

Meeting Minutes March 2024

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 15 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All Officers were present except the Senior Vice Commander and Judge Advocate who were excused and the 1 Year Trustee who was absent.

New Memberships: 8 Membership application was read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed. Commander swore in new members Andrew Butler and Shea Downs-Butler who were present.

Reading of the Bills: None

Quartermaster's Monthly Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – ENVH Bingo Tomorrow night, 28 March. Show time 1815. Done by 1930

Members in Distress: Marty Shelton and Benjamin Beans.

Members Deceased: None

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: Now at 102.39% and are qualified for both All State and All American. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for April 6th. We meet at Village Inn on Fort Crook Rd at 0830, post pays for breakfast and I provide a short training while waiting for food. I also provide a 'route list' to run. We meet back at VI at 1130 so I can collect the route sheets and any monies.

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: PDF copies of what he talked about attached.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: He talked about the history of the POW/MIA flag which was designed by the wife of a pilot shot down in N. Viet Nam and became a POW in the "Hanoi Hilton."

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Closed for the year.

Buddy Poppy - Josh Andrus: Our next drive is scheduled for May 11th, 2-hour shifts, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, at Hy-Vee, 53rd & Center. Will passing around signup sheet in April.

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: NR

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

Women Veterans - Sonja Hosler: NR

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We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – None

Old Business

1. **Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** No update at this time.
2. **Subj:** National Childrens Home. **Content:** \$300 donation made to tribute park.
3. **Subj:** National Convention **Content:** Louisville, Kentucky, July 27 – Aug 1. Post offers \$1000 to commander & QM. If not going, then to Sr. Vice, Jr Vice, Members. If three officers wish to go, \$750 each. If you are interested in going, please let me know. I must register you as a delegate and assist you with hotel reservations.

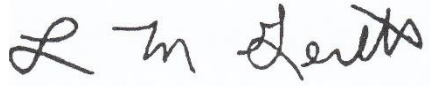
New Business

1. **Subj:** Patriotic Parade **Content:** Patriotic Parade will be Saturday, 25 May. Show time 0900, done by 1100, starting location will be provided next month. We have the white gloves, flags with carrying harnesses, rifles, and military pistol belt and .45. Uniform is dark trousers, post polo, VFW Cover. Minimum required to participate is 4, full color guard is 6. All are welcome to participate. Larry, Bernie, Jeff, Darrell, Anthony and Randy volunteered. QM will make parade reservation.
2. **Subj:** Sale of our host Am. Leg. Post 331 Building **Content:** They held a second meeting on this past Monday and are now being offered 1.6 million dollars. They voted to sell the building and agreed to meet in the DAV at 48th & F until they find a new home. We won't know exactly how long before we have to vacate the building until next week. However, I believe this to too far west and north for us to continue to recruit in the Bellevue Papillion LaVista area and we need to locate a meeting place closer to here in South Omaha or Bellevue. Places I am aware of are Metro Community College here is South Omaha, the MCC Vet Center, and the DAV in Bellevue. The new meeting place would ideally be located between Cornhusker and Q Street and from the river to 36th St. Ideally, I would be able to store our meeting accouterments there – flags & stands, rolling table, folding podium, charter & stand. I will have to obtain an estimate to see if it is cheaper to buy a new gun safe or move the one we have – it weighs about 700 lbs.! We will have to rent a locker to store the safe and weapons in as I don't have room for it at my garage. It will permit me to move our post property out of my basement to be stored with our weapons. OR, I can buy a gun cabinet I can fit in my home office in the basement for \$200.
After discussion, I made a motion I purchase the gun cabinet for \$200 and transfer the weapons to my home. Motion was seconded By Frank. Motion Passed.
3. **Subj:** May Meeting **Content:** We have traditionally held a pot luck supper with our officer installations. Post furnishes fried chicken. Auxiliaries and Family members are invited. Everyone brings a side dish. We may have to locate a venue for it. As where we will be meeting \ as wells as what we can or can't do at that location is up in the air, we will discuss next month.
4. **Subj:** 1st Call Post Elections. 1st Call was conducted and Darrell was nominated for Commander, Jeff for Senior Vice Commander, Bernie for Junior Vice Commander, Larry for QM, and Randy for 3 Year Trustee.

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

- Frank provided additional history on the sale of the building.
- Bingo tomorrow night at ENVH.
- Next Membership drive 6 April 2024.
- District 10 Convention 14 April at Post 2503, 8904 Military Rd.
- Next post meeting will be 24 April – 4th Wednesday, here at the Legion. 2nd & 3rd
Call for elections at April meeting, followed by elections.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster