

Meeting Minutes July 2026

Meeting opened at 1900 with 13 Members Present and no guests.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Senior Vice Commander & 2-year trustee who were excused and the officer of the day & guard who was absent.

New Memberships: Four Membership applications were read; Patricia Harrison, Matt Eller, David Hobbs, and William Hudson. 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 Darrell M. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly Report: QM Quarterly report was read and accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt:

- Upcoming Veteran Resource Fair at Main BX, 12 Nov, 1100-1300.
- Nebr. Mission of Mercy Dental Event, Friday/Saturday, Aug. 28th & 29th 8-5, ANG Titan Readiness Center, 789 County Rd, Yutan. All vets & their spouses are eligible!
- VA office in Main BX has qualified VSO! Available for walk ins and scheduled appointments for filing benefits claims.
- Gov. Pillen has designed a special coin for Korean War (1950-54) Veterans to be presented to them at a ceremony at the Capital on 24 July. I am spearheading an effort for District 10 to contact all our eligible vets, find out if they wish to attend or would prefer a local ceremony with the Gov. if available or without the Gov. he is not, and ensure the vets have transportation to/from the event. We have 4 qualified to receive. They have been contacted and include Benjamin Beans!

Members in Distress:

- Candy Woodward: (Aux.) Bad MV Accident. Now able to stand on one leg.
- Marty Shelton: doing well but still in speech therapy from stroke.
- Gary Tow's wife has brain cancer and has been moved to hospice.

Members Deceased: Michael Brock

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 88.71%. Next membership drive is Aug 15th. We meet at VI on Fort Crook Rd at 8:30. I provide a short training while waiting on breakfast order paid by the Post. I furnish a pocket clip board with all that is needed. Will email previous Wednesday. If no one responds, I skip breakfast & 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!

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Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Lots of construction still on-going. Next CDC meeting 27 July. More to report after that meeting.

Surgeon - James Carmona: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: A colonial soldier was ID'd – Pvt Humphrey, 16 years old when passed in Civil War battle!

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Have taken Patriot Pen entries, Voice of Democracy entries and Teacher of the Year entries to schools that submitted to us last year.

Political Action - Matt Friesen: Briefed the membership on the Take Care of American Veterans Act. It has 62 bills all patriotic organizations support. However, the funding mechanism is to be removing sleep apnea & tinnitus from the disability list for all veterans not currently receiving disability. Congress estimates they will save 57B dollars a year. QM stated he would send all post members an email about it asking them to sign-up for VFW Action Corps emails and then send their Congressmen & Senators the prepared email asking them to reject it.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – None

Old Business

1. **Subj: ENVH Membership:** Had a conversation with volunteer coordinator and getting scheduled to make a presentation there for quailed residents. **Item open.**
2. **Subj: Eagle Scout Project:** Project to interview veterans and submit to Nat. Archives waiting for next contact from Scout. No update. **Item open.**
3. **Subj: State Commander & Aux. Pres. Special Project:** \$250 donation made. **Item closed.**
4. **Subj: Korean War Veterans Coin Presentation:** We have 4 who qualify. 3 have requested in-home presentation as they are disabled.

New Business

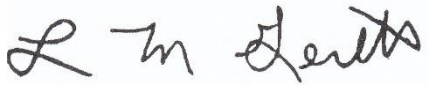
1. **Subj: 50 Mile March Content:** Darrell McMillan talked about the 50 Mile March group who have purchased land near ENVH to build a Homeless veteran campus. He made a motion we donate \$250. Motions was 2nd by Frank Durham and passed.
2. **Subj: Auxiliary 2704 Celebration Content:** Our Post Auxiliary was formed August of 2016 and is celebrating their 10th Anniversary! All Post Members and their family are invited to join them in celebration at their upcoming meeting on August 11th! Please join them for this historic event as they were the first Auxiliary formed in Nebraska in 30 years!
3. **Subj: Thank you. Content:** JD Glenn thanked the membership for caring. He recently had a hospital stay and was visited there by post members. That, plus how we treat/recognize our members has shown how we are a "family" that cares!

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4. **Subj:** Thank you **Content:** Matt Friesen thanked the post benefits officer for referring him to the Dept. of Nebr. VA Rep at the main BX. His claim has been processed and the additional ratings have helped him significantly.
5. **Subj:** Quilts of Valor **Content:** Mary Carlson presented William Guy with a Quilt of Valor.

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

- Darrell conducted his first official meeting as District 10 Commander for the 2026-27 membership year!
- Frank D. spoke about the requirement for the correct parking pass when parking in the VA volunteer parking area and getting a ticket with a \$45 fine if you don't have one. Also, when a veteran's remains are unclaimed for 2 years, arrangements are made with the Omaha Nat. Cemetery for burial.
- ENVH Bingo tomorrow night, 14205 Harrison Stull Rd. Show time is 6:15 PM-6:30 and lasts about an hour.
- District meeting will be at Post 2543, Oct 18th, 610 1st St, Plattsmouth.
- National Convention will be in Reno, NV 25-29 July.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., 26 Aug, 7 PM, here at the DAV.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster