

Meeting Minutes April 2026

Meeting opened at 1900 with 19 Members Present and no guests.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Guard who was absent and the Officer of the Day who emailed me just prior to the meeting that he would be unable to attend and is considered excused.

New Memberships: Five Membership applications were read; Craig Brown, Miles Brown, Derek Hays, Jason Libby, and Anthony Miller. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.

Minutes: As minutes were emailed to all members and spare copies were available, motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Frank D. and seconded by Bernie J. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly & Quarterly Reports: QM Quarterly report was read and accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt:

- Veteran Resource Fair at Main BX, 14 May, 13 Aug, 12 Nov, 1100-1300. Nebr. VA office in Main BX has qualified VSO! Available for walk ins and scheduled appointments for filing benefits claims.
- Day of Service May 2nd, Omaha National Cemetery, 9-12.
- Gov. Pillen has designed a special coin for Korean War (1950-54) Veterans to be presented to them at a ceremony at the Capital on 24 July. I am spearheading an effort for District 10 to contact all our eligible vets, find out if they wish to attend or would prefer a local ceremony with the Gov. if available, or without the Gov. if he is not, and ensure the vets have transportation to/from the event.
- Offutt AFB Retiree Appreciation Day will be June 27th, Main BX, 9-1300. I will have a recruiting table. If anyone is interested in attending with me, even if only for an hour or so. Please let me know.

Members in Distress: Candy Woodward: (Aux.) Bad MV Accident. Now able to stand on one leg. Her next operation in Kearney is 19 May. Richard Klinger who had another fall and is in the hospital again. Marty Shelton who is still having therapy for speech issues from a recent stroke.

Members Deceased: None.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 102.24% and we have exceeded our 101% goal. No more membership drives until after the new membership year starts on 1 July. If you have any family members, coworkers, neighbors or friends who are veterans and may qualify for the VFW, ask them if I can contact them about joining and pass me their contact info (at least name & phone number, address and email is good to have.) And please remember our Auxiliary – spouses, children 16 or older, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, and siblings are eligible!

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Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: VA is in need of volunteers. However, now must pass a Tier 1 Background check (photo, finger prints, life history, and probably credit). They now have a nurse manager. 6th floor has now been opened which adds an additional 6 beds. Their food pantry is in need of Peanut butter, jelly, ready to eat meals. They don't allow outside catering! Fischer House received 22 new mattresses and other furnishings. Jennifer Servant is still its manager. VA has also been implementing a new electronic records system. Don't be alarmed if you hear the fire alert as they are in process of upgrading the fire alarm system. Volunteer Banquet will be 28 May, 4-5 PM. May 7th there will be a joint Vietnam burial of 25 at the Omaha National Cemetery. CHI has a solid relationship with the VA and has beds at Midlands Hospital in Papillion. However, ambulance crews are having issues getting paid when patients are transported to/from it!

Surgeon - James Carmona: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: NR

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Our first-place entry Anella Armstrong, won 1st place at district! Closed for this membership year. When new themes are out for the 2026 – 2027 year, will send to the schools that submitted to us this year.

Political Action - Matt Friesen: VA cleared 100,000 claims since February! This is mainly due to use of AI technology.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – Thank you letters from our VFW Nat. Home and Red Barn School house.

Old Business

1. **Subj:** May Officer Installations **Content:** We will hold a pot luck with Auxiliary, family, and friends invited. Post will provide the entrée (chicken) and members are encouraged to provide a dessert or side dish sufficient to feed 8. **Item open.**
2. **Subj:** ENVH membership for quailed residents offer to be extended after start of new membership year. **Item open.**
3. **Subj:** Eagle Scout project to interview veterans and submit to Nat. Archives waiting for next contact from Scout. **Item open.**
4. **Subj:** Donations to Omaha National Cemetery Support Committee made. **Item Closed.**
5. **Subj:** Donation to Patriot Paws made. **Item closed.**
6. **Subj:** Donation to Red Barn School House made. **Item closed.**

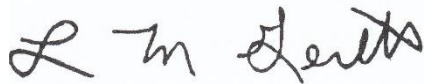
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New Business

- 1. Subj:** USO. **Content:** We have received a request from the USO as they are in need of funds to continue their mission to support our traveling AD and other veterans and entertainment for troops stationed over sea. I had a 6-month TDY to Korea where I traveled to each base to repair equipment. My travel schedule just happened to the USO schedule for the Charlie Daniels band and I got to see them 4 times! QM moved we donate \$250 to them. Second was made by Darrell M. Motion passed.
- 2. Subj:** Post Elections **Content:** 2nd and 3rd call for elections was conducted all officers stood pat except the trustees who rotated to include the outgoing 1-year trustee, Matt Friesen becoming the new 3-year trustee.

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

- Darrell was elected District 10 Commander for the 2026-27 membership year. We had 9 at the district meeting!
- Poppy Drive, May 30th. Request for volunteers will be sent in May.
- State Convention at Divots in Norfolk, June 5-7.
- Trustees will report to the QM to perform the audit after the closing.
- Bingo at ENVH tomorrow, 6:15 PM show time.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., Ma 27th, 7 PM, here at the DAV.
- Meeting closed at 1930 hours.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster