

THE CAPE CANAVERAL MINUTES

MAY 23, 2016

THE CAPE CANAVERAL LADIES monthly meeting was held Monday May 23, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at the Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island. Those attending were: Debbie Colangelo, Shirley Jaffe, Pam Kerns, Peggy Reichle, Joan Seaman, Janey Diogo, Diane Manahan, Mary Petty, Martha Sinclair, Susan Minch, Linda Beck, Vicki Williams, Glenda Pelalla, Susan Bettis, Mary Smith, Luba Kreidler, Helen Stubbs, Cozette Merritt, Gail Holder, Ruth Oblack, Vera Donahue, Angel Keller, Pat Bankhead, Shirley Perez, Pat Manning and Barbie Marrs. Cozette Merritt, Chairman, welcomed everyone. Chaplain Shirley Jaffe led us in prayer and the Pledge. Cozette announced this is our second week of service at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery and all is going well. Four new members signed in and attended the meeting

Director Don Murphy at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, spoke to us and said the Office at CCNC is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the gate opens 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and eighty volunteers work there. They have received much Community support. CCNC began only four weeks ago and have had seven hundred eighty interments. It is estimated they will have twenty-three hundred per year. The horses and caissons are to begin with services soon and CCNC will be in a permanent building by January 2017. Don thanked us and said we further compliment the services. CCNC is only the third National Cemetery to have lady volunteers.

Cozette announced two days in the month need another helper and perhaps someone where there are three signed for a specific day could change to one of those days. Peggy Reichle will fill in the fifth week of month since she lives near CCNC. Cozette said please make sure you have a substitute or can substitute and let Debbie Colangelo or Cozette know in advance. You, also, can trade days with someone, but let them know. Call Angel Keller, if you cannot reach Cozette. Schedules will be sent out the day before you work at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Treasurer Ruth Oblack reported a bank account was opened May 13, 2016 for CCL. The initial deposit was for \$1,292.00 that came from \$700.00 donation from MOAACC and funds from Members in the amount of \$592.00 for their Yearbooks, scarves and nametags. Space Coast Credit Union required we open a savings account & a \$10.00 account from Members funds was opened. Checks in the amount of \$801.84 for members book binders, name tags and scarves and office supplies were written, leaving a balance of \$490.16 as of May 23, 2016.

Minutes were approved as read. Members without e-mails will need to have a friend to print out a copy of the minutes for them.

Committee Reports:

Debbie Colangelo is looking into T-shirts with embroidered or silk screen emblem to be worn at memorials and other events. Don Murphy says he has patches that can be used. Suggestions were made by several members.

Debbie Colangelo gave web-site report as CapeCanaverallLadies.org.

Don Murphy answered questions and suggested we hear reports from the ladies that worked the first week. Pat & Peggy worked the first day and said you can sit at desk assigned to us between interments. Others reported as well. We need to learn the abbreviations used on the schedule, etc. There is a sheet in desk draw with explanation of the abbreviations. Don said we cannot ride in a government vehicle, but if not in use, can ride in golf cart until our golf cart arrives, to the site. No services will be cancelled except for hurricane. Arrangements can be scheduled until 2:00 p.m. and that is the cut-off time each day. There are two representatives, Jackie and Andy and one will attend with the volunteers, Present your card when the representative lets you know and adapt to situation, all interments are different and we stand with the rep, not the Family during the interment. Double check with representative about time of interment. Volunteers suggested we write out a few cards in advance, may be pressed for time and write "To The Family of". We can arrive as early as 8:00 a.m. A few times during the year there will be interments on Saturday after a Monday holiday. A typical ceremony is about ten minutes. All the volunteers reported it is a wonderful and rewarding experience. Remember to sign in and out on day working. There is a refrigerator for lunches and water. Mondays and Fridays are busy days.

Don Murphy recognized Cozette Merritt for all her work organizing CCL and many hours getting everything set-up. Thank you Cozette, we appreciate all your efforts on our behalf.

Debra Gray lives next door to the National Cemetery and invited us to visit there when we have long wait between interments.

Cozette would like everyone to wear our uniforms to make a group picture and we need a day when everyone can attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Holder, Recording Secretary