



American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

2024-2025 National Executive Board Meeting
August 28, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Patti started the meeting at 7:30 PM. (See agenda attached.)

A motion to Dispense with the Ritual was made by Annette and seconded by Teresa.
Motion carried.

Sherrie led the members with opening prayer.

Joyce led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Theresa performed roll call of the officers, and ten members were present. Nichole Chilton was given an excused absence.

Headquarters Committee - Annette Kirk provided a request to NEB members for HQ upgrades. The following items need to be upgraded/replaced:

- Standing Closet - Rose explained that we need better storage for the banner and flag. She provided information about a heavy duty rolling free standing closet upgrade to be placed in the Patriotic room. The cost for the closet is \$99.99 from Amazon. Since this is an open closet, Rose will provide a tension rod and curtains to cover it up. There will also be extra storage for clothing and shoes.
- Blinds - Replace blinds all over except the kitchen and center office window. Most bedrooms need upgrading. Honeycomb style – bottom top – cordless \$1,306. Installation will be done by Rose's family.
- Bed sheets for the top floor – 6 sets @ \$21 each = \$126
- HQ deep cleaning for \$385. This will be done by 9/21.
- Window cleaning will be done for \$565.

Coming from the HQ Committee, the motion did not need a second. Motion carried.

Gold Star Mothers Weekend – Teresa provided a spreadsheet and tentative schedule for review. The schedule is subject to change and is available on the Shared Drive.

Scholarship – Airline tickets and Hotel – Teresa received 23 applications. After review, two members from California and Georgia were selected.

Open House Expenses – A motion to approve up to \$600 in purchasing items for the open house was made by Joyce. Teresa seconded. Joyce amended the amount to \$725 to add additional items discussed on the call. Teresa seconded. Motion carried.

Service Project Expenses – We will be assembling goodie bags for the residents and we will also be playing games with them. Pam mentioned that we need to see if there are any women Veterans who will need female items. Patti is waiting to hear from the coordinator about how many Veterans will be participating. A head count is due by September 18th. A motion to approve purchasing items for the Veterans Retirement Home costing approximately \$1,500 was made by Teresa and was seconded by Sherrie. Motion carried.

Banquet Expenses -

A motion to approve spending no more than \$1,000 for decorations for the banquet was made by Annette and seconded by Teresa. Motion carried.

Transportation quote – Teresa presented the quote for K&V Limousine Service. The total for the weekend (2 trips) would be \$2,141 – A motion was made to approve that we do not spend more than \$2,200 for transportation by Teresa. Annette seconded. Pam mentioned that we should add a tip to this amount. Teresa amended the motion to spend no more than \$2,500. Annette seconded. Motion carried.

Headquarters Stay Request - Oct 13-16 - Theresa will spend time at HQ from Monday 10/14 through Tuesday 10/15.

Closed session - Teresa made a motion to go to closed session. Annette seconded. Motion carried.

Following a discussion, Sherrie made a motion to come out of closed session. Joan seconded. Motion carried.

Good of the Order

- Remember the pictures of your Heroes
- Get your reports uploaded!
- Sherrie mentioned that we need to consider purchasing plane tickets for Veterans Day. We are waiting to find out if Duquesne University's Sigma Nu brothers will be coming to DC for Veterans Day before Patti can give a final answer on if the entire board will come.

Sherrie McGhee led the closing prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sherrie. Denise seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.



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Agenda

Call to Order

Motion to Dispense with the Ritual

Opening Prayer - Sherrie McGhee

Pledge of Allegiance - Joyce Paulsen

Roll Call of Officers - Theresa Karlson

Headquarters Committee - Annette Kirk

Gold Star Mothers Weekend

- Tentative Schedule
 - LOC
 - WIMSA
- Scholarship
 - Recipients
 - Hotel Expenses
- Open House expenses
- Service Project expenses
- Banquet expenses
 - LOC
 - Tomb Guard
 - Six String Soldiers and special guest
- Commemoration
 - GEN Brown
 - CSM Hinton
 - Refreshments?
- Transportation quote

Headquarters Stay Request - Oct 13-16

Closed Session

Good of the Order

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Closing Prayer - Sherrie McGhee

Adjourn

HQ COMMITTEE

Recommended upgrades to HQ

- Bed sheets for top floor 6 sets x \$21.00=\$126.00
 - HQ deep cleaning (to be completed 9/21/24)=\$385.00
 - Window cleaning =\$565.00
 - Blinds for HQ=\$1,306.00
 - Closet upgrade=\$99.99
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Motion to approve \$2,481.99

Open House list

Alcohol and drinks (pricing from Sams Club)

