

HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 2009

- Our annual meeting speaker will be Janet Clemens of the National Park Service, speaking on the inventory of war relics on Kiska and the plan to preserve the guns.
- Created and mailed invitation letters to local politicians, also soliciting auction items.
- Created (with able assistance of Jim Pound) introduction to AVM letter to go to 15 lobbyists (those he decided were most likely to help us)
- Made two table reservations for one day of the DAV MatSu#3 gun show 28 Nov and paid the fee.
- We sold many Quigley tickets at the Gun Show and ought to have all sold prior to the annual meeting. Also sold \$100 in caps/shirts and \$3 in buttons.
- We signed the hall rental and paid that bill and paid a \$300 deposit on the catering for the annual meeting.
- Confirmed with Jim Robbins he'll be our MC. Resent him script and POW/MIA Ceremony as he stated he'd not received 1st submission.
- Secured a ceremonial bell for the POW/MIA Ceremony.
- On the schedule to brief DAV MatSu#3 on 19 Nov on AVM and opportunities to help.
- Visited oral history giver Joe Opalka and took him an AVM hat to wear at Providence Extended Care.
- The Susitna Civil War Round Table met and discussed Civil War hand carried weapons (guns, swords, sabers). November topic will be Civil War Artillery by George Darrow. **We will have to move it to 21 Nov as there is an Alaska Veterans Honorable Service Medal ceremony where AVM must assist.**
- Purchased 44 military books, two videotapes, 5 audio tapes, diorama material, two table war games and 4 chests of miniature artillery and tanks plus board games and simulations for the armor from an estate sale for \$124. Also received some free items.
- Contacted *Anchorage Press* to do articles on AVM and Alaska Wing Commemorative Air Force but they said unless it was a high interest item (I'm thinking our displays or oral histories) they do not do "plugs" for non-profits.

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