

Meeting Minutes July 2020

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 10 Members Present

Officer Roll Call All officers were present except the 2 year trustee who was absent and the Judge Advocate & Officer of the Day who were excused.

New Memberships – 2, Motion by me, 2nd_Al. Motion Passed

We welcomed Robert Lyons to his first meeting.

Minutes were accepted as read

Reading of the Bills: Zoom, \$16.03. Summer Kitchen \$75.94,
1st_Darrell 2nd_Matt, Motion Passed

QM Monthly & Quarterly Reports were accepted subject to audit.

___ Community Service/Service Officer – Josh Andrus – ENVH still closed to visitors due to Covid19. Will check about August Bingo.

Members in Distress:

Deceased: None

___ **Committee Reports**

___ Membership - - - - - Larry Gerlt: No actual stats available until after National makes life payout in September. Projected stats: Goal will be 340, have 265 life members, 9 paid annual members 78.5%. Need 66 members to renew. Commander & I conducted a limited Call-a-thon on the 11th of unpaids in Zip Code 68123. One paid online same day. Two others promised to pay. Our next membership drive will be Saturday, 1 August, 0830 to 1130 at VI on Fort Crook Rd. Post buys breakfast. Calling script will be provided. Those who would like to help, please sign sheet being passed around.

___ Blood Drive/VA/Surgeon & Chaplain Report- - Frank Durham
Report Attached.

___ POW/MIA - - - - - Jose Tamayo – None ID this month due to COVID19.

___ Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - - - Charles Posey. Closed for the year.

___ Teacher Awards - - - - - Charles Posey. Closed for the year

___ **New Eagles/Scout of the Year** - - - - - Larry Gerlt – no entries at this time.

____ Buddy Poppy ----- Justin Brand - Next drive will be scheduled for Oct or Nov. I could devise a holder for poppies so that we would not have to hand them to donators. Would set it up so that people could drop their donation in the bucket and take a poppy from the "display." Could also procure a box of surgical gloves for us to wear so that donators knew we had not personally handled the poppies.

____ Political Action ----- Joe Kull – No report

____ Webmaster/Facebook ----- Rick Imgrund. – Fixed more links/sublinks. Need to get photos of officers. Please remain after meeting.

____ Pickle Report – Duke – None Sold

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME

Correspondence – Million Meals collected for VA food banks. Have list of all department officers and committee chairs.

Old Business –

- 1. Subj:** Improving tie with 55th FSS **Content:** I propose we offer to sponsor a \$ 50 Texas Road House Gift card for their Airman, NCO and Senior NCO Quarterly Awards Program and \$100 for Annual Award in each category.. Annual cost is \$150 X 4 + \$300=900. We would apply to National for \$900 to purchase them. We would then purchase \$100 as purchasing \$1000 as they will then give us \$1100 in gift cards. We could then use the extra \$200 for a Christmas party drawing. If National declines, we would pay for the gift cards. I or Matt would then make a presentation of the card at their Commanders Call. Doing so will get us out in front of them and should lead to additional post members. Matt stated they had been unresponsive to his recent requests to talk with them since the new Commander took over. **On hold till September at unit 1st Sgt request due to Covid19.**
- 2. Subj:** Zoom Meetings **Content:** We may gain additional participation if we allow members who are unable to attend physically to attend meetings via Zoom. Along with the regular email invitation, I would include a Zoom meeting invite. If yes, I would check with our Legion hosts to verify they have Wi-Fi. Being rewritten to incorporate input from last meeting.

Legion has WIFI. Have Password. After discussion, was agreed to do it in conjunction with regular meetings for the next 4 months. Motion by me, 2nd AI, Motion passed.

3. **Subj:** Donation to VA food bank **Content:** Our VA is not doing it. As I could only donate to the Heartland food bank which is for all and we agreed to support only veterans with this donation, I did not make a donation. Post voted to donate to New Visions. Donation made.
4. **Subj:** July Family Picnic **Content:** Cancelled due to Park bathrooms being closed.

New Business

1. **Subj:** New business and Good of the Order. **Content:** Every member has the right to bring up new business and good of the order items. Item such as this that are informational only, are normally made under Good of the Order. Business items usually require the vote of the membership to approve post policy, activity or expenditure of funds.
2. **Subj:** Post Meetings & Ritual **Content:** Provided by Rick Imgrund.
 - 1 – Could the Post develop a one page paper that explains the formality (parts) of the meeting, reminders of things like how to properly hold your hat during portions of the meeting, list of officers, and list the web site and Facebook pages.
 - We can't assume new people know all the rules and to my knowledge there isn't a handbook that explains anything. They tend to observe and follow along during the meeting and stopping the meeting to explain simple things like how to hold your hat during prayers makes them feel uncomfortable. If we could give new members a piece of paper with some basic information on it I think it would help keep people coming to meetings.
 - 2 – Is there any way to shorten the meeting down to allow for some social time after the meeting to allow us to find out more about each other? Right now we get there, have are meeting, and then everyone leaves (or a majority of the people leave).
 - Can we wave the reading of the last meeting? We have a section that covers old business and you e-mail out meeting minutes.
 - Can the leads provide you with details ahead of time for the minutes and then summarize their information to the members?

