

Meeting Minutes April 2024

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 12 Members Present + 1 on Zoom for a total of 13.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Junior Vice Commander, 1 Year Trustee and Officer of the Day who were excused and the Senior Vice Commander who was absent.

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

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly Report & Trustee Report: Both were accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – ENVH Bingo Tomorrow night, 28 March. Show time 1815. It will be done by 1930. Poppy Drive May 11th. Signup sheet being passed around. VA Helpline being made permanent 1-800-myVA411 – has several options to include sexual molestation and suicide prevention.

Members in Distress: Marty Shelton.

Members Deceased: None

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: Now at 103.69% and we are qualified for both All State and All American. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for May 4th. We meet at Village Inn on Fort Crook Rd at 0830, post pays for breakfast and I provide a short training while waiting for food. I also provide a 'route list' to run. We meet back at VI at 1130 so I can collect the route sheets and any monies.

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: PDF copies of what he talked about attached.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: NR

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Closed for the year.

Buddy Poppy - Josh Andrus: Our next drive is scheduled for May 11th, 2-hour shifts, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, at Hy-Vee, 53rd & Center. Passed around signup sheet.

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: NR

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

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Women Veterans - Sonja Hosler: Female appointments now in new building. Have 10 private rooms with restrooms for Physical Therapy. Free Women's Symposium this September. Only need to pay for room, meals are included.

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – None

Old Business

1. **Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** No update at this time.
2. **Subj:** National Convention **Content:** Louisville, Kentucky, July 27 – Aug 1. Post offers \$1000 to commander & QM. If not going, then to Sr. Vice, Jr Vice, Members. If three officers wish to go, \$750 each. If you are interested in going, please let me know. I must register you as a delegate and assist you with hotel reservations. Minimum required to participate is 4, full color guard is 6. All are welcome to participate. Larry, Bernie, Jeff, Darrell, Anthony and Randy volunteered. QM will make parade reservation.
3. **Subj:** Patriotic Parade **Content:** Patriotic Parade will be Saturday, 25 May. Show time 0900, done by 1100, starting location will be 10th & Jackson, same as last year. Anthony Infante, Jeff Gillespie, Bernie Jennings, Larry Gerlt, Darrell McMillan & Randy Shelton have volunteered to march. We have the white gloves, flags with carrying harnesses, rifles, and military pistol belt and .45. Uniform is dark shoes, dark trousers, post polo, VFW Cover.
4. **SUBJ:** Post Gun Safe. **Content:** Membership voted to sell. American Legion Post 331 has agreed to buy for \$300. I have purchased a gun cabinet. It was off sale and cost \$240. It's at my home.
5. **Subj:** 1st Call Post Elections. **Content:** Post elections were conducted. Darrell was elected as Post Commander, Jeff for Senior Vice Commander, Bernie for Junior Vice Commander, Larry for QM, and Randy for 3 Year Trustee. Commander appointed Larry as Adjutant & Service Officer, Frank D. as Chaplain, Rich K. as Judge Advocate and James C. as Surgeon.

New Business

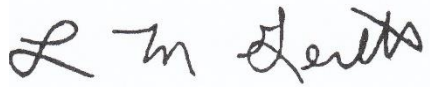
1. **Subj:** Meeting Location. **Content:** I have checked out the area. Possibilities are:
 - a. South Omaha Library, 28th & Q. They have a meeting room off the West Entry that would be suitable. Can't store anything, no food or drink, would have to meet NLT 5:30 as they close at 7 PM.
 - b. Salvation Army KROC Center, 28th & Y. Somewhat of a hike from parking lot to upstairs meeting room. Could store flags. Could keep same meeting time & date. Would charge us money. Unable to get response as to how much.
 - c. Bellevue University Vet Center, top of hill just east of Fort Crook Road on Harvell (Cornhusker on east side of Fort Crook Rd). Will set up meeting room for us. Have a kitchenette for food and drink, no alcohol. Also have computer setup with big screen TV we could use for Zoom! Have a closet we can store our meeting accouterments in. All free of charge. I make a motion we move to this location. 2nd by Jim C. Motion passed.

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2. **Subj:** Post Shirts. **Content:** As we voted to move to the Bellevue College Vet Center we must decide if we should change our post polos say South Omaha and we now meet in Bellevue. For about \$15-\$25 a shirt, I can get them changed from S. Omaha to Bellevue. However, as our post was originally charter in S. Omaha and we have our post monument to Rudolph Deml at Graceland Cemetery in South Omaha, we could just leave them as is. I so move. 2nd by Sonja H. Motion passed.
3. **Subj:** May Meeting – Pot luck. **Content:** I move we have it at our new meeting place. Post will furnish fried chicken and something to drink. Members bring sides and/or deserts. 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.
4. **Subj:** Blue Star By-Pass Memorial for Omaha Memorial Park & Gold Star Memorial for Fort McPherson National Cemetery – Mary C. **Content:** Included at end of minutes.
5. **Subj:** Rudolph Deml Memorial at Graceland – Rick I. **Content:** Continuing to care for it as well as lower/raise American flag as required for holidays and other days as designated.

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

- Bingo tomorrow night at ENVH.
- Next Membership drive 11 May 2024.
- Next post meeting will be 22 May – 4th Wednesday, at 7pm in our new location at the Bellevue University Vet Center. Pot luck & officer installations. Families & Auxiliary invited.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster