

Meeting Minutes March 2026

Meeting opened at 1900 with 16 Members Present and no guests.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except one Trustee and Officer of the Day who were excused and the Guard who was absent.

New Memberships: Four Membership applications were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd 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 Rick I. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly Report: QM report was read and accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt:

- Veteran Resource Fair at Main BX, 14 May, 13 Aug, 12 Nov, 1100-1300. Nebr. VA office in Main BX has qualified VSO! Available for walk ins and scheduled appointments for filing benefits claims.

- Day of Service May 2nd, Omaha National Cemetery, 9-12.

- VA has modified a rule which states they will once again decrease disability percentage based on effectiveness of medication even though the Supreme Court over-ruled them last time. They have removed this due to pressure from all the patriotic organizations!

Members in Distress: Candy Woodward: (Aux.) Bad MV Accident. Now able to stand on one leg. Two more operations down the road before starting therapy for right leg. William Guy's wife had an operation today and is doing ok.

Members Deceased: Life Member Frank Kankovsky.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 101.12% and achieved our goal for this membership year. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for July! 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.) or give them my info so they can contact me. And, please remember our Auxiliary – spouses, children 16 or older, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, and siblings are eligible!

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: (Frank actually spoke under good of the order): Am. Leg. Post 331 is still looking for a new facility. Two possibilities are this facility (DAV) and a Burger King near/at South Roads.

Surgeon - James Carmona: NR

POW/MIA - William Guy: NR

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Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Awards presented at December Banquet. Closed for this membership year. When new themes are out for the 2026 – 2027 year, will send to the schools that submitted to us this year.

Political Action - Matt Friesen: He stated there were several bills before Congress about Veterans. Terry K. stated Gov. Pillen was attempting to “raid” the Nebraska Veterans fund. A lively discussion ensued. Final results were that while the Nebr. Leg. Had originally proposed taking 5 million dollars over a 2-year period, the proposal now is to use it for the State Veterans Homes’ budget. This is NOT without precedence as it was used twice before for the State-run cemeteries. The “fund” usually spends about 1 million each year on veteran support and has (depending on where you get your information, about \$60 million with \$57 million designated for long term use and \$3 million for short term needs.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – Thank you note from Quilts of Honor for our \$250 donation and a note from Dave Humpal Jr that included \$520 in donations to the post from donations made at his father’s funeral as his father had been proud of and cared deeply for the VFW.

Old Business

1. **Subj:** Donation National Home was made. Item closed.
2. **Subj:** ENVH membership for qualified residents offered to those present for bingo. A life member transferred to our post. Will hold off contacting all residents until the new membership year starts in July as we have achieved our membership goal of 101%. Item open.

New Business


1. **Subj:** Post Elections **Content:** Post elections will be held at our April meeting IAW Nat. By-Laws. Any member can run for any office, but rarely done. Our post policy has been for leadership officers (Commander, Sr. & Jr. Vice Commander) to serve 2 years in office before moving up. This year will be the second year for them. While a member can nominate themselves for an office, it is considered “bad form!” We will have first call tonight. Upon announcing it, we will take a 10-minute break so you can ask another to nominate you.
2. **Subj:** May Officer Installations **Content:** We have always held a pot luck with family and friends invited. Post will provide the entrée and members are encouraged to provide a dessert or side dish sufficient to feed 8. Nominally, post has furnished fried chicken. When I made the motion, if anyone would prefer a different entrée, please let speak during discussion for the motion. I make a motion we continue our tradition of having a pot luck at our May meeting, that the post provide fried chicken, and members provide side dishes or desserts. Additionally, that our Auxiliary, family and friends are invited to attend. Motion was made by QM, seconded by Darrell M. Motion passed after a lively discussion about entrée.

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3. **Subj:** Patriot Paws **Content:** Patriot Paws provide free service dogs to disabled veterans. QM made a motion we donate \$250 to them. Motion was seconded by Frank D. and motion passed.
4. **Subj:** Eagle Scout Project (read letter) **Content:** After reading letter, - I could forward his request to all member in the local area so that they can contact him if they wish to participate.
QM made a motion for to approve this request and that he forward the email and with the scout's contact info to all members residing in the local area so that they may participate if they choose to.
Motion was seconded by Matt F. After discussion, motion was amended that the QM would be contact point throughout the term of the project and review/approve of interview questions. Motion passed.
5. **Subj: Red Barn School, IA.** Post Commander stated he & they appreciated the donation we made last year to them and they were now becoming operational and needed some additional funding. QM made a motion to donate \$250 to them. Motion was seconded by Bernie J and passed.
6. **Subj: Omaha National Cemetery (ONC) Support Committee.** Mary C. state she was a member of this committee and that they funded grave marker flags and other items not in the ONC budget as well as providing volunteers to place the grave flags, direct traffic and other duties. Their only source of income was 20% of sales from Don & Millies at 144th & Harrison from sales the day before the committee met, but that it was inadequate. QM he and she had traded emails on the subject but thought she was talking about providing support to the ONC. He stated he received a gross (12 doz.) grave marker flags each year from ACE Hardware that he had been giving to other posts that needed them or took them to VFW Dept. HQ. Now that we have a member who needs them here for the ONC he would provide them to her each year. QM made a motion we donate \$250 to their committee. Motion was seconded by Mary C. and passed.
7. 1st Call for post elections was held after a 5-minute break.

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

- District 10 Meeting Sunday, April 12th, 2 PM at Post 2503, 8904 Military Rd.
- Bingo at ENVH tomorrow, 26 Mar, 6:15 PM show time.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., 22 Apr, 7pm, at the DAV, 4515 F St.
- Trustees need to report to QM to conduct the Audit.
- Meeting closed at 20:15.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster