

## Meeting Minutes June 2022

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 9 Members Present.

**Officer Roll Call:** All officers were present except the JA/1yr Trustee who sent a late email on being ill and 2 yr trustee whose son had a ball game.

**New Memberships:** 4 Membership application were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty S. Motion passed.

**Minutes were distributed via email and posted.** Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Frank D. and 2nd by Marty S. Motion passed.

**Reading of the Bills:** Flowers – Jim Jensen, \$25.00 Motion to pay b Marty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by me. Motion passed.

**Quartermaster's Report:** Accepted subject to audit.

**Community Service/Service Officer** – Larry Gerlt: Nothing to report.

**Members in Distress/Deceased:** None

### Committee Reports

**Membership** - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 111.04%. New membership year starts 1 July! Next membership drive July 9, 08:30-11:30, VI, Fort Crook Rd. Post buys breakfast, I provide route and training.

**Blood Drive, VA, & Chaplain Report** - Frank Durham: Provided information concerning the NE/Western IA VA Hospital.

**Surgeon** – Bernie Jennings: VA is working on a Smooth program. He is working on getting more information.

**POW/MIA** - William Guy: None identified this month.

**Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen** - Larry Gerlt: Mailing nearby parochial schools.

**Buddy Poppy** – Josh Andrus: Next drive will be scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>, Hy-Vee, Center St between 51<sup>st</sup> & 52<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**Webmaster/Facebook** - Rick Imgrund: Nothing to report.

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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**  
Need a rep or we need to drop.
- 2. Subj:** Flag case for Shaketia Qwintarr OPR Bernard **Content:** Veteran's widow has a funeral flag and requests a flag case. Her contact info: 2428 Templeton, 251-253-9539 I have the case completed, Bernie to get with her to schedule the presentation ceremony.
- 3. Subj: State Convention** **Content:** I was our only post member present. We received a certificate and check for \$150 for both Post with the greatest increase in life members and Membership. We also received the Cliff Polk Award for greatest increase in membership. We made All State and were presented hats for the Commander and myself. I received certificates as POW/MIA and Membership Chairman.

### New Business

- 1. Subj:** 2023 GO #1 – List of Post Officers & Appointed Committee Chairmen **Content:** Please read & review to see if there are any corrections to be made. Motion to approve by Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion passed.
- 2. Subj:** 2023 Post SOP #1 – Post Financials **Content:** Please read and review. I make a motion we approve the 2023 Post SOP #1. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion passed.
- 3. Subj:** Southwest Iowa Veterans Day Parade – Nov 5th **Content:** Our Color Guard has been invited to participate in this parade. Route is about 2 miles long and if flat as it is in Council Bluffs. Start time is 1100, show time is 1000. After short discussion, we tabled it for our next meeting.
- 4. Subj:** Department Officer Training **Content:** Darrell, Marty, and myself attended. It was a very productive session and there several lively discussions about the new All State requirements and post inspection process.
- 5. Subj:** National Convention **Content:** Marty and Justin will be attending as well as myself. We reimburse up to \$1000 for the trip. I made a motion that we pay National VFW rates for per diem up to the \$1000 limit. Motion seconded by Frank and passed.
- 6. Subj:** Post Ball Caps **Content:** Marty – he suggested we get post ball caps. I mentioned we had ordered some years ago. They were white with our post # and location on a patriotic background. They cost us about \$20 a piece. Marty thought he could get them cheaper and will check it out. Item tabled for next meeting.

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7. **Subj:** Graceland Headstones **Content:** William told us that when he was doing the flag lowering & raising for Memorial Day, he noted several of the older headstones were becoming corroded. He also mentioned the flag pole lighting appeared to be inoperative and said he would check out the cost of getting solar lights. Item tabled for next meeting.

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

- National Convention in KCMO 16-21 July. Please let me know if going so I can get you registered.
- Our next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of July, 7 PM
- Meeting Closed at 2010.



Larry M. Gerlt  
Quartermaster