

## **VOLUNTEER HOMELAND RESERVE UNIT (VHRU) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- AUGUST 2, 2012**

- **Call the meeting to order.**
- **Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **Our Treasurer Frank Bruton is away on vacation. I will give his report this evening on the status of our Treasury.**
- **Our member in good standing Judith- Hilt Dyson passed away back in May. I was a little disappointed on our turnout to pay our respects. There were only 4 VHRU members at the service. It would have been great thing for her family to see more VHRU members present. Visit our web site and click on the Honor Role bar to see all our members who have passed away.**
- **Tonight the Board of the VHRU wish to make a presentation to our long time member Robert Boerner, Robert was a local member of the Laughlin Team when he joined. He took over the Team Leader position after Mel Ramos passed away a few years ago. Robert has been instrumental in expanding the VHRU in Laughlin and creating the Mohave County Arizona team as our Tri-State Coordinator. Bob please come up to the podium. I would like to present this plaque and read the inscription to our members tonight.**
- **The State of Nevada has approved our renewal of the Amber Light Permit. These permits are issued to the Core Leaders only in the event we need Amber lights at a call out. We have 10 Amber Lights in inventory in our Communication Trailer that can be issued to members responding along with a copy of the permit, if needed.**
- **The City of North Las Vegas Police Department contacted me to set up a meeting to discuss the VHRU assisting their agency at a July 3<sup>rd</sup> Jubilee Celebration.**

**I met with Lieutenant Saylor who has the responsibility to provide security for this yearly event. The VHRU did assist last year with a limited number of volunteers, at their request. Twelve (12) members offered to help in 2011. This year, the North Las Vegas PD has asked for 24 volunteers or as many volunteers as possible to assist. The City is in financial trouble and funding for coverage at this event is limited. The Lieutenant did say that it is difficult now to get Officers to volunteer, this is why the need for more members to help.**

**An e-mail was sent out to all members and we did get a good showing, thirty four (34) volunteers offered to assist. Two members drove from Arizona, one from California, one from Pahrump and two from Mesquite.**

**Our assignment was mainly traffic control at various intersections. We had ample water and ordered box lunches for all our people. The event ran a little longer than last year and ended around 10 pm. The Lieutenant was very happy with our performance and asked if we could help again next year.**

**Written comments from Lt Saylor “The VHRU did an outstanding job assisting at the Independence Day Celebration. I was very impressed on how self sufficient the unit was. Your unit displayed a very professional image and completed its tasks efficiently. Thanks again”**

- Clark County Communications contacted me to have all our radios on the Clark County Mutual Aid Network, programmed to the narrow band to transmit. This requires all our radios to be re-programmed. Curt Geiger our VHRU consultant from Two-Way Radio is here tonight to complete this task. This is a Federal mandate and must be completed by year end. Thanks to Curt for all his help.**
- I finally had a chance to bring our website ([www.vhru.com](http://www.vhru.com)) up to date. The Newsletter, “Year in Review” now has copies of the correspondence from the State and VHRU on our loss of funding and support. This will be viewed by anyone who opens our website. Please take a look when you have time.**
- Dan Christian our Tri-State coordinator based in Bullhead City Arizona sent me information about a retired police officer from the Bullhead City PD who is in need of a kidney transplant. A donor was found and that person will incur expense to help this officer. A fund raiser has been set up to raise funds. On behalf of the Board and our membership, I ask Frank Bruton our Treasurer to mail a check for \$500.00 to Dan Christian so he can present it at the fund raiser to help in this worthwhile cause. Dan Christian may wish to say a few words on this.**
- The New York Ten 13 Club (NYPD) is holding their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Willows Country Club on Horizon Ridge in Henderson. They have extended an invitation to the VHRU organization to participate. This will be a buffet and a cash bar starting at 6 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. More on this over the next few months. Please mark your calendar and save that day.**

- On Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> we held our first get together breakfast. We had 13 in attendance. We will continue to hold these monthly breakfast meetings so we can keep in touch. At our July breakfast get together we had a little better showing, sixteen (16) members attended. Our next breakfast will be on Friday August 31<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- Chief Jim White Henderson PD retired the other day. Jim was very supportive of the VHRU organization. Frank Bruton and I gave a gift of \$500.00 to Jim on his retirement on behalf of the VHRU. The funds came from Elite Security, our security company.

His replacement Captain Pat Moore is aware of the VHRU. I worked with Pat a few years ago when he was a Sergeant during my time in their volunteer program. I will set up a meeting with him in a month or so to discuss the VHRU and the future working together.

- Adopt-A-Highway road clean up will be scheduled for, Friday August 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Bonnie Springs Ranch in Red Rock Canyon at 10 am and conduct our clean up. Once completed, we will go to Pahrump and assist the Pahrump Team with their clean up. We will have lunch after at the Pahrump Golf Course Country Club restaurant. If anyone wants to come out and assist, let me know.
- I want to suggest a VHRU outdoor range shoot. The Clark County Outdoor Range up on Decatur could accommodate a large group of shooters. I suggest Monday, September 10th at 10 am. I will reach out to the range to see if we can reserve space on that day. I will send out an e-mail to all, once confirmed. We will have our trailer there with box lunches for all our shooters.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching and the New York Ten 13 Police Organization will hold its annual Memorial on that day at the Metro Police Memorial Park on Cheyenne behind the Metro Substation and Academy.

The New York Club has extended an invitation to the VHRU members to attend. As always, they will provide food after the ceremony. Please mark your calendar and wear your VHRU shirt if you can attend. Spouses are welcome.

Tonight I handed out a flyer for New York City PD 911 Pins if anyone is interested. See me after the meeting to place your order.

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