

Minutes of the VVA/WA State Council 23 April 2016

The meeting was opened by President Francisco Ivarra at 10 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles "Chuck" Murrell.

There were 10 Chapters represented. The Moses Lake Chapter was present but has no vote due to a temporary suspension.

President Ivarra introduced guests Bill Meeks VVA National Secretary and the Region 8 Representative Ron Morgan.

President Ivarra also temporarily appointed Odis Warren as the interim Secretary/Treasurer due to the resignation of Bill Bowen.

There were no meeting minutes from October 2015 available to present to the Council.

There was no Treasurers report available.

There was no VSO report available.

The Agenda was presented for approval. Motion passed

The newly revised VVA/WA State Council by-laws were presented by Committee Chair Joel Ware. After much discussion the motion was made to accept the new by-laws with two changes. Motion passed with 8 yes and 2 opposed. These by-laws are effective immediately.

Odis Warren presented the Legislative report.

Nominations for Officers was opened by Committee Chair Bob "Animal" Garrison.

President: Francisco Ivarra was re-elected

Newly Elected Officers:

Vice President: Jim Daugherty

2nd Vice President: Ande Mitchell

Treasurer: Odis Warren

Secretary: Pete Sill

With no further nominations, nominations were closed. With all offices unopposed these officers were declared duly elected. Region 8 Director Ron Morgan officiated the swearing in and installation of elected officers.

President Francisco Ivarra gave the Presidents Report.

The State Chapters Presidents gave their reports.

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President Ivarra appointed the following Committee Chair's:

Membership and Minority Affairs, Roosevelt Ward

Finance and Legislative, Odis Warren

POW/MIA, Bob Garrison

Veterans Benefits and VSO Program, Mike Harris

Women Veterans, Debra Wood

Parliamentarian, Joel Ware

Legal Council, Clark Silliman

Technology, John Cooper

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Joel Ware discussed our website and the fact that needs to be re-established. He also stated that our Charities registration is overdue.

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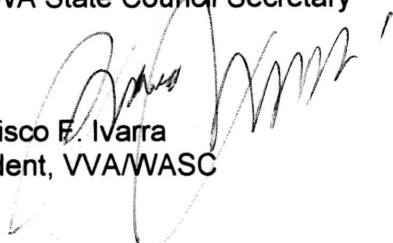
20 May at 1 PM is the ground breaking ceremony for the Skagit County Veterans Park in Sedro Woolley.

All Vietnam Veterans are encouraged to get HEP "C" screening due to having eaten Sea Rats. Guardian Alert is now available for free from the VA. Go to any CBOC or VA Medical center to sign-up. Flyers were distributed.

Discussion was held about the VVA/WA State Council holding four meetings per year. Two by teleconference and two by meeting in person. More to come.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Submitted by: Pete Sill 
VVA/WA State Council Secretary


Francisco F. Ivarra
President, VVA/WASC