

Meeting Minutes August 2023

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 11 members present

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Officer of the Day & Guard who were excused and the Jr. Vice Commander, Judge Advocate & 1 Year Trustee who were absent.

New Memberships: 9 Membership application were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Marty S. Motion passed.

Minutes: As minutes were emailed to members and posted on our website, a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Frank D., 2nd by Marty S. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

Quartermaster's Monthly Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – VA extended filing for PACT Act with moneys back to Aug 2022 till Sept 9th. ENVH Bingo tomorrow, 4th Thursday. Passing sign up sheet around. Show time is 18:15. Lasts till about 19:30

Members in Distress/Deceased: None

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: Now at 91.52%. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for Sept 23rd. 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. I passed out blank membership apps & my business card with the 4 points of the VFW program and spoke about situational recruiting and wearing something with a VFW logo whenever out and about. I also informed the membership of the cost of a VFW logo ball cap from the VFW Store (\$15 - \$24 plus \$6 shipping) versus Nebraska VFW logo ball caps (\$3 or \$5) and that I go to Dept. HQ about once a week.

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Attached his report.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: He talked about the Veteran 50 Mile walk coming up from Lincoln to Omaha and asked about possibly sponsoring Abbey who is in 4th place in funding as all moneys go to Operation Mobile Force. After discussion, I made a motion we donate \$2 per mile (\$100). Motion was seconded by Marty S. and passed. I then requested Bernie send me the info on who/how to pay which he texted to me.

POW/MIA - William Guy: NR

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 poppy drive is being scheduled for Oct 28th at Hy-Vee, 53rd & Center St.

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: NR

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME: We preformed the National Home Prayer.

Correspondence - None

Old Business -

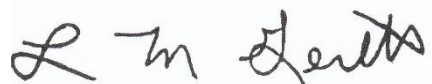
- 1. Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** He has a tentative appointment between 18 & 20 September with STRATCOM: Col Mark Howard, 55th Wing Commander, Col Aaron Gray 55th Deputy Commander, CMSgt John Splitter 55th Mission Support Group Senior Enlisted Advisor (55th SFG), Col Melanie Olson Commander 55th Electronic Combat Group.
- 2. Subj:** CB Veterans Day Parade **Content:** Nov 4th. We were planning on attending last November, but the weather was horrible and several team members had last minute schedule conflict. I made a motion we participate. Motion was seconded by Marty S. and passed.

New Business

- 1. Subj:** Donation to Am. Leg Post 331 **Content:** As our hosts do not charge us for the meeting room and honor our VFW membership for access to their post home, I make a motion we donate \$300 to them, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.
- 2. Subj:** Parade at State Fair **Content:** Grand Island, Sept 4, Monday, Labor Day – Veterans Get in free. Parade starts at 1 PM, form up at noon. Post could pay up to three drivers - \$60 each for gas if we want to march in it. Nearly all participants will VFW, American Legions, etc. Due to lack of interest, we will not be participating.
- 3. Subj:** Blue Star Memorials **Content:** Mary C. let us know that repairs on all 7 in Nebraska would be completed on the 24th. She also thanked Rick Imgrund for his help.

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

- Post Commander talked about our post attaining All American Recognition at National Convention.
- State Commander Homecoming & Fall Council of Administration will be 6 & 7 Oct at VFW Post 2503, 8904 Military Rd. \$10 for Banquet tickets.
- **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 27 September (4th Wednesday of Sept).
- Meeting closed at 2010 hours.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster