

MINUTES  
THORNTON VETERANS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
AUGUST 7, 2006

Attendees:	Richard Aguilar	Kathy Grossman
	Charlene Branaugh	Tony Hake
	Jim Branaugh	Trudie Schultz
	Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller	Martin Wisniewski
	Dave Corey	

1. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes were read and corrected to read that Joe Talarico will visit on September 11, 2006.
3. Tony Hake gave a report from Greg Banks, Architect.
  - A. Weight specification of bricks was obtained from Tom Bauer.
  - B. Bids being sent out by the City of Thornton will include the cost of reinforcing the water tank.
4. Tony Hake spoke next on various subjects:
  - A. Tony proposed that corporate donations be used to buy bricks for seniors or veterans' who are not financially able to purchase bricks.
  - B. Suggested we offer different levels of donations such as 5 Star, 4 Star, etc. Each level will have a minimum set amount to be determined.
  - C. The City of Thornton is charging only one \$50.00 fee to be in the parade for our organization to cover all the vehicles we have in the parade. Members can ride in vehicles if they wish to participate in the parade.
    - 1.) Recruiters will be riding in the parade.
    - 2.) The staging area will be the Southeast corner of Washington Street and Thornton Parkway starting at 8:00 a.m. the day of the parade.
    - 3.) Thornton parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and will last two to three hours.
    - 4.) Booth will have to be set up the night before per the city. The booth should be manned from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. with people working two hour shifts at the booth. Tony Hake will send out a schedule via e-mail for people to sign up for a two hour shift.
    - 5.) We have the opportunity to have two Bronco Cheerleaders come to our booth and mingle with visitors the day of the parade. The reduced cost would be \$100. Normal fees are \$1,000 or higher. Posters can be purchased for \$1.00 each and calendars \$6.50. These can be sold as fundraisers. It was agreed to invite the cheerleaders.
  - D. City of Thornton Ward Meetings will be held:

- 1.) August 17<sup>th</sup> – Ward III, 7:00 p.m. at the Thornton Recreation Center at 110<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Blvd. Dave Corey will attend to speak about the memorial.
  - 2.) September 14<sup>th</sup> – Ward I at Meadow Elementary located at 9150 Monroe. Trudie Schultz will attend to speak about the memorial.
  - 3.) October 12<sup>th</sup> – Ward IV at the Fire Station located at 14051 Colorado Blvd. Jim Branaugh will attend to speak about the memorial
  - 4.) Tony Hake has prepared material to present at these meetings. He reminded the group that what we say in public is very important and needs to clear and accurate.
- E. Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Martin Wisniewski and Tony Hake will speak with the American Legion about the memorial. The American Legion meets at Fire Station 5.
- F. Tony found a source for red, white and blue bracelets the say “Support Our Troops” for 37 cents each. It was agreed that Tony should place an order for them. Kathy Grossman has 100 left that say “Our Fallen Heroes”. These should be brought to Thornton’s Harvest Festival to be sold.
- G. A DVD of the Comcast interview that Tony gave about the memorial should be arriving soon.
5. Kathy Grossman needs a copy of the 501c3 document from the IRS to start the grant procedure at Wal-Mart. Matching grants are available up to \$2,000.00.
  6. Charlene Branaugh moved that the meeting be closed. Tony Hake seconded the motion.