

GAMEWARDENS OF VIETNAM MID ATLANTIC CHAPTER, QUARTERLY MEETING

MAY 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1300 hours. Nineteen members and eight guests were present. The Chapter present introduced Irene Bowers, Reporter from The Virginia Beach Beacon.

Under first order of business, our keynote speaker, Ms Karie Darger, the wife of a EOD CPO who was lost in Iraq while attempting to diffuse an enemy explosive device, briefed us on a project that she and a friend are working on. They are attempting to raise sufficient funds and to acquire viewable space in the Washington D.C. to erect a monument to honor the courage and strength of military spouses and families.

Following her talk and a period of questions and answers, CMCDM Norm Giroux, River Group One (RIVGRU One) took the floor and briefed the Chapter on the upcoming RIVGRU One/Gamewards of Vietnam, Barbeque and Leadership Awards ceremony. He advised us that River Squadron Three has deployed and that River Squadron Two is returning. He then introduced Commander Gary Leigh and CMC Kyle Regan.

Commander Leigh took the floor and praised the Gamewards of Vietnam and pledged that his Squadron would uphold our Legacy. He then presented a Plaque to the Mid Atlantic Chapter.

Under next order of Business, Chapter President, Jerry announced that River Squadron Three had sent Squadron T shirts for each of our members. The Shirts were distributed to members.

Next, Chapter member Al Deroco introduced his wife Deborah who will be assisting with the operation of our Ship Store at the National Reunion. Volunteers to assist are requested.



Karie Darger addressing the meeting attendees



Jerry Gandy, Chapter President receiving a plaque from Commander Gary Leigh, Commanding Officer of River Squadron One

Chapter Secretary, and National Reunion Coordinator "Coop" Cooper next took the floor and briefed us on the upcoming Reunion. The deadline for registering is June 1, 2008. Proposed Reunion Memorial handouts were distributed by Larry Weatherall and following discussion these handouts were approved for distribution. Coop took this opportunity to remind members that we would be participating in the Wreath laying at the Virginia Beach Memorial Park on Memorial day.

Under last order of business, Chapter Member "Wes" Weseleskey, briefed us on a project that he is working on to acquire a static display UH-1 to accompany our PBR on display at NAB Little Creek.

The meeting was adjourned at 1530 hours. Our next meeting will be on August 16 2008.

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