

Meeting Minutes October 2022

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 18 members present, 3 on Zoom.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except 2 yr. Trustee & Officer of the Day. Guard came in late.

New Memberships: 18 Membership application were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Frank D. Motion passed. Commander the swore in Mary Carlson, Jason Secrest, & John Yanders who were present.

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

Reading of the Bills: None

Quartermaster's Monthly & Trustee Reports: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt: State MAP Chairman is Jeff Baker. Previously the Seward County Service Officer. Knows all the ins & outs of VFW assistance as well as the \$6M Nebraska Veterans Fund. He can be contacted at Dept. HQ 402-464-0674.

Members in Distress: Vernon Teply, Life Member, 100 yrs. old, in hospice.

Members in Deceased Duke Barrientos, Life Member.

Committee Reports

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 96.89 %. Only need 12 more for 100%. Have 36 members in good standing that will lapse between now and 30 June plus 18 who have lapsed so far this year. Will most likely make 100% without any further post membership drives. I am still recruiting in Bellevue as well. Can revisit need for membership drives in Feb. National is giving each post a \$50 rebate for each member that becomes life during the month of October. I added this rebate to our post and department rebate to give members \$150 of the cost of life. I make a motion the post approves using the National rebate in addition to our Post and Department rebates. 2nd Frank D. Motion passed.

Blood Drive, VA, & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Spoke at length about parking at the VA Hospital, volunteers can cook meals at the Fischer House for guests, upcoming stand down, and reasons why fewer active-duty personnel are recommending the military as a career.

Surgeon – Bernie Jennings: No report

POW/MIA - William Guy: No report

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Larry Gerlt: Have received one PP entry.

Buddy Poppy – Josh Andrus: Next drive will be scheduled for October 29th, Hy-Vee, Center St between 51st & 52nd. Signup sheet being passed around.

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Political Action - Matt Whitaker: No Report

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: No Report

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Correspondence – QM: None

Old Business -

- 1. Subj:** Adopt a Unit **Content:** Marty Shelton to check out some other units and will become the rep. In process of scheduling a meeting with 55th Security Forces commander, Col. Ruby.
- 2. Subj:** Post Christmas Party **Content:** Hold here at Legion like last year. Hire same caterer. \$10 per meal. \$25 for guests. Menu: Steak, Chicken, or Pasta, vegetable (corn), Mashed potatoes, cheese cake. Have contacted band and caterer. Date reserved. Band will be charging us \$700 this year - \$200 more than last year. As it is a 12-piece band high quality band we are still getting a \$500 - \$700 discount. Caterer has confirmed date but no contract yet. Make a motion we pay the \$700 for the band. 2nd by Jeff. Motion passed.
- 3. Subj:** Southwest Iowa Veterans Day Parade. **Content:** Parade will be Saturday, Nov 5th. Show time 10:15. Parade start time 11 a.m., Flat route, but looks about 1.5 miles. Uniform, dark (black) trousers, black shoes, post shirt, VFW Cover. Can have VFW jackets available. Need at least 4. Full squad is 6. All who wish can march with us. Have registered for parade. Signup sheet being passed around. Will email participants parking instructions once I have them. Parade entrance is 6th St and 16th Ave. Parking is wherever you find it! Will need to meet at my car to pass out weapons and flags. Signup sheet being passed around. I will email all parade route map next week. We are entry number 18.
- 4. Subj:** ENVH Christmas Cards **Content:** Each year we prepare Christmas cards for all ENVH residents at our November meeting and donate \$5 to each resident's personal account. ENVH currently has 108 residents. We will donate \$550 to them. Will have mailing labels for our November meeting. We will pass the cards around for signatures and then place in envelopes. I will apply the labels later. Will coordinate to see if we can deliver in person in December – COVID rules pretty fluid at this time so will coordinate with ENVH in late Nov or early Dec.

New Business


- 1. Subj:** ENVH Bingo **Content:** Have brought a signup sheet to be passed around to determine interest. ENVH will not require us to have back ground checks as we will be periodic volunteer. They are also NOT checking vaccinated/unvaccinated status. Will have to wear a mask while there. They are not doing evening events at this time. May have the staff to do so by January but may not. We would have to plan on doing it at 10am. Have sheet to pass around to see if we have enough to do either a 10am or at 7pm. Next 5th Monday is Jan 30, 2023. Can discuss further at Nov and/or Jan meeting.

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2. **Subj:** I-80 Blue Star Memorials **Content:** Mary Carlson spoke on the I80 Blue Star Memorials and that she had already received sufficient donations to pay for their refurbishment. She also talked about Gold Star Memorials and need for volunteers to help with repainting and repair.
3. **Subj:** VFW Raffle Calendars **Content:** Once again we have them and must sell a minimum of 20 to qualify for All State. We receive an addition 5 points for each additional 20 that we sell. Calendars are \$20 each. We only printed 3200 of them and you get 365 chances to win for each calendar. Two days pay \$500, eight days pay \$100, and all remaining days pay \$40. Odds of winning are 1 in 8.76! The proceeds help support our programs. QM stated he purchases 10 as Christmas gifts. QM then made a motion the post by 10 calendars (\$200), 2nd by Bernie. Motion passed.

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

- Following not mentioned at meeting due to time constraints: I attended Big 10 Conference in Milwaukee, WI. Our National Commander, Chief Boreland attended as the National Rep. The Chief also attended our Fall Council Meeting in Lincoln. He spoke at length about the PACT act and his presence at the signing by President Biden.
- Meeting Closed at: 2025.



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Quartermaster