

## Meeting Minutes June 2021

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1903 with 13 Members Present.

**Officer Roll Call**- All officers were present except the 3 Year Trustee and Service Office who were excused and the Jr Vice Commander who was absent.

**New Memberships** – None

**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.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell M.; motion passed.

**Reading of the Bills:** No Bills.

**QM Monthly Report** was accepted subject to audit.

**Community Service/Service Officer** – Josh Andrus: Legion approached Justin at the Feb meeting about taking ENVH vets to a Storm Chasers game. I have taken the lead and chatted with Patti Howe about it. Cost per vet roughly \$20 (\$10 admission, food & beverage).

- ENVH has two vans that can transport up to 40 vets (depending on # in wheel chairs.
- COVID restrictions now permit ENVH Vets to go on excursions. Director is making a list of who want to attend. I asked it include their branch of service so we can look at getting them ball caps.
- Rich Klinger has generously agreed to donate \$400 to help defray costs.
- We need a few volunteers to be at ENVH at 17:30 for wheelchair “driving” instructions and then act as escorts during the game.
- Game starts at 7 PM, Aug.
- We would pay entrance fee of \$10 for vets, drivers, and escorts.
- We would pay for a sandwich & drink for each vet, drivers, & escorts (\$10 per)

**Members in Distress/Deceased:** None

### Committee Reports

**Membership** - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 103.85%. New membership year starts 1 July. Next membership drive will be 26 July, 8:30 A.M. at VI on Fort Crook Rd.

**Blood Drive/VA/Surgeon & Chaplain Report** - Frank Durham: (See Attached)

**POW/MIA** - William Guy: William talked about the Movie Bat 21. One of the missing crewman from the aircraft/helicopter shot down during the rescue mission was from the greater Omaha Metro Area! Additional links to POW/MIA sites located on Post web site.

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**Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen** - Larry Gerlt: Provide 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.

**Political Action** - Matt Whitaker: No report.

**Webmaster/Facebook** - Rick Imgrund: No issues. If you have information you would like posted to our Web or Facebook site, email Rick. His contact info is in GO#1 that was passed out and will be posted on our website.

**Pickle Report** – Duke: None sold

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**Correspondence** – None

### Old Business –

- 1. Subj:** Improving tie with 55<sup>th</sup> 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:** Patriotic Parade 28 May 2021. **Content:** Justin, Jeff, Josh, Marty, William, Rick, Anthony, Darrell & myself marched in the parade. With Justin's assistance, I got the other VFW & Legion color guards to correct the right to left sequence of their flags!
- 3. Subj:** Drawing for Life Memberships **Content:** We drew 3 names from those members who had more than 10 years with our post and awarded them a life membership. I sent them each a letter.
- 4. Subj:** VFW National Home for Children **Content:** I made the \$200 donation to them.
- 5. Subj:** May Meeting is officer installations. **Content:** Although turnout was light, we had our meal and installations. All seem to have had a good time.
- 6. Subj:** Goodbye Plaque for Jose & Diana was presented. At the end of the meeting, Commander Brand honored them with a post salute.

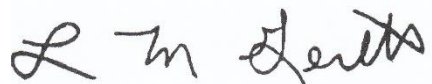
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### New Business

1. **Subj:** Post SOPs & GO#1 **Content:** Passing out updated Post SOPs for review and approval. Two corrections were made to contact information. Motion to pass by Frank, seconded by Al. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** State Fair Parade, Grand Island **Content:** State Fair at Grand Island honors veterans on Memorial Day. Parade starts at noon. Post would pay \$50 for gas. Fair entry fee waved for all veterans that day. If vote to participate, will pass out sign-up sheet. No motion was made to participate.
3. **Subj:** National VFW Convention **Content:** – July 1-Aug 4, National Convention Registration and Hotel reservations now open. Let me know if planning to attend. Will be held in KCMO and you must make your own hotel reservations. I will make your delegate registration. Abbreviated convention due to losing Baltimore. Sunday best day to arrive so you can visit the VFW Store which will be at the Convention Center. Business days are Monday & Tuesday only. Post pays for two to go. Justin can't and I'm being paid by National. We would reimburse up to \$1000 for two to go. If interested, let me know.
4. **Subj:** July Post Family Picnic **Content:** We normally have a post family picnic in July. However, State VFW has moved Officer Training to 10 July. There are no weekends available for me to attend (can't do over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, 17<sup>th</sup> is Offutt Recruiting, 26<sup>th</sup> is Post membership drive, 31<sup>st</sup> is National Convention. We could do on Aug 21<sup>st</sup>. Post buys hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, buns, cheese, lettuce, condiments, plastic ware and paper plates. I move we schedule it for Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, Wildwood Park, 8000 Ralston Ave. Motion seconded by Al. Motion passed.

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

State Officer Training July 10<sup>th</sup>, 8-4, Seward Civic Center, District 10 Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM Post 9675, 6705 Whitney Rd, Papillion, National Convention July 1-Aug 4, KCMO. Our next Post meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of July, 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331. Meeting Closed at: 8:02



Larry M. Gerlt  
Quartermaster