

**Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU)
General Membership Meeting, February 10, 2014
(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.**
- **At our next meeting on April 28th we expect Assistant Sheriff Joe Lombardo to be our guest speaker. He is a candidate for the Clark County Sheriff's position. Unfortunately he wasn't available to speak at this meeting. At our last meeting we had Assistant Sheriff Ted Moody speak. I expect the third candidate Captain Larry Burns to reach out to us to also speak on his candidacy.**
- **Just a reminder, the VHRU Rifle raffle will take place at the April meeting. The response to this drive to raise money has not come close to what we are trying to achieve. We have close to 100 members who subscribed to the raffle. I hope more members will step up and sell or buy chances. If you have not taken a chance or a book, please consider helping your organization by doing so before the end of March.**
- **It's that time again to collect the annual dues, \$30.00 many of our members have chosen to subscribe to the Lifetime Offer, \$100.00. This has reduced the production and mailing costs of new ID cards every year. We hope more members will consider taking advantage of this offer. Please send in your dues if you have not paid them or you can pay this evening. Please see Frank if you wish to pay your dues.**

Reviewing our records, it appears we will be losing at least 25 members for failure to pay their dues, (2013 and now 2014). The Board thanks all those who have stayed with us, especially during the rough time with losing our funding.

- **On December 16th, Paul Wagner and I met with senior commanding officers at the Henderson PD to further discuss our use by that department. Numerous questions were asked regarding the numbers of volunteers can we turn out, if activated. We explained that it depends, members sick, vacation or just not available. We gave them an estimate based on the times we assisted with actual police exercises and our own call outs over the years, approximately 35 to**

50. After the meeting we felt they had a good idea of our capabilities and when to use us if needed. The officers mentioned an upcoming exercise this year and they would consider utilizing our group.
- I will speak with the Board after this meeting and discuss a VHRU exercise in Henderson and consider asking the senior officers to be observers to better understand how we operate. Once we determine a date and a scenario to use we will send out an e-mail to see how many we can count on to respond.
 - We have donated \$500.00 to the Silver State National Peace Officers Museum in Virginia City. The President called me back and thanked our organization for the support. This museum is having financial difficulties and appreciated our help. It was not clear how long this museum will remain open without some additional funding from other entities. The big problem its location, Virginia City. Not many people visit the museum and as a result, less income from the admission charges. If you are up in that area, please try to visit the museum to show our support.
 - I finally received a thank you letter from the Injured Police Officers Fund for our donation. The only reason we received this was a result of our letter to them indicating we would not donate again in the future for their lack of a simple, thank you.
 - Once again the VHRU stepped up and assisted Metro PD covering all their substations on New Years Eve. No major issues were encountered and arrests were very low for such a large event. Thank you to those members who volunteered to help.
 - I have submitted our request for a permit to march again in the St Patrick's Parade in Henderson. I was informed by the Parade committee that the permits will be coming out soon and we should be closer to the front of the parade this year. Breakfast again will be available at 8 am the same location, El Dorado Casino on Front Street. The cost of this breakfast comes from our Treasury. The uniform will be black shoes, black pants and VHRU jacket and VHRU hat. An e-mail will be coming out early next month reminding everyone of this event. We are hoping for a great turnout.
 - Last month we conducted there quarterly Adopt-A-Highway clean up in Red Rock and Pahrump. This is getting easier and easier, less garbage. Over time the areas are rally looking good as a result of our efforts. Thank you to those who helped.
 - Updates on the Laughlin and Arizona efforts, the Red Cross the Lake Havasau Police Department. Both of these agencies were sent our MOU for consideration.

It appears they have the same issue of indemnifying us for Workers Compensation and Liability coverage when activated. At this time we have this on the back burner.

- **Dan Christian our Tri-State Coordinator in Arizona is attempting to set up a training class of IED Recognition Course. Is this is achieved, Dan will invite local police agencies and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Emergency Management people to also consider attending. More on this via e-mail, when and if accepted.**

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