it in February or September since the kids and Teachers and Parents were back from the summer holiday and the attendance would be more bountiful.

Dave also said the word should of gone out sooner. Like put in the Coffee Cup (a newsletter for the Vets), or newspaper sooner.

### Adopt-a-Flag program

Dave Smith has a form for donation and has a list of the people who have done the flag program in the past. 21 flags are what Dave said we had. He also said he would ask Bucky's family if they wish to purchase a flag before asking someone else. The cost is \$50 dollars for 2 flags, 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

Griff said he would like to write letters to whom would be buying the flags. Dave said he would get the form and list to Griff.

### Brick sales

Griff gave Barney checks for the bricks and said he owes \$60 dollars.

Bricks are selling at \$30 dollars each. First name, middle, last and branch of service on each check or letter with check. They talked about the bricks, could not change them to another kind cause, #1 It would cost too much and #2 would not look like the other ones and they need to be the same. There is a husband and wife team doing the pictures of the bricks and they will have a list of all the bricks if anyone would like to see where their brick is. Griff also has a list of all who purchased bricks if anyone needs it.

### Fundraising for Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Dave Smith is in charge of this.

Griff said, Tom Tesier (sp?) has donated \$1000 and Chick Beaulieu would also take care of business, by helping.

The Nashua Rotary said they would give 20,000. Dave had suggested to Kelly that they get a prime contact for each person ex: name, address, and phone #. These people are the ones that will be unveiled at the memorial. Dave said we need to make sure that each family has special seating and get special attention. Griff said he would do a story in his column in the paper with all the names on the monument and their families, sort of a push for the monument. (David has the list) And if both parents are gone, maybe they could look into high school friends or neighbors of a soldier.

Dave suggests that if we knew about each soldier we could have a proclamation for each family, Griff said they could all be the same. (Something like). That each soldier's courage would not have been in vain and we will continue to remember them and the glory they gave to the USA.

Dave talked about his boots and the boy who died with them on.

Griff agreed, they need to get the word out. He wants to see if he can get some man from TD Bank to help out and Charlie Bass to speak at the event.

They want to make it so everyone has a good feeling in donating. Ordinary people, \$10 dollar donations, individuals can be part of it, not businesses.

They would like the Granite Slab people to come to their meeting and show them some samples.

Pellicher, Griff has the #. Maybe come to their next meeting, Oct 2.

### Mayor's Leadership Prayer Breakfast

Wanted to know if the price goes up after being free the 1<sup>st</sup> year?

Is this during thanksgiving, won't that tie up family time in November?

More information to follow from Kelly.

Griff will be sworn in as Chairman of the United States Veterans Administrator Commissioner of Rehabilitations. He will be around but he will also be doing a lot of traveling with 15 commissioners under him across the country. The President of the United States will swear him in, in the next few months. The Secretary has already sworn him in. He will be over-seeing the Politrama (sp?) Centers.

Griff said he would like Senator John McCain at the ceremony to speak at the opening of Bucky's Place. He said he would also write who did not attend at this event in his column.

Good of the Order:

Thank me for taking care of business.

There were questions on who would run Buckingham Place and will everyone living there have a job?

Griff said Peter Killiher would have those answers and we would have him come to one of the meetings and talk to the group about it sort of a refresher course.

Need to put Barney on the sign card at the bank, and Bill String said he would have to check the by laws before we could say ok to that.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.