



The Freedom Committee of Orange County

Neighborhood Community Center

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Web Site <http://www.fc-oc.org>

Minutes of the Meeting of October 13, 2010

Salute to Our Flag:

Playing of National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance:

Greg Young, Sgt. E-5t, USA., Vietnam Veteran

Invocation:

Pastor Frank Orzio, Sgt., USMC (Ret), Vietnam Veteran

Special Guests: (8)

Dr. Chuck Hinman, Assistant Superintendent, Newport-Mesa Unified School District; **Dr. Kirk Bauermeister**, Principal, Estancia High School; **Mr. Tim Bryan**, Principal, Corona del Mar High School; **Mr. Phillip D'Agostino**, Principal, Costa Mesa High School; **Mr. Pat Turgeon**, Vanguard University; **Mr. Michael Vossen, Principal, Newport Harbor High School**; and **Mrs. Denise Weiland**, Director Community Affairs, Corona del Mar High School;

Guests Present: (18)

Betty Bell, Tom Berg, Frank Callahan, Kay Felix, Marty Flacks, Kay Felix, Ray Grissom, Shirley Hanson, Carmen Holiday, Jess Lawson, Dan Reider, James Righeimer, Andron Smith, Ray Stoddard, Lou Trerotola, Linda Wallace, David Whiting and Ray Wong.

Members Present: (52)

Jim Baker, Jess Carranza, Jack Cole, Bus Cornelius, Robbie Conn, Bob Cowley, Bobbie Cowley, Jeff Davis, Elizabeth Delpeizzo, Bob Dugan, Tom Egan, Kirk Ferguson, Eddie Felix, Francis Flacks, Marty Flacks, George Grupe, Herb Guinness, Ronnie Guyer, Jack Hammett, Arnold Hanson, Dale Hanson, Dick Higgins, Ramona Hill. William Holiday, David Lester, Norm Loats, Ted Marinos, Vern Martin, Robert Meyer, Charles Mitchell, Dick O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Don Oldis, Frank Orzio, Bob Perry, Jim Pinnix, Lou Possemato, Harry Rawlins, Tim Richards, Larry Schnitzer, Terry Schnitzer, Harry Selling, Judy Selling, Martha Somers, Bob Sternfels, Bob Stoddard, Ted Tanner, Michael Trerotola, Phillip Vinci, Gene Wallace, Scott Williams, and Sid Yahn.

This meeting was devoted to coordinating efforts to integrate Military Veterans into the curriculum of local schools. **Dr. Chuck Hinman**, Assistant Superintendent, Newport-Mesa Unified School District; and four High School Principals were present. **Dr. Hinman** addressed the Veterans and stated Newsweek listed the *Newport-Mesa Unified School District High Schools* in the top 6% of the 22,000 High Schools in the Nation. Compared in size and demographics, their graduation rate in four years is the highest in the Nation.

He recognized a missing component in the Education Program; a connection to Military Veterans and their contributions to our Nation. First recognized by **Dr. Norman Loats**, former Assistant Superintendent and FCOC member, an effort was started to connect Veterans and the students, and to permit the student to hear history as it was lived. The **Freedom Committee** combat veterans not only tell their stories but also bring memorabilia for viewing.



Dr Chuck Hinman

The solution to the missing component will be lead by **Denise Wieland**, who will be the Community Facilitator for all four High Schools. Her task will be to bring military Veterans into the classroom and allow the Veterans to relate to the students. In addition, an effort will be made to record the stories of "*our Veterans*" before they are lost.

Jack Hammett, Chairman of FCOC, introduced a film that could be presented to the students as an introduction to the FCOC Living History Program. This 22 minutes film, "*45 Wars*" was shown in its entirety to all present.



Special Presentation
Girard Films Presents
A Special Preview
“45 Wars”

A World War II in the Pacific Documentary Film

Designed for use by Freedom Committee Members

A questionnaire regarding the film was issued to all in attendance for opinions. The results will be tabulated and published at a later date.

Table Topics

Chairman Jack Hammett explained the planned tour of **Edwards AFB** on Wednesday, November 17th leaving our area at 0700 and returning at 1900 hours.

It includes:.....Travel to and from Edwards AFB on air conditioned bus with restroom. Transfer to AFB bus with tour of flight line. Tour of NASA facility (time permitting). Tour of south base, bomber and airborne laser (time permitting). Lunch/Reception to meet and greet current test aircrews. More details later.

Mona Hill has the list of those desiring to attend. It is anticipated that it will cost between \$50-60.00 per person. **Payment will have to be made before our next meeting on Wednesday, November 10th.**

Tim Richards summarized the **Marching Thru History Event** held at Chino Regional Park on October 1-3, 2010. **MTHE** is one of the largest time-line living history events west of the Mississippi River. MTHE has over one-thousand historical interpretive specialists representing many different aspects of world history from Ancient Rome, to Elizabethan England, to Colonial America and beyond. The timeline starts with the beginning of the civilized world and marches its way through history to the current conflicts in the universal War on Terror.

MTHE is a family-oriented, educational atmosphere, celebrating the history of those who have defended their civilizations throughout history. Visitors are invited to walk through the camps of the participants and learn about the lives of the common man or woman.

The meeting then at 1:30 p.m. adjourned.

*Thanks to **Tom Egan** for his great pictures
(See Website Photos- www.fc-oc.org).*

*(Minutes of the meeting prepared by **Tim Richards**)*

Respectfully submitted,