

## Meeting Minutes June 2026

Meeting opened at 1900 with 11 Members Present and no guests.

**Officer Roll Call:** All officers were present except the 1-year trustee & surgeon who were excused and the officer of the day & guard who were absent.

**New Memberships:** Four Membership applications were read; Eric Anderson, Joshua Lanoha, Russell Weakly, and Glenn Williams. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Matt F. 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 Fairs at Main BX, 13 Aug and 12 Nov, 1100-1300.
- Retiree appreciation day at Main BX this Saturday, 27 June, 0900- 1300. Nebr. 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 Gov. Pillen if available or without Gov. Pillen if 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.
- Michael Brock is in hospital after a bad fall.

**Members Deceased:** Richard Klinger

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership - Larry Gerlt:** We are now at 104.49% and we have exceeded our 101% goal. July is the start of the new membership year so our dues drive will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. He attended Richard Klinger's funeral who was interred at the Omaha National Cemetery. They had about 40 attendees and a luncheon afterwards.

**Surgeon - James Carmona:** NR

**POW/MIA - William Guy:** NR

**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 for quailed residents offer to be extended after start of new membership year. **Item open.**
2. **Subj:** Eagle Scout project to interview veterans and submit to Nat. Archives waiting for next contact from Scout. **Item open.**
3. **Subj: USO donation:** \$250 donation made. **Item closed.**
4. **Subj: Post Elections:** were conducted, election report submitted in April. Officers were installed at May meeting/potluck. **Item closed.**
5. **Subj: Korean War Veterans Coin Presentation.** We have 4 who qualify. 3 have requested in-home presentation as they are disabled. **Item open.**

### New Business

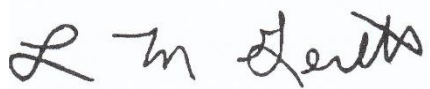
1. **Subj:** State Commander's & Aux. President's Special Project **Content:** Their special project this year is to help the VFW food pantries across the state: Omaha, Kearney, Norfolk & Scotts Bluff. QM made a motion to donate \$250 to their special project. Motion was seconded by Jim Brown and passed.
2. **Subj:** National Legislative Resolutions **Content:** There a 100 of them that the QM emailed them to our active members list last week. No discussion was asked for as they are literally the same every year.

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3. **Subj:** G.O. #1, SOP-1 **Content:** G.O. 1 will be emailed to all members. SOP-1 proposed changes are in red. Cost of Website – as price goes up every few years, replaced actual price. Please note, just because a payment is listed, such as DPAA does NOT mean the post has to pay it. It is a new AA requirement. Poppies – AA & AS now require we purchase 5 poppies per member in lots of 500. It would cost us \$900! Don't know that it would ever happen, but if post business required me to travel several hundred miles, I would require standard reimbursement. Removed Sr & Vi Commander from Big 10 Conference reimbursement. I move we accept the changes to SOP-1. Motion was seconded by Bernie Jennings & passed.
4. **Subj:** 1 Year Trustee – Gary Tow **Content:** Gary resigned as his ability to attend meetings will be hit or miss while his wife is in hospice. PSC Gerlt conducted an election for his replacement. Mary Carlson was elected and installed. Election report was submitted online after meeting.

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

- Post Commander talked about our State Convention & School of Instruction.
- Darrell McMillan was installed as District 10 Commander for the 2026-27 membership year.
- The new All American & All State requirements include purchasing 5 poppies per post member in increments of 500 & would cost us \$900! Along with other required donations, it would cost of over \$1300 just to compete. But with the additional requirements it is questionable for us to attain either of these awards and he has chosen NOT to compete. We will still do our best to serve veterans, participate in VOD/PP and other programs as well as attain 100%+ in membership.
- District meeting will be at Post 2503, 8904 Military RD 12 July, 2 PM.
- National Convention will be in Reno, NV 25-29 July.
- ENVH Bingo tomorrow night, 14205 Harrison Stull Rd. Show time is 6:15 PM-6:30 and lasts about an hour.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., 22 Jul, 7 PM, here at the DAV.



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Quartermaster