

**Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU)  
General Membership Meeting, June 23, 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.
- Election of Officers.

I sent a message to all members to determine if anyone had an interest in running for the Board. No one has indicated that they wish to serve.

The election of officers will take place this evening as per State Law. Treasurer Frank Bruton will preside over the process and present the agenda. I will also give my report on the state of the organization.

- Sad news again. We have lost two of our long time members, Team Leader Fred Sansone and Pat Ketterer, Laughlin Team and former Laughlin Constable. Fred passed away in St Rose Hospital. Pat has been sick for a number of years and died of medical complications. A Memorial Service was held for Fred Sansone at the Boulder City Military Cemetery. Thanks to the twenty two (22) VHRU members who were in attendance. No services were planned for Pat.
- Our raffle for the Commemorative Henry Rifle was held on April 28, 2014. The winner of the rifle was member James "Butch" Evans.

The two winners of the \$250.00 in cash were, Frank Bruton and Rod Thompson. Both members donated those proceeds back to the VHRU. Thank you both for your support.

Frank Bruton, Treasurer has the spreadsheet of the raffle tickets sold for anyone who wishes to look at it after the meeting. The raffle netted \$9,312.95 for our Treasury after expenses. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket to help the organization.

- There will be no offering of scholarship money this year. Over the past 6 years, The Linda Farace Memorial Scholarship Fund has donated over \$35,000 to individual family members of those VHRU members in good standing.

- **Paul Wagner our Vice President attended the quarterly meeting of the Nye County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Paul is a member of that committee which discusses Homeland Security issues.**
- **The election for a new Nye County Sheriff will take place in the fall. Depending on who wins, there may be a chance we can get more involved in Nye County as a support group without undergoing a full background investigation, including a polygraph exam and urine testing. This has been an issue that has held us back from assisting Nye County. Our VHRU Pahrump member, Sharon Wehrly will be running against a Captain Form Nye County Sheriff's office. Let's wish Sharon our best in her efforts.**
- **On June 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Wagner and I met with Chief Gary Schofield at Las Vegas Metro headquarters. The meeting occurred as a result of talking with Assistant Sheriff Joe Lombardo who was the last meeting guest speaker.**

**Chief Schofield discussed getting our organization more involved with Metro events. One project there are considering is the Freemont Experience. Metro plans on posting officers on foot at the Experience and may consider using VHRU members to support them. Friday and Saturdays, night hours we would be assigned to teams on foot. At this time no further information from Metro. We are awaiting a meeting with the Lieutenant in charge of that assignment to see how we can assist.**

**Chief Schofield did say that he thinks we should be under Patrol not Homeland Security.**

- **Both Las Vegas and Pahrump held their quarterly Road Clean Up this month. The Arizona and Laughlin Teams as well. Thanks to those who came out to assist.**
- **North Las Vegas PD has requested our service for the past 4 years on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. This year we have not been requested. The event is scheduled to be held in a new stadium which would require less police presence.**
- **Dan Christian, our Tri State Coordinator, has been in contact with the representatives for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (FMIT), Emergency Management to set up a meeting. We need to catch up on their progress with their communications network. Down the road we hope we can be on that network to give us better communications in the Mohave Valley Arizona area when called upon to assist.**

**During this meeting, we will see if they are interested in conducting a mock exercise in the Laughlin Arizona area.**

- **Last week Metro lost two of their officers in a shooting. Unfortunately the notification of the Soldo's funeral was late in coming; there wasn't enough time to attend as a group.**
- **Officer Beck's Memorial Service was held at the Smith's Center on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Smith's theater was packed with attendees. The VHRU had 15 members sitting and standing in various locations in the Center. Thank you to those who took time out to honor Officer Beck. After the service outside of the Smith's Center, Sheriff Doug Gillespie came over and thanked us for honoring his officer.**
- **I would suggest we donate \$500.00 to each of the families of those officers killed. I would like to send the check directly to the families of the falling officers and not to the Injured Police Officers Fund. Membership agreed and checks will be sent.**

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