

Volunteer Homeland Reserve Unit (VHRU)
General Membership Meeting, Monday, October 27, 2014
(Railroad Pass Hotel Casino)

Call the meeting to order.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer Frank Bruton will give his report on the status of our Treasury.

Tonight we have a special guest who was able to adjust his schedule to join us this evening, Retired Captain Larry Burns. Captain Burns is running for Clark County Sheriff position. Please welcome Larry.

Tonight I handed out a memo on my thoughts concerning the future of the organization. This has been reviewed by the Board members, Robert Boerner and Paul Wagner and the Core Leaders at our Core meeting in August. In this memo has reference to Paul Wagner and me meeting with Sheriff Roberts at Metro and he thoughts about the VHRU.

The decision was made to collect all our hand held radios etc, and start a maintenance program. These radios (63) were placed in storage except for a dozen or so that will be kept in the Vegas trailer to be used, if activated. This is the best way to control our inventory and to insure that all the radios function properly as many will need new batteries in the near future. Thanks to Frank McCabe for his help on this program.

A decision has been reached by the Board to ask the Fort Mojave Indian tribe (FMIT) to take ownership of the Laughlin VHRU trailer. With the lack of use we only see the need for one trailer at this time. The trailer and title were transferred to the Nation last month. Thanks to Dan Christian and Bob Boerner for relocating the trailer to the reservation.

The Laughlin/Arizona Team road clean ups will be assisted by Las Vegas members along with the use of our Vegas trailer to provide safety while our people clean the roads. This is a worthwhile project and we all agree will continue.

The Laughlin/Arizona Road Clean Up was held on October 23rd by members from those teams. No assistance this time was needed from the Vegas area. Thank you goes to all those who helped on the cleanup.

Our organization donated \$500.00 to each of the families of the slain Metro Officers, Beck and Soldo. We received a personal hand written thank you notes from both families. This time we sent our donation directly to the families and not Metro's Injured Police Officers Fund. Copy of their thank you note attached to the agenda this evening.

On November 10th we will be holding a VHRU Fun Shoot at the Clark County Firearms Range on North Decatur. We will be awarding cash prizes and will serve box lunches for those wishing to participate. More details will be sent out via e-mail in early November. If you can attend, please let me know so I can get a headcount for the food. Our member, Frank McCabe has donated 12 bottles of wine to be raffled off at the shoot. Thanks to Frank for his donation.

Dan Christian, our Tri-State Coordinator contacted Lt. Healy at the Laughlin Sub Station regarding our participation in the next years River Run. We offered to use Metro vehicles and do patrol, as we have done for many years. Lt Healy at this time only wanted our help manning the surveillance rooms at the various Hotel Casinos. This assignment will be handled by the Laughlin/Arizona team members. If Metro changes its position and requests the use of vehicles, we will seek additional volunteers from Vegas.

Dan Christian has been asked to contact the new Mohave County Fire Chief to meet and explain the operation of the VHRU. We had installed in their Emergency Command Center, in Arizona a VHRU base radio and antenna in the event they need our unit to assist. This Fire Command Center is located on the FMIT reservation, which we have an active MOU.

In your package of paperwork handed out this evening, there is a copy of the Review Journal news article showing Nevada returning unspent grant money. After reading this story, it appears our State has no idea about spending grant money. This money could have been put to good use, the VHRU, Red Cross or Salvation Army could have used this wisely. Instead, it will be returned. Now you know why the Federal Government cuts our funding allowance. In my opinion our State leaders (Homeland Security Commission, which includes the Governor) can't decide on what to do with it or didn't watch or control the process properly.

The good news, the State of Nevada Department of Taxation has extended our 501 C-(3) tax status until September 20, 2019. At least this agency recognizes our value as a not- for- profit Corporation.

I will meet with management of the Railroad Pass to discuss dates for our General Membership Meetings in 2015. Once I have confirmed those dates, I will send out an e-mail to all. The Board and I agree that this is the best place for our meetings and Monday night with their 50% buffet is reasonable and the food is good.

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