

Meeting Minutes 28 October 2020

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1905 with 10 Members Present

Officer Roll Call - All officers were present except the 2 year trustee who was absent for the 7th time and service officer who was excused.

New Memberships – One: Robert Fonfara. Motion to approve by me, 2nd Matt.

September Meeting Minutes: Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Darrell, 2nd by Diana. Motion Passed.

Reading of the Bills: No Bills.

QM Monthly Report was accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Josh Andrus – No report, member excused.

Members in Distress/Deceased: None

Committee Reports

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 84.41% and need 56 members to renew to attain 100. Our next membership drive will be Saturday, 7 Nov, 0830 to 1130 at VI on Fort Crook Rd. Post buys breakfast. Calling script will be provided. Those who would like to help, please sign sheet being passed around.

Blood Drive/VA/Surgeon & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: VAVs Meeting attached.

POW/MIA - Jose Tamayo. With Veterans Day just around the corner, Jose spoke on the history of the National Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Charles Posey: NR – Absent

Teacher Awards - Charles Posey: NR – Absent

New Eagles/Scout of the Year - Larry Gerlt – no entries at this time.

Buddy Poppy - Darrell McMillan: Next drive will be scheduled for Oct 31st at Hy-Vee, 50th & Center. Have procured a box of surgical gloves for us to wear so that donators know we have not personally handled the poppies. Masks required. Sheet is being passed around for signing up to assist.

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Political Action - Matt Whitaker – NR. Larry stated he had received an email from the DAV: On October 20, the President signed into law H.R. 6168, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2020, which authorizes a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for veterans receiving Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation, clothing allowance, and survivors receiving dependency indemnity compensation or DIC payments.

This bill, now Public Law 116-178, will increase the amount paid to veterans and their survivors by 1.3%, effective December 2020, and be reflected in their January 2021 compensation payment.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

Pickle Report – Duke: None sold in October

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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. Diana Tamayo -**Offutt is under tight COVID restrictions at this time. Still on wait and see.**
- 2. Subj:** Zoom Meetings. **Content:** We may gain additional participation if we allow members who are unable to attend physically to attend meetings via Zoom. Along with the regular email invitation, I would include a Zoom meeting invite. If yes, I would check with our Legion hosts to verify they have Wi-Fi. Being rewritten to incorporate input from last meeting.
Legion has WIFI. Have Password. Approved 4 month trial. On hold till January. As there will be no formal meetings in November and December, Larry asked what the membership thought we should do about extending the test. After discussion, a motion was made by Darrell, 2nd by Al to extend the test on a monthly basis. Motion passed.
- 3. Subj:** Annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet **Content:** Per our vote last meeting, have scheduled for 12 Dec (2nd Saturday) at Comfort Inn & Suites, 7007 Grover St, and confirmed KJ/DJ. Larry briefed all has been confirmed with hotel and DJ. Reservation slip will be in November new letter.
- 4. Subj:** VFW Dept of Nebraska Raffle Calendars **Content:** Have calendars available for sale. Post has sold 20 and completed this All State requirement. I have more calendars available if anyone wants to buy/sell them.

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5. **Subj:** Rental Van for National Auxiliary President's visit

Content: State Auxiliary Pres. Is requesting we pay for a 12 passenger Van rental for two days to ferry the National Aux. President and entourage around during her visit. Cost is \$99 per day plus taxes, etc, for two days. Per our vote to do so, will close out after Nat. Aux President's November visit.

New Business

1. **Subj:** November Meeting **Content:** We move our November meeting to the 3rd Wednesday due to Thanksgiving. Our goal than night is to prepare Christmas Cards for all ENVH residents followed by a wing feed. However, the Legion is having a paying ticketed event downstairs that evening. The 2nd Wednesday is Veterans Day and they are also having a special event down stairs that night. I have checked their calendar and we could meet either the 3rd or 4th Tuesday. If no motion for either night, we could still meet upstairs on the 3rd Wednesday but without the wing feed. Motion was made by Frank to have our meeting on the 3rd Tuesday, 17 Nov. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** Son Tay Viet Nam film, John Stanfield, **Content:** Matt informed us, John is producing a film about the Son Tay Viet Nam mission, has put in several thousand dollars of his own money and is requesting donations so he can complete the film. Darrell made a motion we donate \$150, Motion passed.
3. **Subj:** Need a new 2 year Trustee **Content:** Our 2 year Trustee, Richard Gibilisco has not attend a meeting since April. I have called and emailed him several times with no response. We need to elect a replacement 2 year trustee who needs to be someone who attends meetings regularly and does not already have an elected position. I nominated Rick Imgrund. He accepted. No others were nominated. After motion, I case one unanimous ballot for him.
4. **Subj:** Veterans Bridge Flags. **Content:** Matt talked about a request to help maintain flags as we meet less than a mile from it and suggested a \$200 donation. Larry stated that at one time, there was an annual request from the Bridge Committee for \$75 to help replace the flags as they became worn, and there are now 5 other Veterans organizations meeting here: 3 Legion Posts, DAV & Fleet reserve. He suggested a \$100 donation. Matt then made a motion we donate \$100, 2nd by Al. Motion passed.

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

Poppy drive 31 Oct, Hy-Vee, 50th & Center. Next Membership drive November 7th, 0830, VI on Fort crook road. Our next Post meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of November (17th), 7 PM, in the upstairs meeting room of American Legion Post 331. Meeting Closed at:
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Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster