

## Meeting Minutes April 2023

**Guests:** None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 13 members present

**Officer Roll Call:** All officers were present except the Guard & 2 Year Trustee who were absent and Chaplain & 3 Year Trustee who were excused.

**New Memberships:** 26 Membership application were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony F. Motion passed. New members present were sworn in.

**Minutes:** As minutes were emailed to members and posted on our website, a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Jeff G., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al C. Motion passed.

**Reading of the Bills:** None

**Quartermaster's Monthly & Quarterly Reports:** Both were accepted subject to audit.

**Community Service/Service Officer** – Larry Gerlt: ENVH always need volunteers. There are two types – occasional and regular. Occasional volunteers do not require a background check, are only permitted in common areas and are allowed to interact with residents for activities such as chat, bingo, cards, etc. Regular volunteers require a background check and are permitted in resident areas & rooms as well as common areas. Volunteers are needed primarily during the day time. If you choose to volunteer, let me know. We can take credit for you hours and any expenses you incur to include mileage.

**Members in Distress:** None

**Members Deceased:** John Krystyniak, Annual Member

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership - Larry Gerlt:** We are now at 117.05 %. Next Membership will be scheduled for July.

**Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham:** NR

**Surgeon - Bernie Jennings:** My Vet web page has moved. No additional info at this time. Should be able to fully report on this next month.

**POW/MIA - William Guy:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Reba A Whittle – the only female POW in Europe during WWII. <https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/pdfs/ADA223404.pdf>

**Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY** – Larry Gerlt: 2024 VOD & PP forms with the new themes are online. I have them with our post info if you need one. Will email all members about them.

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**Buddy Poppy - Josh Andrus:** (Larry Gerlt) - Next drive is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, Hy-Vee, Center St & Saddle Creek. Signup sheet being passed around.

**Political Action - Matt Whitaker:** NR

**Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund:** NR

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**Correspondence – None**

#### Old Business -

- 1. Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** Security Forces Squadron warming up to being adopted.
- 2. Subj:** National Home **Content:** Donation Made.
- 3. Subj:** CB Veterans Day Parade **Content:** Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, We were planning to attend last November, but the weather was horrible and several team members had last minute schedule conflicts. On hold under old business till August.
- 4. Subj:** Omaha Patriotic Parade **Content:** Saturday, 27 May. Show time for Color Guard and anyone who wants to march with us is 9 A.M. at 10<sup>th</sup> & Jackson. Parade starts at 10 A.M. Lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. Immediately followed by free food and concert. Passing signup sheet around.
- 5. Subj:** ENVH Bingo **Content:** They are now conducting it every Thursday. I make a motion that starting in May, we provide them \$20 in quarters for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month and we support them with volunteer help. Further that I will purchase the quarters and ensure they get to ENVH and will pass around a signup sheet each meeting for volunteers. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony I. Motion passed.

#### New Business

- 1. Subj:** National Convention **Content:** 22- 27 July, Phoenix. Business days are Monday-Wednesday, Elections Thursday. If have National Committee Appointment, meetings are on Saturday & Sunday. VFW Store will be set up. If going, I must register you as a delegate. Make hotels reservations early. As we are literally guaranteed to make All American again this year, Darrell will walk the stage for presentation.
- 2. Subj:** Department Convention **Content:** Will be June 3 & 4. Elections are held Sunday. I am running for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term for National Council. If no other post members are there, I lose 2 votes – one for myself as PSC and one for post commander (CC, Jr. Vice, or Sr. Vice) and only get the basic post vote of 16. It is being held at the La Vista Convention Center. I encourage all post members to attend as there is no cost as it is local and a great opportunity to learn what happens at our Dept. convention. Start time Saturday is 0800. Members can come at any time.
- 3. Subj:** Post Elections **Content:** Elections are conducted at April Meeting. Elected positions are: Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, QM, Chaplain, and 3 year Trustee. Will do 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Call together. If more than 1 candidate for an office, they will be given an opportunity to campaign. We then take a 5 - 10 minute break for members to consider their choices and then conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> & final Call. Protocol verses By-Laws – any member can announce for any position. One should have another person nominate them. Instead of a second

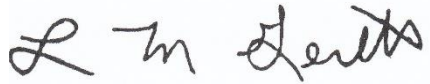
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for a nomination, the nominee is asked if he accepts. Our post advances Jr. Vice, to Sr. Vice to Commander after two years in office.

4. **Subj:** VFW State Golf Tournament – Marty S. **Content:** Tournament will be held the Friday before State Convention at Willow Lakes Golf Course in Bellevue. Entry fee is \$400. Marty made a motion we field a team and the post pay the entry fee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anthony I. Motion passed.
5. **Post elections were conducted IAW National By-Laws.**

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

- Department Convention is 3 & 4 Jun, Embassy Suites, La Vista.
- May will be officer installations and potluck. Post will provide the entrée, drinks and paper/plastic ware. Members bring sides. Families invited.
- QM has covers. Those who have attended 3 or more post meetings/events and have not received one should see the QM.
- Next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of May.
- Meeting Closed at: 2005.



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Quartermaster