

Meeting Minutes 28 January 2021

Guests: Dwaine Gillespie, father and VFW member of new member Jeff Gillespie

Meeting opened at 1905 with 9 Members Present and 3 on Zoom.

Officer Roll Call – All officers were present or accounted for except the Senior Vice Commander who was absent.

New Memberships – Three membership apps. Motion to accept by QM; 2nd by Frank; motion passed.

October Meeting Minutes: Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Frank; 2nd by Rick; motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: No Bills.

QM Monthly Report & Quarterly Report were accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Josh Andrus – Discussed continued in-accessibility at ENVH. After discussion, Josh will check with ENVH to see if their staff can do Bingo for the residents if we supply the prize money.

Members in Distress/Deceased: None

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 90.58% and need 32 members to renew to attain 100%. Our next membership drive will be Saturday, 20 Feb, 0830 to 1130 at VI on Fort Crook Rd. Post buys breakfast. Calling script will be provided.

Blood Drive/VA/Surgeon & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham – see attached documents.

POW/MIA - Jose Tamayo: Jose spoke on the continuing efforts to identify all remains sent in last year by N. Korea and from the USS Oklahoma. He then talked about two brothers, Harold & William Trapp who were serving together on the USS Oklahoma and were recently identified.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Charles Posey: Closed till May

Teacher Awards - Larry Gerlt: Closed till May

Buddy Poppy - Larry Gerlt: Next drive will be scheduled for May 22nd at a location TBD. I will get with Darrell about checking on the Hy-Vee at 96th and Q as the one at 50th and Center prefers we only have one poppy drive per year there. Have procured a box of surgical gloves for us to wear so that donators know we have not personally handled the poppies.

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Political Action - Matt Whitaker: No Report

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: Web site updated with awards from December Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

Pickle Report – Duke: None sold

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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 due to COVID**
- 2. Subj:** Zoom Meetings. **Content:** Currently approving on a month-to-month basis. We had 3 members on zoom. Motion to continue by Frank, 2nd by Matt. Motion passed.
- 3. Subj:** Annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet at Comfort Inn & Suites. **Content:** Xmas party went well. Downside – we were charged for 9 meals we did not receive due to cancellations day of party. All but one was for valid reasons – an injury, illness, illness of parent in distant state. Previous banquet manager would bring out the unserved meals for us to dispense with. Do we continue to use Comfort Inn & Suites if they are willing to do the same, or do we find a new location? Per discussion, QM will get with their banquet manager. If they agree to give us the unserved meals, we will continue with them. If not, he will locate another venue.
- 4. Subj:** VFW Dept of Nebraska Raffle Calendars **Content:** We sold a total of 36 Calendars. Calendar sales now closed until next fall.
- 5. Subj:** Son Tay Viet Nam film, John Stanfield, **Content:** \$150 donation made.

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New Business –

- 1. Subj:** February Meeting **Content:** Nearly all National VFW and Auxiliary travel has been cancelled this past year. The National VFW Auxiliary President had to cancel her homecoming celebration – a 5 day cruise. In place of that, they are doing a week in Clearwater Florida from Feb 20 – 25. I will be unable to attend our February meeting to include remotely as they have evening activities planned. If we have a meeting, I can furnish the financial reports and meeting plans prior to my departure as well as send the meeting reminder. Someone else will have to take the minutes, login and run zoom on their laptop as mine will be with me. Is there a motion to have the meeting? If yes, must have the volunteers to take my place. If no regular meeting, could simply do a wing feed. Only business would be financial report and new business (donations?). Motion to have an informal meeting & wing feed by Matt; 2nd by Al; motion passed.
- 2. Subj:** Donation for American Legion Post 331 **Content:** The Legion E-Board agreed to extend their hours from 7 PM to 8pm so that we could have our meeting (their meeting is 6 – 7). Motion we donate \$200 as a way of saying thank you by Frank; 2nd by Matt; motion passed.

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

Next Membership drive Feb 20th, 0830, VI on Fort crook road. Dept winter conference 6 Feb via Zoom from Dept HQ. Our next Post meeting will be the 4th Wed of Feb, 7 PM, in the bar area of American Legion Post 331. As it will be a wing feed, spouses/significant other are invited. Meeting Closed at 2005.

Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster