

Meeting Minutes July 2021

Guests: PSP Bonnie Gerlt who spoke on eligibility for and programs of the Auxiliary.

Meeting opened at 1905 with 13 Members Present.

All officers were present except the 1 Year Trustee who was excused and the Service Officer and Officer of the day who were absent.

New Memberships: 8 Membership apps were read. I made the motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Matt. Motion passed. New members Kevin Meyer and Bernie Jennings attended their first meeting.

Minutes: Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes as they were emailed to all active members and posted on our website made by Frank D.; 2nd by Darrell M.; motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: No Bills.

QM Monthly & Quarterly Reports were accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – I Spoke with Matt Bauman, ENVH director Tuesday, 7/27/21. Due to Delta Variant of COVID, outing is cancelled. Rich Klinger made a \$600 donation to help fund it for next year.

Members in Distress/Deceased: None

Committee Reports

Membership - Larry Gerlt: No firm membership stats until Life payout in September. However, we currently have 276 Life Members, 4 Reinstates, & 10 Continuous members. As our Goal for the year is 353, we are at 82% and need 63 more members to reach 100%. Next membership drive will be Aug 14, 8:30 A.M. at VI on Fort Crook Rd.

Blood Drive, VA, & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Mr. Burman retired. A lot has been done with a lot more invisible construction also coming about in the hospital and campus area. Parking Garage is now being used at all levels with the elevator still not in service yet, this is staff parking only at present time. PT building is locked in on funding and is going to be started soon.

- October – December was a major surge of Covid with spring having calmed down, Vaccine was the GOD SIN in this calming effect. Vaccinations are now mandatory in the VA system as per Washington. Medical masks are good, VA hospital is not going to shut down again, FDA is in process of making the Pfizer vaccine with final approval to be the main vaccine given. Visitation was okay in June, hospital was in Yellow Status, mask still required inside of hospital, no room visitation - you are asked to check with Kerri in VAVS on Status of visitation from Groups or Individuals wanting to Visit.

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- New staff members Jennifer, Heather, Shelly, and Cynthia Powells were welcomed to the Group.
- Baby Shower September 25, 2021 donations needed. This will be gender neutral shower and will need 30 of each item donated eg. - diapers, bottles, wipes etc. These are due in by September 15 2021 and come to new ACC unit to deliver. Also, money is still good and gladly accepted. Call Kerri at 402-995-3283. This will cover all the expecting ladies at this time.
- Stand down is October 15th 2021 at UNO. It will look different on how it is done , only Veterans that need medical care will be allowed in medical area they will have a drive through and walk through. They are trying to keep numbers down and manageable. Food items need to come early so they can be inventoried and passed out. New flyers will be coming out with more information. If any items are purchased via Amazon, they can be shipped directly to the VA. All gifts are going to homeless and near homeless Veterans only, no other outside persons, Kerri and staff will monitor this. New items only please, had bad problems with used items like needle sticks etc. Actual location to be determined this and all information will be made available and sent out to areas and people involved. Volunteers are needed. UNO will provide meals via the VA help and funds.
- VaVS is changing its name as of October 1 2021 to CDDE due to staff changes losing staff to other areas, regular down grading of VaVS coding new name will capture what we do. National has already started with new title, the other lower departments are getting the word now.
- Women's clinic is open and the ladies are very happy on how it looks and how secure it is.
- Fisher house is going strong, last week it was completely full. They still need food, items, money, etc. Still no inside cooking provided.
- The Service Flags in the entry circle are in place and looks good, also main flag pole and flag in place in front corner of ACC building area and it looks good also.

Surgeon – Rich Klinger: No report

POW/MIA - William Guy: Absent, no report.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Larry Gerlt: Provided PP apps to Matt for his son and Trudy's daughter. Have provided VOD app to my son Jason for Artemis. If anyone has children/grandchildren or has a friend who has children in Junior or senior high, please let me know and I can furnish them entry forms as well.

Buddy Poppy - Darrell McMillan: - Next drive will be scheduled for Oct/Nov at TBD. We have procured a box of surgical gloves for us to wear so that donators know we have not personally handled the poppies. (HY-Vee 50th & Center or 96th & Q)

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: No report.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: Excused, no report.

Pickle Report – Duke: None sold

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Correspondence – None

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:** July Post Family Picnic **Content:** Scheduled for Aug 21st. Post buys hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, buns, cheese, lettuce, condiments, plastic ware and paper plates. Will be held at Wildwood Park, 8000 Ralston Ave.


New Business

1. **Subj:** Life Membership Incentives. **Content:** currently reserve \$1000 to offer a \$100 incentive to annual members to convert to life. I offered this to our 10 members with the longest longevity with the post. Only 4 took me up on the offer. Right now, the State is offering a \$50 incentive. We currently only have 104 annual members (about 70 who paid their dues last year). If we offered them all \$100 incentive we might possibly attain 100% membership for next year with a lot fewer membership drives. I move we allocate \$2000 plus the unused \$600 for life incentives offer all 65 annual members a \$50 incentive to be used in conjunction with the State \$50 incentive to convert to life. Motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Subj:** _VFW State Golf Tournament **Content:** Received a flyer for the VFW State Golf Tournament to be held at Willow Lakes Golf Course (Offutt Capehart housing) on 3 Sept, 1 PM shotgun start. 4 person teams, 3 must be veterans, 1 can be civilian. Entry deadline is 26 August. Cost is \$320 (80 per person) for the team. We had a couple of members who expressed interest. I made a motion that the post would pay the team entry fee of \$320 if I was contacted by a post member NLT 26 August who had a team to enter. Motion was seconded by AI and passed.

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

National Convention July 1-Aug 4, KCMO. Next District 10 Meeting will be the second Sunday of October, 2 PM at Post 2543 in Plattsmouth. Attendance counts for All-State competition so members are encouraged to attend. Post Picnic Saturday 18 August. Our next Post meeting will be the 4th Wed of Aug, 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331. Meeting Closed at 2010.

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Handwritten signature of Larry M. Gerlt in black ink.

Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster