

Post 2704 Meeting Minutes - August 2020

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 12 Members Present

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the 2 year trustee.

New Memberships: 5, Motion 1^s Darrell, 2nd Frank. Motion Passed.

July Meeting Minutes: Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Matt, 2nd by Frank. Motion Passed.

Reading of the Bills: Zoom, \$16.03. \$100 for Myself spent to assist a stranded veteran with a disabled spouse obtain a motel room for the night. 1st by Matt, 2nd by Darrell. Motion Passed

QM Monthly Report was accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Josh Andrus: ENVH still closed to visitors due to Covid19. Discussed doing a video of us and other veterans wishing them a merry Christmas. Josh will check with them about being able to show it. If a method is found, I agreed to go to the various post homes in District 10 to record their members.

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 260 life members, 17 paid annual members 81.47%. Need 63 members to renew. Commander & I conducted a limited Call-a-thon on the 11th of unpaids in Bellevue. Collected dues from 1 person. Our next membership drive will be Saturday, 19 September, 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: Last Civil War pensioner has passed. Using VA Hospital is a pain due to location of the various clinics verses only allowed entrance location and have to be escorted at all times when not in a clinic. New parking garage is nearing completion. The Fisher house is done, but entry is restricted.

POW/MIA - Jose Tamayo: Report attached (Link on Post web site).

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/Teacher of the Year - Charles Posey: Matt has provided Charles with entry forms for all. (Link for VOD and PP on Post web site under Programs/Community Service)

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

Buddy Poppy - Justin Brand: Next drive will be scheduled for 31 October. Plan to request the Hy-Vee at 50th and Center. I will 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 - Matt has volunteered to fill the void left by Joe Kull.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: Identified issue not allowing new members access to members only section of the web site. Worked issue with National Webmaster and resolved issue.

- Updated new Member Roster section, News page, and Calendar
- Updated Members Only section with Post General Order and SOPs

Pickle Report – Duke: One Sold

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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 till September at unit 1st Sgt request due to Covid19.**

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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. Approved a 4 month trial.
3. **Subj:** Post Meetings & Ritual **Content:** Provided by Rick Imgrund.
 - 1 – When new VFW By-Laws, Procedures and Ritual available, will get CD copy to post on our web site.
 - 2 – Have a sheet for new members talking about meetings – please feel free to comment about what else should be included.
 - 3 – Developed wear of the Hat SOP.
 - 4 – Incorporated suggestions into new member email.
 - 5 – All info will be posted on post web site.
4. **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. Flag has been purchased.

New Business

1. **Subj:** SOP #1, Post Financial **Content:** Would like to make a revision to our Financial SOP that the Commander or QM be authorized to spend up to \$100 to assist a veteran in need. 1st Matt 2nd Frank Motion passed
2. **Subj:** Annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet **Content:** After Discussion it was decided to continue having the Christmas Party & Awards Banquet on a Saturday in December.

Good of the Order (*All guests should be invited to speak.* VFW Fall Conference and Homecoming will be Oct 2nd & 3rd, Ramada Inn, North Platte. District 10 Meeting Sunday, 11 Oct, 2 PM, at Post 2503, 89th & Military Ave. Big 10 Conference, Oct 16 & 17, Columbus Ohio. Post recruiting drive 19 Sep, 8:30-noon, VI, Fort Crook Road. A 29 year old construction worker at the VA Hospital job site has died. Services to be held 2-4 on Sunday at Bellevue Memorial Chapel. Our next Post meeting will be the 4th Wednesday of Sept, 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331. Meeting Closed at: 1950.

Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster