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Puerto Vallarta and Banderas Bay
The American Legion, Department of Mexico**

Executive Committee Meeting, 1 May 2014

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by the undersigned, during the temporary absence of Commander Rike. Our host was Murphy's Irish Pub. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Janson, followed by a moment of silence in respect for the flag. It was announced that Dennis Rike has been called to an important meeting, but he arrived a few minutes later and assumed the chair of the meeting.

- II. **Member Introductions:** Jim Brockway, Ed Griffin, Dennis Janson, Cheryl Kehler, Larry Kehler, Jim Kilpatrick, Russ Mills, Ken Ragatz, Dennis Rike, and Don Shingler.

- III. **Norm Deveraux:** Dennis Rike has been paying the doctor intermittently. One more payment is due from us, Dennis reported. Jim Kilpatrick knew Norm for many years. On the day of the ceremony for Norm, early in the day, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Coco Tropical Restaurant, Jim will host and lay out snacks. This will be social, without ceremony. Andrés, the owner, has offered a *panga* for the distribution of ashes. The family wants to do the service at Sea Monkey. Four or five people can go out in the *panga*. As a tentative plan, we could meet at Steve's Bar (The Post) at 10 a.m. or so, walk over to Coco Tropical at 11 a.m., and then go to Sea Monkey for the memorial at 1 p.m. Cheryl will talk to the family about which members of the family will distribute the ashes. The family has offered Norm's truck and motorcycle to the Legion, which could be raffled off, using the money for Norm's medical expenses. However, Commander Rike believes that the family should handle this, as there may be registration issues.

It was noted that a picture of Norm in the hospital, in a clearly intensive care situation, was circulated on the internet, and many members received it. It is **not** American Legion or Post 14 policy to have such pictures of our members distributed, and many members were quite displeased that one of us had been shown *in extremis*. Norm was a decorated war hero and did not deserve this.

- IV. **Ken Maloney:** Ken Maloney is a veteran here for the winter who fell off his balcony after a stroke. He is in a rehabilitation facility, and the family is paying \$50,000 pesos per month to support him there. Paralyzed on the right side, he needs more intensive rehab. He understands everything and wants to go back to the States. Jaylene has arranged for him to go into the VA in Houston. His passport

expired in 1981. A temporary passport and visa are being worked on. His brother is coming on 11 May, and they will leave on 16 May if everything works out.

- V. **Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of April 2014:** It was **MSC** to approve the Minutes, as sent out.
- VI. **Good of the Order:** Dennis Rike explained that he had been late to today's meeting because he had been called at the last minute to a meeting at the Naval Hospital. It concerned transfer of the title of a decontamination station from the U.S. Government to the Mexican Government, so that the hospital can get government money for its upkeep.
- VII. **Next Meeting.** The next Membership Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 May 2014 at Steve's Sports Bar. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 5 June 2014, at a location to be announced.
- VIII. **Adjournment.** Dennis Janson gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully,

(s) Russ Mills, Adjutant