

Meeting Minutes February 2024

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 12 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the 1 Year Trustee & Guard who were absent.

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

Reading of the Bills: None

Quartermaster's Monthly Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – ENVH Bingo was last Thursday. Jim, Randy, Bonnie, Karla and I were there. Will email reminder next month. Show time is 18:15. Lasts till about 19:30

Members in Distress: None

Members Deceased: Jeff G.'s training Chief passed on. After discussion it was agreed Jeff would get his mailing address and Chaplain would send a sympathy card.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: Now at 100.49%. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for March 9th. 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: VA received donations for patients to include 1200 Valentine's Day cards from Hebron students! DAV of Omaha and Easy Company 2nd Battalion 377th Infantry held a 5-mile run and donated over \$1,000. American Legion gave all Legion calendars. VA can do DOT physicals for Vets getting CDL. VA is still trying to find someone to repair scooters, ours is still working fine. The Sterilization clinic will be built on top of the new clinic building. The health clinic funding was used for something else and will have to be obtained again. Physical Therapy Clinic is now supposed to open in March.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: He talked about VA handouts for Preventing Falls, VA Care through Health Chat, Strive for a Healthy Weight, VA Resource Navigator and My Food and Beverage Diary.

POW/MIA - William Guy: He informed us about being accounted for (knowing where someone went missing/died) and stated while not recovered (for example planes that crashed in deep waters) there were only 22 WWII, 3 Korean War, and 1 Viet Nam War Veterans unaccounted for.

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

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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. Will passing around sign-up sheet in April.

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: NR

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

Women Veterans - Sonja Hosler: Sonja talked about the free NDVA Women's Veterans Symposium held in Kearney and that her mother, who is also a veteran went with her. Also, that her mother learned to appreciate that she also was a true veteran! Larry mentioned that he is on the Nebraska VFW Foundation and that one of their goals was to assist with funding this event.

Old Business

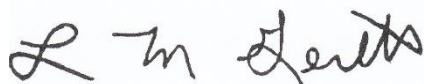
1. **Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** No update at this time.

New Business

1. **Subj:** National Home **Content:** Each year we donate to our National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. They provide needy veteran families with a place to live for free and ensure they receive life skills training in parenting, personal finance management, etc. They also help them locate employment in the local area for the parent(s), ensure their children go to school and provide social activities. Larry made a motion we donate \$200 to them. 2nd by Frank. After discussion Larry amended the amount to \$300. Motion passed.
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.
3. **Subj:** Gold & Blue Star Memorials **Content:** Mary Carlson stated Post 1504 will be picking up the Blue Star By-Pass Memorial for Omaha that has been funded. She also stated that the 200 letters she sent to residents near the Memorial Park here in Omaha had raised the funds Blue Star Memorial there and she is working with the design architect.

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

- Frank mentioned he had reserved the Legion Post 331 meeting hall or this years Post Christmas Party.
- First call for elections at March meeting, elections in April.
- Next Membership drive 9 March 2024.
- District 10 Convention 14 April.
- Next post meeting will be 27 March – 4th Wednesday, here at the Legion.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster