Meeting Minutes January 2023

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 17 members present

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Guard who was absent.

New Memberships: 15 Membership application were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed. New members present were sworn in.

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 & Quarterly Reports: Both were accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt: National VFW has setup a page on their website for the PACT Act. If you need or know someone who needs their military medical records, I have researched to get them and how to request they be reconstructed if lost.

Members in Distress/Deceased: None

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 104.39 %. Needed for All State: 4th QTR Trustee Report (me), April Election Report (me), D10 Spring Meeting attendance (Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, QM), submit All State submission form (me). To achieve Captain of the Team, we can earn extra points for membership. All other optional points deadlines have passed. As the cutoff date for this is 1 May, we could use the extra points from Membership. All American (National) Post: Only the top 25 posts with the highest membership percentage can compete. We are currently in 20th place! We need about 4% more to lock us in. Basically 16 more members! We have 21 members whose dues lapse between now and 30 June and can figure 7 will renew. We have 17 members whose dues have already lapsed this year. Even though we are above 100%, I make a motion we resume dues drives for March thru June, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Minutes of last VAVS meeting will be attached when available.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: Everyone should have/create a login for VA My Health web site.

POW/MIA - William Guy: We have 300+ Nebraskans unaccounted for since WWII.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY – Larry Gerlt: We had one entry in each category! Now closed till fall.

Buddy Poppy - Josh Andrus: Next drive to be scheduled for May 20th, Hy-Vee, Center St & Saddle Creek.

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: Current top priority is Concurrent Receipt of Benefits. IE Retirees less than 50% either do not receive it or opt to receive it and have their retired pay reduced by that amount.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: As I was unable to attend Christmas Party, I need photos to post on our website.

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Correspondence – None

Old Business -

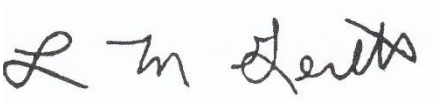
1. **Subj:** Adopt a Unit **Content:** Agreement with 55th SFS is at wing HQ under review. Have obtained an invitation for Larry & I to attend the Wing Commander's Commander & 1st Sgt Commanders call.
2. **Subj**: Post Christmas Party **Content**: VOD winner failed to show. Food and band were great!
3. **Subj:** ENVH Christmas Cards **Content**: Darrell, Marty, myself and my wife, William and his wife delivered the donation and visited with each resident we gave a card to.
4. **Subj:** ENVH Bingo **Content:**. At our last meeting, we put this on hold as nearly everyone was available for evening bingo, but none for during the work day and ENVH is short staffed and cannot have evening activities. Randy has some additional input: Each could consider using PTO to attend during the day.

New Business

1. **Subj:** Am. Leg. Post 331 **Content:** They continue to support us by providing a free meeting location, putting articles in their newsletter, announcing our meeting just prior to start time at the bar. I make a motion we donate $250. Motion by Larry G., 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** EPIC Consumption Tax **Content:** Larry passed out literature on behalf of new member Walter Gall. Cover "Epic Options Made Simple" pdf. Would eliminate all taxes except Excise tax and allow only a consumption Tax on New items purchased, but not any type of grocery. Ex. Would tax on purchase of new home or new car, but not one previously sold! Have cards so you can go to the web and check it out. If you agree, contact your State Senator and ask them to vote for it!

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

- Mid-Winter Conference 3 & 4 Feb at Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln. Legislative Day is Friday, 8 AM, Capital Building. PP & VOD Parade of Winner Fri afternoon & Banquet Friday evening. Saturday is VFW business day.
- Meeting Closed at: 2005.



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