

## Meeting Minutes November 2023

**Guests:** Karla Kaufman, Ruth Brown, Bonnie Gerlt, McKenzie Ratzburg

Meeting opened at 1900 with 16 Members Present.

**Officer Roll Call:** All officers were present except the Judge Advocate/1 Year Trustee & 2 Year Trustee who were excused and the 3 Year Trustee who was absent.

**New Memberships:** 4 Membership application was read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank D. Motion passed. Commander swore in new members and those attending for the first time.

**Minutes:** As minutes were emailed to members and posted on our website, a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Frank D., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty S. Motion passed.

**Reading of the Bills:** None

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

**Community Service/Service Officer** – Larry Gerlt – No Bingo – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday is Thanksgiving. No meeting in December, Xmas party only. ENVH Bingo on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. Will email reminder a few days prior

**Members in Distress/Deceased:** None

**Committee Reports:** No Reports except membership as this is an informal meeting.

**Membership - Larry Gerlt:** Now at 96.08%. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for Jan 20, 2024. 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. Will email reminder a few days prior.

### Old Business -

- 1. Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** Have signed up 55<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.
- 2. Subj:** CB Veterans Day Parade **Content:** Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Three of six unavailable. Cancelled participation.
- 3. Subj:** Christmas Party **Content:** All arrangements made. Just need everyone's money and reservations. Have brought blank slips.
- 4. Subj:** November Stand-down **Content:** Merged our funds with the Auxiliary for a total of \$550 as minimum Still Serving Grant request \$500. Spent \$557.97 on 8 tents and 8 cold weather sleeping bags. Grant request has been filed with National VFW.
- 5. Subj:** Women Veterans Committee **Content:** Sonja Hosler agreed to head the Women Veterans Committee for our post. Her first report will be at our January meeting.
- 6. Subj:** VOD & PP Dept. Scholarships **Content:** Auto deduction of funds for Dept. Scholarships has been terminated.

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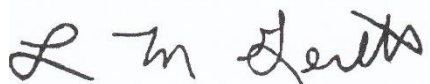
7. **Subj:** VFW Magazine **Content:** Starting in January, VFW Magazine will go digital. If you wish to continue to receive hard copy, you will need to call them, or I can submit a list of post members to National. Many of our members DO NOT have an email address, especially our older members. I make a motion to do the November newsletter next week to inform them and ask for them to respond by (TBD). I will then forward the list to Nat.
8. **Subj:** Dept. Contract with a publishing company **Content:** About 5 years ago, our Dept. contracted with a company who will contact all members to verify their contact info, encourage them to submit bio, and offer to sell them the book created from that info and other items. You will probably get a call after the first of the year.

### **New Business-**

1. **Subj:** ENVH Xmas Cards & Donation **Content:** Once the meeting is closed, we will sign the ENVH Xmas card. In keeping with trimming our budget I make a motion we donate \$3.00 per ENVH resident + \$10 in case one or more move in between now and card presentation making total donation \$370.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** American Legion Post 331 **Content:** Frank spoke on a subject he requested to be left out of the minutes due to its sensitivity.
3. **Subj:** VA Healthcare verses Tricare/Medicare **Content:** Mary Carlson spoke on how treatment for certain conditions for those who only have VA Healthcare requires out of state travel while those who have Tricare and/or Medicare receive treatment at local hospitals.

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

- Xmas party in the upstairs meeting room, Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. Bar opens at 6 PM, meal at 7.
- ENVH Bingo 28 Dec.
- Next Membership drive 20 Jan 2024.
- Next post meeting will be 24 Jan – 4th Wednesday, here at the Legion.



Larry M. Gerlt  
Quartermaster