

Meeting Minutes October 2025

Guests: Post Member John Shuput, Medicare Part A, B, C, & D.

Meeting opened at 1900 with 15 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Jr. Vice Cmdr., Judge Advocate, & Guard who were excused. Note: Guard contacted me the following morning and was called in for an emergency at work.

New Memberships: Five application was read (Terence Herrera, Cody Kittleson, James Nelson, Wayne Newland, Meshell Shirk, and James Thomas). Motion to approve by QM, seconded 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 William G., motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly Report: As report was audited, a motion was made by Frank D. to accept, seconded by Bernie J. and passed.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – Post Service Officer was changed to Post Benefits Advisor at last Nat. Convention. As we are NOT certified, we can't process benefit claims.

Members in Distress: Candy Woodward (Aux.) bad MV accident.

Deceased: None

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 94.63% of 101% and only need 29 more to reach 101%. Next Membership drive is scheduled for Nov 8th Email reminder is the Wednesday before. If no one responds by 1800 that Friday, I skip breakfast and just go alone. 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.) And please remember our Auxiliary – spouses, children 16 or older, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, and siblings are eligible!

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: CDC meeting was just held. VA Hospital is having fire alarm system upgraded. If an alarm goes off, control board will show where the alarm/fire is! Rain drainage system in parking lot is still being worked on and limiting available parking. Growing need for heating/cooling system due to new/remodeling construction requires and additional tower for the additional equipment and we placed so that it doesn't block the view from the rooms on the 6th & 7th floors. The Fischer house has a new manager. Midlands Hospital is reopening the 6th floor VA area. VA patients are not allowed to give gifts to VA staff members. Volunteer appreciation dinner will be 7 Nov. VA Standdown was held 17 Oct. QM added that every year our post & auxiliary participate in the VA Standdown held at UNO. This year we gave out toiletries, socks, sweat suits, winter hats & hand warmers.

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Surgeon – Jim Carmona: Flu and pneumonia shots are now available. Everyone is encouraged to get them.

POW/MIA - William Guy: Sept 2025 - DPAA and LABANOF host the 2025 Scientific Summit in Milan, Italy. Leadership and representatives from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the University of Milan's Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology and Odontology and partner nations pose for a photo during a visit to the CA' Grande Tour, Milan, Italy, Sept. 18, 2025. The event was followed by a visit to the University of Milan's historical medical crypt and scientific archives. The event sought to share developments in DNA analysis techniques while creating a space to network, share ideas, and discuss new ways to improve current identification methods.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY - Larry Gerlt: Took VOD to Beuno Vista HS at 60th & L, and to Catholic Middle School in Ralston in May. Have had a request from a local student for a VOD application.

Political Action – Terry Kempf: No updates as the US Government is shutdown.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – Thank you card from Patriot Paws.

Old Business

1. **Subj:** We have been requested to participate in the Council Bluffs Veterans Day Parade on 8 November. Will not be registering. Item closed.
2. **Subj:** Patriot Paws donation of \$250 donation was made
3. **Subj:** Mary C. is the contact person for forwarding requests for Quilts of Honor.

New Business

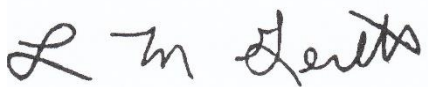
1. **Subj:** Hat Bags for VFW Cap Cover – LG **Content:** We now pay \$6 per bag plus shipping and only charge \$5. The cost of a member's cover is about \$35, Many of us have purchased one. As the cap's yellow stitching tends to darken quickly if unprotected. Also noted no amount set for QM local travel reimbursement and no provision for frames for National, Department or post certificates. I make a motion that we modify our SOP-1, Post Operations so that the Post include the cap cover when a member earns his Cover and for those attending meetings now who have not yet purchased a Cap Cover. Additionally, that QM local mileage be \$.35 and Certificate frames cost limited to \$15 per frame. Motion was seconded by Bernie J. Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** Airman's Attic **Content:** They have been experiencing exceptionally high traffic due to the government shutdown and are in dire need of items for their food pantry. I have spread the word to all D10 posts and believe others will donate as well. As they know best what they need, I make a motion we donate \$200 to them. Motion was seconded by Matt F. and motion passed.

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3. **Subj:** Quarterly Trustee Report **Content:** After 126 years, Nat. VFW finally figured out that they should know which posts are eligible to vote in National Elections! They are modifying their reporting system to show if Trustee reports are not only submitted, but if they have signatures. As such, Departments are required to modify their reporting system to show that as well for Department elections. It is now imperative that we have our trustee reports signed at the meeting so that they are not late and keep us eligible to vote.
4. **Subj:** C-I-C Pins **Content:** Our current C-i-C is Carol Whitmore from Iowa who our first female C-I-C! Available pins were passed out to those present at 1850 hours.
5. **Subj:** Raffle Calendars **Content:** We are required to sell 20 raffle calendars for All State. I make a motion the post by up to 10 for a total of \$200 and that any winnings go to the post treasury. Motion was seconded by Rick I. Motion passed.

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

- D10 meeting, was Oct. 12, at Post 2543, Plattsmouth. Dept. Adj/QM Jeff Baker was the Dept. Rep.
- Fall Council Meeting was Oct 11th at Post 1644 in Norfolk. QM was able to attend as his daughter is now in a physical rehab facility in Omaha! Post commander also attended. Biggest change passed by our Council of Administration is monthly gen mail will now only be mailed quarterly and there will be a weekly email from Dept. Additionally it was announced that the application fee for Vehicle registration (not taxes) would be waived for veterans.
- Post Membership drive will be Nov 8. Meet at Village Inn, Fort Crook Rd at 8:30 AM. Breakfast on post, short training, then go door knocking. Return to VI at 11:30 to turn in paperwork & monies.
- Our next meeting will be Wed., Nov 19, 7 PM, here at the DAV.
- Bingo tomorrow at ENVH, Aug 28th. Show time 6:15 PM.
- Meeting adjourned at 1950 hours.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster