

## Meeting Minutes January 2026

**Guests:** None.

Meeting opened at 1900 with 18 Members Present.

**Officer Roll Call:** All officers were present except the Commander & Guard who were excused.

**New Memberships:** Two Membership applications were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell M. 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 Darrell M. Motion passed.

**Reading of the Bills:** None

**QM Monthly & Quarterly Reports:** Accepted subject to audit.

**Community Service/Service Officer** – Larry Gerlt – Veteran Resource Fair at Main BX, 12 Feb, 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.

**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: Had a stroke three weeks ago and was hospitalized. Had several more minor strokes before going home. Now has Physical and Speech therapy each week.

**Members Deceased:** Life Members: Edward Barnes, Clifford Gosch, Joseph Orosco, Anthony Ray, Robert Ringo, Umberto Sanzo, Jack Wolfe and David Humpal (I attended his funeral).

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership - Larry Gerlt:** We are now at 98.31% and we need 15 more to reach 101%. Next Membership drive is scheduled for Feb 7. I will send an email reminder on the Wednesday prior to. If no one responds by 1800 Friday, 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:** CDC meeting was just held. VA Hospital is going to put an additional facility in the SE parking lot so parking will now be at a premium! If you part in the Center St. Mall, call them and they will furnish you a ride to the hospital if you prefer as opposed to going across the raised pedestrian walk to the VA. VA is now hosting info fair. Fischer House is being highly utilized and is now going through about \$1,000 per week for food. They can always use more food staples. Examples: Peanut butter, rice, etc. They even let a newly married airman & his wife stay there for a few days even though no patient connection!

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All volunteers will have to be Tier 1 from now on. This means full background checks and finger printing! VA holds an annual volunteer banquet. Due to the growth in the number of volunteers, they are looking for a larger venue!

**Surgeon - James Carmona:** Flu and pneumonia shots are now available. Everyone is encouraged to get them.

**POW/MIA - William Guy:** Government shutdown impacted recovery operations. But in Viet Nam, the mission to recover two MIAs was continued by VN citizens who were able to recover 1 of the 2. Europe has now sent 2 for recovery. While we may have lost the war, VN is now using the enterprise system for their economy!

**Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY** - We had entries for both programs. Entries were NOT from the schools we contacted, but from Central High School and Zion Academy. Awards were presented at our December Banquet. Participation certificates have been sent to their teachers. Now closed until the new membership year.

**Political Action - Matt Friesen:** NR

**Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund:** Would like any pictures from the banquet sent to him for posting on FB & website.

**We remembered our National Home.**

**Correspondence – None**

### Old Business

1. **Subj:** Patriot Paws donation of \$250 donation was made.
2. **Subj:** Mary C. is the contact person for forwarding requests for Quilts of Honor. \$250 donation made.

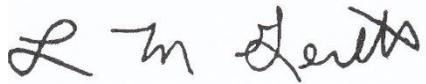
### New Business

1. **Subj:** VFW State VOD/PP Donation **Content:** We have traditionally made a \$200 donation for the Department VOD/PP cash awards. However, it is NOT in our Financial SOP! I make a motion we donate \$100 for PP and \$100 for VOD (total of \$200) for these programs and add it to our SOP for November each year. Additionally, I move that the donations these donations be made now for the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference on 30 & 31 January. Motion was seconded by Darrell M. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** ENVH Veterans qualified for the VFW **Content:** When veterans enter a state-run veterans' home, all their assets are forfeited to the state! While they have room and board, if they need clothing, a haircut, a snack, greeting cards, etc., they must purchase these themselves from a meager allowance provided by the state. This leaves them little money for "luxuries" such as membership with any organization. I make a motion that up to 20 veterans qualified for the VFW residing in ENVH be given an annual membership paid for by the post. Annual cost is \$680 per year. Additionally, that it be added to our SOP. Motion was seconded by William G. and motion was passed.

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

- Mary C. stated the Omaha submarine memorial has been moved to Levi Carter Park and work is progressing on it. It will now include a Gold Star Memorial. The Bluestar Memorial has been removed from the I-80 rest stop at the Wyoming border.
- Membership drive will be Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- No Bingo until next month as it was last week at ENVH.
- Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln this weekend. No cost if only attending Sat. Post will reimburse parking & mileage, lunch if it lasts past 2 PM.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., 25 Feb, 7pm, at the DAV, 4515 F St.
- Meeting closed at 19:50.



Larry M. Gerlt  
Quartermaster