

**Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU)
General Membership Meeting, October 1, 2013
(Railroad Pass Hotel Casino)**

- **Call the meeting to order.**
- **Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **Frank Bruton our Treasurer will give us his report on the status of the Treasury.**
- **I sent this news out awhile ago, just wanted to make sure everyone knew. Our long time member Joe Kostew, retired NYPD Detective passed away after a long illness. Please visit our website, Honor Roll see his image. Joe also worked for Elite Security from its inception, he will be missed. His family decided no service, just cremation.**
- **The Core Leaders met on September 16th at the Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino to discuss various issues. One of which, will be a change in location for the General Membership Meetings. It was decided to try this location tonight based on the following:**
 1. **No charge for the ballroom for our first meeting compared to \$350.00 at Sierra Gold. After today's meeting the charge will be \$75.00 (pay for cleaning of the table linen). No other charge.**
 2. **The Casino allowed us for this meeting only, two for one buffet dinners. The cost this evening will be paid with funds from our Treasury. We will eat after the meeting.**
 3. **Meetings will start at 6 pm, as usual.**
 4. **We will change our meeting dates going forward to Tuesday's to accommodate the Hotel Casino with other bookings.**
 5. **The ballroom has a bar, which could be staffed from 5 pm to 7 pm for those who wish drinks. There is an added cost of \$100.00, if we choose in the future to use this.**
 6. **Waitress service will be available tonight for those who want to order drinks.**
 7. **We asked the hotel for a discount rate for rooms. They came back to me with a price of \$32.00 plus taxes.**
 8. **This location is a little closer to Arizona and Laughlin for our members coming up to attend our meetings. A little shorter drive from them.**

9. Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th. If you all agree we will cancel the Sierra Gold and have our next meeting here. The new meeting day is Monday, December 2nd. It's our last meeting of the year, so we will have food again. More details will be coming on e-mail as the December meeting gets closer.

- An important issue that was also discussed at the Core Meeting, Mileage Reimbursement (gas) for members traveling more than 50 miles to a meeting. It was decided by all 24 Core Leaders that this will be eliminated to save funds for the organization. There is an exception, if we are involved in a mock exercise or a real mobilization, reimbursement will occur. A copy of the new policy has been distributed tonight to all attending.
- During our last General Membership Meeting in July we agreed to send to the Nevada Injured Police Officers Fund a check for \$500.00 in honor of the Metro Officer David Vanbuskirk, who fell to his death. Officer Vanbuskirk was attempting a rescue of a stranded hiker on Mount Charleston. Our check was mailed in early August with an additional \$500.00, which was donated by a member. Total donated by the VHRU was \$1,000.
- The 2014 Raffle tickets for the Henry Repeating Rifle were mailed to every member last month. Everyone should have received at least one book of chances to sell. If we sell most of these chances, we will increase the funds in our Treasury to more than \$10,000. This will keep the organization going for a few years. Please try to sell your book.

Chance books and our flyer will also be mailed to every Metro substation, the North Las Vegas PD and Henderson PD asking the officers to consider buying a ticket. At our December meeting I will have a report on our progress to reach our goal of raising \$10,000.

- It was agreed to hold a mock exercise on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation in Laughlin. A draft scenario was prepared and sent to the Emergency Manger for his consideration. The exercise will take place on Tuesday, October 29th. Details on exercise will be sent out in the next week or so via e-mail. We plan on trying to negotiate a good room rate from the Avi Hotel on the Reservation, so anyone that wished to come down the evening before the exercise and could stay over.
- The Arizona and Laughlin teams conducted their radio test in August utilizing our Laughlin Communications trailer and their hand held

radios. In addition, our base radio was manned by a VHRU member in the Command Center of the Mohave Valley Fire Building. The test went well except some hand held radios were not able to receive transmissions. Hopefully when we do our exercise in October reception will be better. We plan on bringing down our Vegas Communications trailer to participate.

- We have scheduled a Las Vegas, Pahrump, Mesquite and Boulder City radio test for Tuesday, October 8th. This will involve all Team, Squad and Backup Squad Leaders. I will be sending out details after this meeting. It is expected to commence at 0900 hrs.
- On September 10th we held our second “VHRU Fun Shoot” at the Clark County Firearms Range on North Decatur. We had coffee, donuts and a box lunch for all those who attended. Cash prizes were awarded to three members. It was decided to continue these fun shoots next year.
- The New York NYPD Ten-13 club held its annual 911 Memorial Remembrance at the Las Vegas Police Memorial Park on September 11th followed by a BBQ. In attendance were 25 VHRU members. Thanks to those who came out and to the Board of the Las Vegas Ten13 Club for sponsoring this service.
- Paul Wagner our Vice President will be reaching out to Chief Pat Moers of the Henderson Police Department to schedule a meeting to catch up. Requested to attend this meeting will be the police contact person we need to interact with, if mobilized. Paul will update us tonight.
- Tri State Coordinator Dan Christian and our Secretary Bob Boerner will contact the Lieutenant of the Laughlin Sub station to see if he made a decision to use the VHRU in the upcoming May 2014 River Run. Dan or Bob any update on this issue?
- Once again we are able to donate \$3,000 to our members in good standing for Scholarship Awards of those family members who qualify. We have 9 submitted requests for consideration.

Tonight we will draw three numbers and those winners will receive \$1,000 each, which will be sent directly to the College or University they are attending. I will ask for a volunteer to come up and draw the three winning numbers.

- Tonight I hand out flyers for the upcoming Las Vegas Ten 13 golf outing. If anyone is interested in playing, please see Charlie Licata or Pete Trimboli for more details.

- **On behalf of me and the other Board Members, we want to thank everyone for attending this evening. Being we had our Core Meeting here in mid September and ate at the buffet, we all feel this is a good location to use. We hope everyone agrees with this decision.**

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