

AVM “HAPPENINGS”
June 2009

- Short period since our 1 Jun meeting and pace has slowed due to summer obligations (or so I thought until preparing this report). Nothing yet from Gene Wheeler, AK President of Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS) about their state meeting in Eagle River next month.
- Attended USMC Company D (-) Welcome Home Party at American Legion Post 28 on 6 June as did not go to VFW State Convention/Purple Heart Trail Dedication in Delta Junction due to trying to get Pick, Click & Give application in and final name change documents in to lawyer.
- Was interviewed for the 2.5 – 3 min Joint Military Museum DVD being done to go to Legislature to help with funding for the site near the Alaska Native Heritage Center.
- Received return e-mail from renowned portrait artist Michael G. Reagan (of “Fallen Heroes” fame) that he is willing to “donate” an original portrait, signed by both the subject and Michael, worth \$2500 for us to frame and **live auctioned off** at our annual meeting. We keep 2/3 of proceeds and his Fallen Hero Foundation gets the other 1/3. We pick from James Garner, Vince Gill or Martina McBride. Then he can offer a commission piece worth \$2000 and a one year time limit to fundraise. Then he’ll offer a selection of prints that we can do silent auction. Both the latter have the 1/3 back to his foundation rule.
- Also called by Jim Pound, AK Legislative Aide, and the Juneau Eagles want to do a fundraiser for the AK Veterans Museum around the end of July (I told him bad time for me due to other commitments, he said they could slip it). More to follow.
- Name change paperwork has been submitted and am working on the biennial report and change in registered agent paperwork.
- We did not receive our 990 and certificate of compliance in time to meet deadline of 15 Jun and also we have not registered as a charitable organization eligible to solicit money (as we have not previously raised \$5000). Will get paperwork aligned so we can apply next year for inclusion in the 2011 PFD program.
- Am to brief the Rotary on 26 June about the museum’s efforts.
- AVM is helping with the Alaska Honorable Service Medal ceremony at VFW Post 9785 at 3 PM Sat 27 June.
- Will attend the all day Joint AK State Legislative Veterans Caucus 30 July.