

Meeting Minutes August 2024

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 15 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Sr. Vice Commander and Judge Advocate who were excused.

New Memberships: 2 Membership applications were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Randy M. Motion passed. Robert "Mitch" Mitchell was sworn in and presented his VFW pin.

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – August ENVH Bingo was last week. The next ENVH Bingo is 26 Sept, 1815 show time, finish at 1915-1930. Next Poppy Drive 26 September, 9-3, Hy-Vee, Saddle Creek & Center St. Mary Carlson informed us that the Miracle Ear Foundation would be furnishing free hearing aids at the Scott Conference Center, 6450 Pine St, on September 7th, from 0830-1630. To apply, call 402.504.3478

Members in Distress: Marty Shelton and Rich Klinger.

Members Deceased: William Morris, Life, member when I joined the post.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: Now at 91.21% Next Membership drive will be scheduled for Sept 7th. 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: CDC report will be emailed to all members once I receive it from Frank.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: Negotiations are under way to reopen Viet Nam MIA recovery operations. Time is running out on recovery efforts as the climate there slowly decays all DNA evidence used to identify remains. The DPAA site had maps of, and info on, where all MIAs were last known to be.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Apps sent to all members via email. If you need a copy or know someone who does, please let me know how to get one to them.

Buddy Poppy - Josh Andrus: Our next drive is scheduled for October 26th, 2-hour shifts, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, at Hy-Vee, 51st & Center. Sign up during the September or October meeting.

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Political Action - Matt Whitaker: Nebraska Legislature has once again tabled any change to the Homestead act to decrease taxes on all disabled veterans.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: In process of updating all Post Officer pictures.

Women Veterans - Sonja Hosler: Absent - NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – None

Old Business

1. **Subj:** National Convention **Content:** Louisville, Kentucky, July 27 – Aug 1. Many changes to Nat. By-Laws. New Commander-in-Chief is Al Lipphardt, Carol Whitmore (Iowa) Sr. Vice. My Nephew Nathan lives about 100 miles north. I visited him and he has transferred to our post (application read under new members).


New Business

1. **Subj:** 50 Mile March **Content:** Organization that empowers veterans facing mental health challenges & homelessness. Motion to donate \$200 by QM, 2nd by Gary. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** Xmas Party **Content:** A consolidate Xmas party with the Fleet Reserve, American Legion Post 331 and possibly the DAV has been proposed. We would still do short program to recognize VOD & PP winners if we have entries. Would reduce our costs as AL 331 would pay for bartender & all orgs would contribute towards entertainment. Don Reynolds band is booked for a wedding and we would hire DJ/KJ Anthony Infante. Motion by Mary, 2nd by Gary. Motion passed.
Same menu as last year – Steak or chicken, vegetable, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, cheese cake assortment for dessert. As the Legion and Fleet Reserve brought up bringing desert to reduce cost, I checked with caterer and they would reduce cost from \$30 a plate to \$28. Rick made a motion to have caterer furnish the desert. 2nd by Frank, motion passed.
3. **Subj:** Raffle Tickets – State Commander’s Project. **Content:** His project this year is to replace the signage at our Department HQ in Lincoln. It is over 40 years old and Nebraska as misspelled. Prizes listed on tickets, \$10 each or \$40 for five. Motion by Larry for post to purchase 2 books with total cost of \$80 and if we win, to raffle winnings to members in attendance at the next meeting, July 2025. Motion 2nd by Frank. Motion passed.
4. **Subj:** Blue/Gold Star Memorials. **Content:** Mary Carlson informed the membership that as of Aug 26th, the Blue Star Memorial for Fort McPherson as approved. The process of ordering has now begun thru the National Federation Garden Club. Once the order is received by the manufacturer in Ohio, there will be a several month delay for the manufacturing process. Once completed, it will be shipped directly to Fort McPherson. The Blue Star By-pass Memorial stone for Omaha will be moved to Gretna where they will prep the face and attach the plaque. Estimated completion of this phase is next month.

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

- William Guy spoke at length about how to prepare in advance for your “passing on.”
- Frank Durham spoke at length about DIC.
- Post Membership drive Saturday, 7 Sept.
- Fall Conference & Commander’s Homecoming in Kearney, Oct 4th & 5th.
- D10 meeting on October 13th
- Next post meeting will be 25 September at 7pm in our new location at the DAV NE Chapter 2 Hall, 4515 F Street.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster