

## Meeting Minutes October 2024

**Guests:** Gary Niedbalski, D10 Commander

Meeting opened at 1900 with 16 Members Present.

**Officer Roll Call:** All officers were present except the Judge Advocate who was excused and the Guard who was absent.

**New Memberships:** 18 Membership applications were read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank D. Motion passed. Matt Friesen was sworn in and presented his VFW pin.

**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 and seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

**Reading of the Bills:** None

**QM Monthly & Quarterly Reports:** Accepted subject to audit.

**Community Service/Service Officer** – Larry Gerlt – November is Heritage month. It's a time dedicated to learning about the unique history, diverse cultures, and contributions that Native Americans have made to society. They have distinct traditions and languages that are connected to their ancestral land. Celebrate their culture all month long while bringing awareness to the hardship including assimilation and displacement they have faced in history. ENVH Bingo tomorrow. Show time 18:15. Finish around 1915-1930. Next Poppy Drive this Saturday, 26 October, 9-3, 2-hour shifts, passing around signup sheet. Hy-Vee, Saddle Creek & Center St. Passing signup sheet around. Motto of the VFW – No one does more for veterans. If you know of a veteran that needs assistance of any type, please let me know. I will contact to see if we can help.

**Members in Distress:** Marty Shelton and Rich Klinger.

**Members Deceased:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership - Larry Gerlt:** Now at 97.07%. We need 25 to achieve 102% to qualify for All American. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 send an email prior to. If no one responds, I skip breakfast and go on my own. 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).

**Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham:** All items were from CDC meeting and will be forwarded once minutes of that meeting are available.

**Surgeon - Bernie Jennings:** NR

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**POW/MIA - William Guy:** He related how Army Chaplain Kapaun has been identified from the mass of bones sent back to us from N. Korea in several coffins containing the bones of over 100 POW/MIA. Chaplain Kapaun was captured due to his refusal to leave as he believed he needed to stay with the wounded who could not be evacuated when his unit retreated. Kapaun AFS, Germany near Ramstein AFB is named after him.

**Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY** - Apps sent to all members via email. If you need a copy or know someone who does, please let me know how to get one to them. Due at post by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Buddy Poppy - Josh Andrus:** Our next drive is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-hour shifts, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, at Hy-Vee, 51<sup>st</sup> & Center. Sign up during the September or October meeting.

**Political Action - Matt Whitaker:** NR

**Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund:** NR

**Women Veterans - Sonja Hosler:** (emailed) Next Women's Symposium will be 19-21 Sept 2025. She will be notifying all or women veterans soon about it to see who else would like to attend.

**We remembered our National Home.**

**Correspondence** – National Home Thank you letter.

### Old Business

- 1. Subj:** Xmas Party **Content:** A consolidate Xmas party with the Fleet Reservice, American Legion Post 331, American Legion Auxiliary and possibly the DAV has been proposed. We would still do short program to recognize VOD & PP winners if we have entries. Would reduce our costs as all orgs would contribute towards entertainment. Don Reynolds band is booked for a wedding and we have hired DJ/KJ Anthony Infante.

### New Business

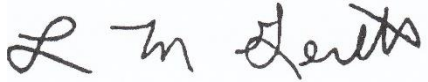
- 1. Subj:** ENVH Xmas Cards & Donation **Content:** Each year in November, we do a Xmas card for each ENVH resident. At that meeting, we will sign and stuff in envelope. I apply stickers and have a note in each one. We make a donation for their personal account. They currently have 96 residents . At \$5 per person, it will cost us \$480. I will write the check for \$500 in case any are added between now and when we deliver the Xmas cards. Any overage would be put in their general fund. I move we continue this tradition and put \$5 in each residents' personal account plus \$20 for a total donation of \$500. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank. Motion passed.

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

- William talked about the VA catch plan where vets give blood and VA tests for various medical issues the vets may not be aware of. They found his Type 2 diabetes!

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- Frank informed us that our previous hosts, American Legion Post 331, are doing a Veterans Day Tribute on Sunday, 10 Nov here at the DAV. Tribute begins at 1 PM with a free pasta lunch at 2 PM. Post members can bring a guest. Meal donations accepted. Larry stated he will be in Fairbury at Post 3113 as their guest speaker.
- Post Membership drive Saturday, 9 Nov, 8:30-11:30, VI Fort Crook Rd.
- Xmas Party Saturday, 14 Dec here at the DAV. Deadline for reservations & monies, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>!
- Next post meeting will be 20 November at 7pm at the DAV NE Chapter 2 Hall, 4515 F Street.



Larry M. Gerlt  
Quartermaster