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- If they have articles they think would be an interest to the Post if they send the information to me I can put it on the web site (Save money coping and time).

No vote, but agreed QM will email meeting minutes and post member can make a motion to dispense with. All committee chairs should email me written (typed) reports prior to meeting. Reports should be 5 (preferably 3) minutes or less. Once meeting is over and room tidied up, we can socialize. However, at this time, the Bar area closes as soon as we finish.

Subj: General Order #1: Elected & Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs.
Content: GO#1 is being handed out. Any questions should be directed to the Commander. Numerous corrections to address/phone numbers were required before signing.

- 3. Subj:** SOP #1, Post Financial. **Content:** Passed out. Revisions in Red. 1st by me, 2nd _by Darrell. Motion passed.
- 4. Subj:** SOP #2, VFW Cover **Content:** New SOP, puts in writing post policy and officer cover. 1st by me, 2nd _by Al. Motion passed.
- 5. Subj:** POW Flag for New Visions **Content:** their current POW-MIA flag is torn, tattered, and faded. Cost to replace the flag including shipping is \$47. I make a motion we buy them a new one. 2nd Darrell Motion passed.
- 6. Good of the Order (*All guests should be invited to speak*).** VFW Annual Training will be held at the Seward Civic Center, 816 Bradford St., 9-4. Donation lunch on site. D10 Meeting Oct 11, 2 PM, Post 2503. Our next Post meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of Aug, 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331. Meeting Closed at: 20:10



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster

FRANK

VA US Meeting

Katri Beaker

9 AM -

120 people?

CANNOT use Zoom due to Security Reasons

MR BURMAN -

1. update - miss all of us

Acc - Had meeting 95% - Jul 23 - Building will be turned over
NO MAJOR Ribbon Ceremony or Luncheon
VERY GOURGET -

MR Houseman

Fisher House

2. Parking Garage - 500 spaces Last wk Sept - Oct
Built off site and put together

MR
Phalen

3. Build PT Building Amb care area
old Building gone down + mental
health + PT going in 20-21
Money in hand.

4. Very CAUTIOUS about going in Grand Island
Hospital

Must have mask when coming on campus
and while on campus. NO MASK. NO ENTRY

MR
Houseman

(Fisher House) - July 6th - Fisher House
13,000 16 Beds Mid-Late August

MR
30-7118

Working on Surgery 50 mile Radius Outside
DMHA. SOCIAL WORKER will control entry

MAIL
- cob. Hausman
VA.gov

four - a MASK + SOCIAL - 5 people
at a time. All type of the Line
Donations - GPF Account 1664 (1604)
Can be made to Fisher Now.

FRANK

Volunteer. - Could Mr. Hammad for more
in Education. to help with cooking.

Megan
KAUBSARA
CASPER

Women Health Program
Women Health Clinic, Open August 3
in the ACC Unit.

Comprehensive Primary Care Clinic.

Dr. Lucille Witter. Dr. Karen Gray
OB/GYN. Practice at Christian Health &
Now at VA Hospital too.

Safe & private area.

Grand Opening? More modest approach.

OVUM. - Grand Island Dedicated hallway
and Entrance. Secure in all ^{AREA.}

KARE will handle all Donations?

All Women will be kept in contact
with Post Care.

Pre natal, Delivery, Blood
work. Could be done. & followed via Nurse
as needed.

Game

Grand Island - updates. - itentac phaman,

Screening at the DDoc. - CLC MAIN CONCERN

Facility in Stage III. VOLUNTEERS - DAV DRIVERS

402-995-4906
E MAIL MEGAN.
KUCERA @ VA.GOV

ARGUETT
WAIVER

ARGUETT
WAIVER

FRANK

Kim

Lincoln.

DUNCAN
FALLON.

(Norfolk Clinic) - Since February. New Space
TRYING to get more volunteers. P/T
in area. Mental Health, whole health.
Expanded travel Services.
Try to set up a Virtual tour.

SHAMBAUGH - MILLER

at VA, SOV

Kimberly, J

402-486-7921

Lincoln - Screen process at outside
back entrance (during covid).
Volunteers. DAV driver. Some escorts park
but outside area only. Veterans coming in
their cars. Water & snacks being given
at car as needed.
began Bulletin - North is new Bulletin 50% - 60%
Complete. Good Bulletin - November 2020
December 2020 - Not yet at.
First Patient 2021?

Kim

Services & Volunteers will be affected
Charge is a premium. Some Support Services
will be reduced.
New Area will be more secure.

New Lines

public affairs

Edits made - found Halls - stopped.

VIRTUAL town Halls

AUGUST? Social media. Web sites

etc. E Mail 1 to 20,000 people

FRANK

Starting to expand services to get Vets back
use ~~web~~ videos. Mr. Good had on theme
with automatic effect of needs.

Acc. Virtual videos to help with
orientation about the new area.
Has stabilized a little but still cautious.

Web. ^(lower?) WWW. Nebraska. ^{VA. Gov.} ~~gov~~
Left side, put E Mail address on this
to get into site.

VA - We are Representative to our area
and doing a good job.

~~Volunteers~~
Numbers have not been high
so far. we are lucky

Volunteers are being returned to
areas that they work in gradually
and if they feel comfortable to do so.