

Meeting Minutes April 2022

Guests: Richard Zierke – Life member moved in from out of state “checking us out.”

Meeting opened at 1900 with 14 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Commander who was excused due to work commitment.

New Memberships: 5 Membership application was read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.

Minutes were distributed via email and posted. Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Frank D. and 2nd by Jeff G. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: ROTC Medals & Certificates, \$103.80 Motion to pay by Frank, 2nd_by Jeff. Motion passed.

Quartermaster’s Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Josh Andrus – Nothing at this time.

Members in Distress/Deceased:

Deceased: None

Other: Chatted with Duke, he’s doing okay.

Committee Reports

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 109.34%. If you have a relative, friend, coworker who may be eligible for the VFW, please ask them if I can contact them about joining the VFW and giving me their contact information. If you want, we can chat with them together. I’m available 24/7.

Blood Drive, VA, & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Provided information concerning the NE/Western IA VA Hospital from VAVS report.

Surgeon – Rich Klinger: Expanded on VAVS report – they held a telecom meeting, but are looking for a facility to hold an in-person meetings in the future.

POW/MIA - William Guy: Miramar recovery of B24 crew on hold. 50th anniversary of Gold Star Mothers. He also reported he had heard names of VN Veterans passing from Agent Orange related illnesses were being added to the Wall. I checked on line after meeting. 10 names have been added to the VN Memorial Wall. Veterans who pass from Agent Orange maladies are not added but there is a commemorative plaque for them.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Larry Gerlt: Closed until May

Buddy Poppy - Darrell McMillan: Next drive will be scheduled for May 21st, Hy-Vee, Center St between 51st & 52nd.

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Political Action - Matt Whitaker: No report

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: Rick made repairs to the base of monument and will touch-up the paint on the poles before Memorial Day. He requested assistance to get our American flag at Graceland lowered to half-staff at sun rise and then raised to full staff at noon on Memorial Day as he will be on vacation and not available. Larry said he will ensure it gets accomplished. He also provided flowers for the memorial and for Pvt. Deml's headstone to be placed out for Memorial Day.

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Correspondence – None.

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 due to COVID (Need a rep or we need to drop)**
- 2. Subj:** Flag case for Shaketia Qwintarr. OPR Bernard **Content:** Veteran's widow has a funeral flag and requests a flag case. Her contact info: 2428 Templeton, Omaha. 251-253-9539. I have the case. Ordered name plate. Will be about another 2 weeks before I receive it. Once I have it, we can schedule the presentation ceremony.
- 3. Subj:** Patriotic Parade **Content:** Have registered our post. Have sheet being passed around. Show time will be 0930. Have requested location to assemble at. Could use one volunteer there at 9:15 to guard flags so I can park at the RR station and walk back.
- 4. Subj:** New Vision Homeless Veterans Shelter. **Content:** \$200 donation made.
- 5. Subj:** State Convention **Content:** State Convention will be 10-12 June (Friday – Sunday) in Kearney. Post offers 3 stipends, each for \$100 per hotel night & \$50 travel. If you are interested in going, please contact me as I need to register you as a delegate.

New Business

- 1. Subj:** Papillion BB Flag Detail. **Content:** Sat, April 30th, Papillion-La Vista South High School, 107th & Hwy 370, show time 8:50 – time updated by requestor Tuesday, 26 April. Uniform of the day is VFW cover, Post Polo, dark (black) pants and shoes. If anyone else would like to participate, I can add them to the list
- 2. Subj:** Papillion Viet Nam Veteran Memorial **Content:** We have a request to donate to this project. I would made a motion to donate \$100 as the request is being made to all Veteran groups and subordinate units. Motion was seconded by Frank. Motion passed.
- 3. Subj:** May Meeting **Content:** It has been or custom to have only Officer Installations with a potluck dinner. Post will provide main entrée- fried chicken. Auxiliary & all family

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members invited. Each "family" to bring a side dish with a minimum of 12 servings. Motion to do the same this year by Larry, 2nd by Frank. **Motion passed.**

4. **Subj:** Phishing Email **Content:** Rick I. brought up the increase of phishing email occurring for the past month from Cox or Anti-Virus companies, encouraged everyone to be careful.
5. **Subj:** Pact Act Content: Pact Act (Burn Pits) has stalled in Congress. Members are requested to sign up for VFW Action Corp to let their Congressmen know we want them to support it. Larry explained that National VFW is requesting each Department send a letter endorsed by all Post Commanders asking them to vote for this. Motion by Rick I. and seconded by Jeff for our Post Commander to endorse. **Motion passed.**
6. **Subj:** Post Elections 2nd & 3rd Call. Elections were conducted and a new slate of officers was elected.

Good of the Order (*All guests should be invited to speak.*)

- State Convention 10-12 Jun, Kearney Nebraska. National Convention in KCMO 23-28 July. Please let me know if going so I can get you registered.
- Our next Post meeting will be on Wed 25 May, 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331. Installation of Officers and potluck.
- Meeting Closed at 1955 hours.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster