



The Freedom Committee of Orange County

*(A California nonprofit 501(c) 3 Public Benefit Corporation)
Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA. 92627*

Minutes of the Meeting of *April 10, 2013*

Pledge of Allegiance: 1st Lieutenant Frank Pangborn, U.S. Army. Vietnam War

Invocation: Pastor Frank Orzio, Sgt., USMC, (Ret.)

Guests Present: (11) Cindy Brennaman, Bill Brown, Teresa Drain, Mia Grajeda, Ned Harris, Wilson Hogue, George Masaki, Astrid Rice, Peter Rivas, Janine Roland and H. Theodaca.

Members Present: (78) Kelly Alcalá, Jim Baker, Victor Bakkila, Bob Bankston, Howard Bender, Jesse Bequette, Malcolm Campbell, Jack Cole, Bus Cornelius, Bob Cowley, Roberta Cowley, Gary Crest, Andy Cullinane, Bob Davis, Bob Dugan, Bruce Ellyson, Tom Evans, Eddie Felix, Tom Gorla, Archie Gregory, Herb Guinness, Ronnie Guyer, Sid Hallburn, Barbara Hallett, Jack Hammett, Arnie Hanson, Dale Hanson, Dwight Hanson, Bill Hardy, Dick Higgins, George Hill, Vincent Howley, Jack Hubbard, John Hughes, Peter Katz, Michael Knybel, Tom Knybel, Lon Kridelbaugh, Hans Lamm, Jess Lawson, Bob Leahy, Dave Lester, Norm Loats, Nona Lynn, Frank Mannino, Ted Marinos, Edison Miller, Charles Mitchel, Dick O'Brien, Don Oldis, Frank Orzio, Don Pageler, Frank Pangborn, Jim Pinne, Lou Possemato, Jim Powers, Ken Pruitt, Dale Quinlan, Frank Ramirez, Harry Rawlins, Timothy Richards, Bryan Roland, Ed Royce, Larry Schnitzer, Fr. Sera, Bill Shultz, Harry Selling, John Skara, Ted Tanner, Allan Thompson, Jim Thurn, Philip Vinci, Fred Wagner, Jack Walters, Fred Whitaker, Paul Wilder, Scott Williams and Sid Yahn.

Associate Members Present: (24) Celeste Ames, Soveg Bangston, Bette Bell, Valerie Boston, Arlene Cole, Robby Conn, Cherrie Danks, Eliza Delpizzo, Linda Ellyson, Kay Felix, Geri Hanson, Shirley Hanson, Mona Hill, Jeff Juhala, Wendy Leece, Lori Martin, Adrian Michael, Audrey Miller, Pat O'Brien, Terry Schnitzer, Judy Selling, Denise Weiland, Ray Wong and Rob Wood.

Special Presentation

“Pathway to Flight and Special Ops” **Bryan P. Roland, Tech Sgt., U. S. Air Force**

Do you remember when the Recruiter said, “Just sign here and you will start a whole new life”? Well a Texas Tech college freshman did just that. **Bryan P. Roland** joined the US Air Force and was trained as aircraft tower controller. Upon graduation, Bryan was sent to Korea in 1953. Bryan arrived several months before the fighting was to end on 27 July 1953, after the armistice agreement was signed. (A cease-fire only) He wanted to some action and volunteered for flying in a RB-26 Intruder that were used for night-time photo-reconnaissance and flare dropping. **He was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Combat Medal**



Senior Air Traffic
Controller





Air Force Basic Crewman

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and the Air Force Basic Crewman Wings for flying “Dozens of missions”.

Tech Sgt. Roland’s next assignment was at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. Many “X” planes were being tested. The **X-planes** are a series of experimental United States airplanes and helicopters (and some rockets) used to test and evaluate new technologies. This qualified Roland for a job



RB-26 Invader

with Hughes Aircraft. He specialized in helicopters, many models flown in Vietnam. His major accomplishment was the CH 53 air rescue helicopter as it was adapted for night flying and navigation. So the Texas Recruiter was right; Roland’s enlistment in the Air Force gave him a whole new life.



CH-53 Stallion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Hammett announced that **Vic Bakkila**, a FCOC member and Costa Mesa Police Sergeant, receives the MP guidon from **Maj. Gen. Sandford E. Holman**.

Lt. Col. Victor Bakkila assumed command of the 393rd Military Police Battalion (Criminal Investigation Division) during the ceremony. He was a FCOC speaker on Military Police in Iraq in 2010.



New Commander

Bruce Ellison displayed an electrical driven, model airplane, a German Folk-Wolf -190 that he builds and flies.



FW-190

Bettie Bell reported on the Finances for March 2013. The audit is planned for next month. All donations may be tax deductible.

Denise Wieland reported that CdM High School will feature Vietnam War speakers; **Ronnie Guyer** and **Edison Miller** are committed. There is space for more Vietnam War speakers.

Jack Hammett stated that there will be two tables of FCOC members at the **Collins Foundation Fly In at Lyon Air Museum on May 10th, 11th and 12th from 1000 to 1600 daily**. One table will feature WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. The other will feature **Pearl Harbor Survivors**. All will have supporting memorabilia.

The **Chino Air Show** will be **Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th**. Six WWII planes including a P-38 will be flying. A really great show!

Jack Hammett asked for volunteers to support FCOC and its many activities. Can you give 20 hours a month? Jobs like checking applications and phone calls.

Was the **Bell** a ringing success? **Jack Hammett** called the meeting to order using the bell. Thanks to **Fred Wagner** for the donation.



Meeting starts at 12 Bells

Let’s give a **Shout-Out** to the “**Cookie Lady**” who bakes those *GREAT* chocolate cookies. Thanks to **Mollie Phillips**.

Jack Hammett

Chairman:

Minutes prepared by Tim Richards