

Meeting Minutes February 2026

Guests: Billi Shelton, Commander's wife.

Meeting opened at 1900 with 13 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the 1 year Trustee who was absent.

New Memberships: Four Membership applications were read. 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 William G. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: As we did not previously vote on cookies and poppies for residents for New Visions Homeless Veterans Shelter, I have a bill for \$23.96 for the cookies. Motion to pay by Jim C., seconded by Gary T. Motion passed.

QM Monthly & Quarterly Reports: 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.
- VA has modified a rule which states they will once again decrease disability percentage based on effectiveness of medication even though the Supreme Court over-ruled them last time. Nat. VFW is aware and is working to get this corrected AGAIN!

Members in Distress: Candy Woodward: (Aux.) Bad MV Accident. Now able to stand on one leg. Two more operations down the road before starting therapy for right leg. Marty Shelton: still going thru speech & physical therapy, but doing well and attend meeting. Bonnie Gerlt – fell in grocery store parking lot and taken to emergency by ambulance. Nothing broken, but very large bruises, scrapes, and swollen knees. Doing better and now able to walk.

Members Deceased: Life Member Anthony Bailey.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: He talked about Legacy Life Membership costs, levels of, and it's benefits to the individual and post. We are now at 99.62% and we need 8 more to reach 101%. I was called by a post member while at supper today, and we completed an application for Installment life. We will be at 99.83% once processed and only need 7 more! As we have all other requirements for All State, if we attain 101% by 30 April, Dept. will recognize us at State Convention and pay for the commander & QM All State covers! Our next Membership drive is scheduled for Mar 7. We meet at 8:30 at Village Inn, 703 Fort Crook Rd N, Bellevue and post buys breakfast. I provide a short training while waiting on breakfast and provide clipboard with route sheets/dues forms.

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I will send an email reminder on the 2nd Wednesday prior to. If no one responds by 1800 on the Thursday prior to it, I skip breakfast and just go alone. 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!

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Parking at VA Hospital is at a premium and greatly reduced due to construction. They are still working on their air handling system too. American Legion Post 331 (our previous meeting location hosts) are still looking for a building to buy. Our current hosts at the DAV were ordered to shut down their bar by Nat. DAV. Without the bar and hall rentals, the future of this building is uncertain. They and our previous meeting location hosts are in discussions about the Legion buying it. If the DAV is able to rent the hall for a party, renters will have to bring their own alcohol. Only beer and wine will be allowed and no alcohol can leave the premises! IE – unused alcohol will have to be poured down the drain!

Surgeon - James Carmona: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: The US recently held its 171st Repatriation Ceremony in Vietnam! MIA unaccounted for by War: WWII –71,850 Korean War: 7,398, Vietnam War: 1566, Cold War: 126, Gulf Wars: 5. Most WWII MIA were lost at sea and can never be recovered. It is believed most Gulf War & forward MIAs were lost during explosions and will never be recovered.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Closed for this membership year. Will forward copy of 2026-2027 PP & VOD applications to the schools that sent them to us this year about March or April.

Political Action - Matt Friesen: NR

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – None

Old Business

1. **Subj:** Donation for VFW NE VOD/PP made.
2. **Subj:** ENVH membership for quailed residents offer to be extended at next post bingo.

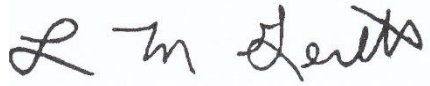
New Business

1. **Subj:** VFW National Home **Content:** Our National Home provides a house to veterans' families with children, veterans' ex-spouses/widows with children for free and provide family counseling and training for up to 5 years. Larry Gerlt made a motion to \$250 to them. Motion was seconded by Frank Durham. Motion passed.

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

- Post Membership drive will be March 7th. Meet at VI, Fort Crook Rd at 8:30 AM. Breakfast on post, short training, then go door knocking. Return to VI at 11:30 to turn in paperwork.
- Bingo at ENVH tomorrow, 26 Feb, 6:15 PM show time.
- District 10 Meeting Sunday, April 12th, 2 PM at Post 2503, 8904 Military Rd.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., 25 Mar, 7pm, at the DAV, 4515 F St.
- Meeting closed at 19:35.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster