

Meeting Minutes March 2022

Guests: Kimberly and Zavita Kenny, spouse and daughter of Mike Kenny

Meeting opened at 1900 with 10 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Commander, Jr. Vice, and Officer of the Day who were excused and Surgeon who was absent.

Special Award: Larry presented the QM Service to Veterans plaque and an Admiralty in the Nebraska Navy certificate signed by the Governor to post member Mike Kenny.

New Memberships: 1 Membership application was read. Al C. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed.

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

Reading of the Bills: None.

Quartermaster's Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Josh Andrus – Nothing at this time.

Members in Distress/Deceased:

Deceased: Life Members Rudolph Lesac; Frank Ourada; Kenneth Stenberg; Benjamin Blair

Other: Harry Baulisch and Duke Barrientos, QM called and left VM on Monday. Question was raised about Stephen Washington who had cancer. QM chatted with him several months ago and cancer was in remission at that time.

Committee Reports

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 105.94%. If you have a relative, friend, coworker who may be eligible for the VFW, please ask them if I can contact them about joining the VFW and giving me their contact information. If you want, we can chat with them together. I'm available 24/7.

Blood Drive, VA, & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: VA Hospital still in remodel. He attended funeral for Benjamin Blair, signed book, rendered final salutes and presented a condolence card to family.

Surgeon – Rich Klinger: Absent, No report

POW/MIA - William Guy: Absent: QM read latest MIA/POW report on WWII Army Staff Sgt Grady H. Canup and Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Salisbury.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Larry Gerlt: Closed until May

Buddy Poppy - Darrell McMillan: Next drive will be scheduled for May 21st, Hy-Vee, Center St between 51st & 52nd.

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Political Action - Matt Whitaker: Matt spoke on two bills – one to reduce property taxes commensurate to a veteran's disability rating and a discussion ensued about bills for no permit for concealed carry and not taxing social security. Also a discussion of free life time National Park Pass for 100% disabled and free annual pass for all veterans.

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

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Correspondence – Thank You cards from Tessa Maleska & Annika Carlson.

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:** Flag case for Shakelia Qwintarr. OPR Bernard **Content:** Veteran's widow has a funeral flag and requests a flag case. Her contact info: 2428 Templeton, Omaha. 251-253-9539. Larry will get with Al about triangle flag case. Larry will contact Al about Al's source for a free case. Motion made by Larry that if Al doesn't still have source, he will purchase at Hobby Lobby at a maximum cost of \$40. He will also procure a name plate from Regal Awards. Matt seconded motion. Motion passed.
- 3. Subj:** Patriotic Parade **Content:** Will be 28 May, downtown Omaha same as last year. Have registered our post. Will add names of participating members in April.
- 4. Subj:** American Legion Post 331. Content: \$200 donation made.

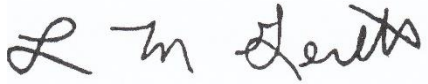
New Business

- 1. Subj:** New Visions Homeless Veterans Shelter **Content:** We support New Visions as they do a lot for our homeless veterans. I make a motion we donate \$200 to them, 2nd by Matt. Motion passed.
- 2. Subj:** National Convention **Content:** National Convention will be KCMO, 16 - 21 July. Our post offers two \$1,000 stipends or three \$700 stipends for attending. Sunday best day to arrive. Could depart as early as Tuesday after business meeting. This would basically pay all your expenses. Nominally, they go to the Commander, Sr Vice, QM. As I am still on NCoA, I cannot use mine. If you are interested in going, please get with me. I have to register you as a delegate and will provide hotel information.
- 3. Subj:** State Convention **Content:** State Convention will be 10-12 June (Friday – Sunday) in Kearney. Post offers 3 stipends, each for \$100 per hotel night & \$50 travel. If you are interested in going, please contact me as I need to register you as a delegate.

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

- District meeting will be 10 April.
- Post Elections at April Meeting.
- Our next Post meeting will be on Wed 27 Apr, 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331.
- Meeting Closed at 1956 hours.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster