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THIS WEEK

The August 2, 2021 club meeting was called to order by Kelly Harris. Vic Menendez led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUEST SPEAKER

Sarah Kline spoke to us about the Fort Sill Patriot Spouses Club. She is the 1st VP and Parliamentarian of the club. Her husband an Army Captain and they're parents of 10 year old triplets. This is their 2nd time at Fort Sill and they plan to retire here; the Kline family bought a home in Shelter Creek.

The Patriot Spouses Club roots go back to the establishment of Fort Sill in the 1870's when soldiers arrived with their wives. The first club meetings were informal sewing parties on porches of the old Fort Sill Quad. They held dinner dances too. Social bonds created were important for surviving the demands of military life. The original club broke up in 1914 at the start of World War I. The Officers Wives Club was formed in 1954, reviving the idea. It grew quickly and helped support military families in the Vietnam War. Lessons learned there were valuable during the 21 year War on Terror. Today the Patriot Spouses Club serves as both a social and civic club, not only striving to help families of



military & government employees, but also the local community.

The Patriot Spouses Club meets the first Tuesday of every month from September through May. Sarah invites civic club members and local businesses to attend and even be vendors. The club provides scholarships & welfare grants to the community. They also partner with local civic organizations.

During the Q&A session Sarah answered a variety of questions about the unusual and difficult conditions the pandemic created for military housing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen Martin has asked us to donate school supplies for local students. She is collecting them at H2 Health and will be collecting them next club meeting. Any supplies are good, be it paper notebooks or back packs, 16 color crayons, washable markers, etc.

Lynn Jackson & Scott Meadors were officially sworn in as our newest club members on Monday. Kent Jester was Lynn's sponsor and Zeldon Rice was Scott's sponsor. Zeldon won the July membership contest.

Sunday August 15 the Big Hat Club will meet for an OKC Dodgers baseball game at Bricktown Ballpark. The August 9 club meeting is the cut off day

for Big Hat members to sign up. Any remaining spots will be open to all club members after that point. Get in touch with Gordon Shaw for more info.

The Cornhole Tournament will take place in a little over 4 weeks. All 19 court sponsor spots have sold. T-Shirt and Broadcast Buddy sponsorships are still available. On Fri 9/10 Kent Jester will need at least half a dozen people to help with setup. And we may need to help with some operations on Saturday 9/11 and Sunday 9/12.

Kelly Harris said an out of town patient of his who lost a leg to diabetes is in need of an 8 foot ramp. The patient will likely get an electric wheelchair. He needs the ramp to get off his porch.

Kelly Harris also announced he is running for the Ward 2 City Council seat in Lawton.

Chuck Morgan was picked as Super Hero of the Day. He joined the club in the mid 1980's, is the current 1st VP and a Past President. He has 5 grand kids and is recently retired.

Finally, past club member CSM Allen Stokes passed away recently. His memorial service will be held at Becker Funeral Home at Noon, Aug 19. Viewing is on August 18, 7-9pm. The grave side service at Fort Sill National Cemetery will be at 2pm, August 19.

NEXT MEETING

On August 9 we'll get a visit from Sue Haywood, AMBUCS National President.

50/50

Mark Glenn picked the 2 of Hearts. The pot was left standing at \$194.

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Mark Glenn had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.

GUESTS

Sarah Kline
Guest Speaker