Total

1.75L	vodka	12.98	members mark		12.98
1.75L	rum	13.98	members mark		13.98
1.75L	gin	16.98	members mark		16.98
1.75L	crown royal	39.98			39.98
1.5L	wine pino	7.98-11.48	variety		11.48
1.5L	wine chardonnay	7.98-10.68	variety		10.68
1.5L	wine cabernet	7.98-12.72	variety		12.72
case	truly seltzer	17.96			17.96
case	coke	17.98			17.98
case	diet coke	17.98			17.98
case	sprite	17.98			17.98
2pk-96oz	cranberry juice	8.28			8.28
alcohol subtotal					198.98

Food items

2lbs	variety cheese squares tray	9.64 x 2	members mark		19.28
box	variety crackers	12.82 x 2			25.64
pkg of 32	meatballs	17.98 x 3	members mark		53.94
1 gal	bbq sauce	12.18			12.18
32oz	artichoke dip	7.48			7.48
trays	veggie premade	4.44lb x 3	members mark		13.32
32 pk	hawaiian rolls	6.68x3			20.04
food subtotal					151.88
both subtotal					350.86

NOTES:

Denise Torbert making two desserts ahead of time to bring and construct Friday.	??
Need ice and cole slaw for sliders (bbq meat donated from friend of Patti)	20
Will ask TK to inventory paper/plastic plates, cups and napkins.	
order small plates, gold star toothpicks, gold forks and gold star napkins =	159
Costs 2023-2024 budgeted \$900 spent \$693.81	
2024-2024 budgeted \$900	529.86
Recommendation. Motion to purchase items above and not to go over \$600.00	

created 8/16/24

revised 8/27/24

Armed Forces Retirement Home
Service Project Budget

Refreshments:

Item	Price
Up to 6 dozen donuts	\$103.44
2 cartons regular coffee (\$19.86 each)	\$39.72
1 carton decaf coffee (\$19.86 each)	\$19.86
Minute Maid Fruit Juice 12 fl. oz. (pack of 10) (Fruit Juice Variety (12 fl oz-12 count) (qty 2)	\$73.98
cases assorted chips (40 per case)	\$44.86
cases assorted snacks (66 per case)	\$46.79
cases water (24 per case)	\$5.29
TOTAL	\$333.94

Krispy Kreme, 1350 Connecticut Ave, Washington, DC Phone: [\(202\) 463-0414](tel:2024630414)

Goody Bags:

Item	Price
Socks - Donated by SWFL Chapter	
Playing cards (144 decks - large print)	\$119.99
Puzzle book (96)	\$107.85
Toiletries (3-n-1 shampoo, body wash, conditioner, lotion, lip balm)	\$270.00
Cookies Bulk Assortment Care Package Sampler (90)	\$94.98
Nabs (80 pack)	\$34.99
Hard candy assorted (6 lb bag - approx. 450 pcs))	\$26.99
Hard candy strawberry (2 lb bag)	\$14.99
Snack size Ziploc bags (300 count)	\$13.49
Goody bag (100 count)	\$26.99
Labels for bags - Nichole printing	
TOTAL	\$710.27

Games Prizes:

Item	Price
Walmart gift cards - \$10 value (20)	\$200
Generic gift cards - \$10 value (20)	\$200
TOTAL	\$400.00

Grand Total: approximately \$1445 plus tax

BANQUET EXPENSES

Recommendations from Decorations Committee (meeting scheduled for 8/29/24)

-Fresh flowers

-Red, white, and blue ribbon

-Floating Gold Stars for each vase

-Fairy lights for each vase

Will need Motion to approve spending of no more than \$1000 to complete decorations

----- Forwarded message -----

From: IONOS <mdiaz@kvlimo.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2024 at 8:21 AM

Subject: RE: Request for Quote

To: Teresa Bullock <nso@americangoldstarmothers.org>

Cc: K&V Limousine Service <info@kvlimo.com>

Good morning, Teresa,

Thank you for the opportunity to assist with your transportation needs once again

The price per for a round trip from Churchill Hotel in Washington, DC to Patton Hall on Fort Myer Henderson Hall between the hours of 5:30 PM and 10:30 PM on Saturday September 28, 2024, would be \$1,155.00 on our 56 Passenger Coach bus and \$980.00 on our executive 31 passenger minibus.

The price per for a round trip from Churchill Hotel in Washington, DC to Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater between the hours of 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM on Sunday September 29, 2024, would be \$990.00 on our 56 Passenger Coach bus and \$840.00 on our executive 31 passenger minibus.

Please let me know if you want to move forward with a reservation.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us

Best Regards,

Marcia Diaz

K & V Limousine Service LLC

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