Meeting Minutes September 2022

Guests: Chris Beaty, State Senior Vice Commander: Spoke under good of the order about member retention and upcoming events.

Meeting opened at 1900 with 14 Members Present.

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

New Memberships: 8 Membership application was read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Matt. Motion passed.

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

Reading of the Bills: None

Quartermaster's Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt: Discussed the PACT Act.

Members in Distress/Deceased: None

Committee Reports

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 90.43%. Next membership drive 1 October, 08:30-11:30, Village Inn, Fort Crook Rd. Post buys breakfast, I provide route with unpaid members and training.

Blood Drive, VA, & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Spoke on redesign of VA Hospital to reduce traffic flow by relocating lab and clinics to be in close proximity. He had several handouts he talked about and which will be attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Surgeon – Bernie Jennings: Spoke about the CPAP recall due to magnets in head gear causing issues with electronic patient implants.

POW/MIA - William Guy: Spoke about the impact politics play on foreign recovery missions and that many are resuming. Also that recovery of training crash victims being added to their mission.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen - Larry Gerlt: No Updates

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

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: Was going to speak on the PACT Act.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: No Report

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Correspondence – QM: Receipt and letter of thanks and card from Midlands CLC.

Old Business -

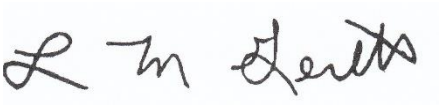
1. **Subj:** Adopt a Unit **Content:** Marty Shelton to check out some other units and will become the rep. On hold due to unit mission requirements.
2. Subj: New Visions Homeless Veterans Shelter Content: They have no painting program. Many of their occupants' rooms have not been painted in over a decade. Craig Ewing, Randy Martin, Darrell McMillan & I painted both the bedroom and living room area of a mini-apartment on the 21st.
3. 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. To do contracts in October.
4. **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.

New Business

1. **Subj:** Veterans Day Activities **Content:** QM encouraged members to attend the Legion Post 331 ceremony at Graceland or the one at Memorial Park.
2. **Subj:** 40th Anniversary of Rudolph Deml Statue: Rick Imgrund **Content:** He let us know that Oct 30th is the 40th anniversary of our post dedicating the statue at Graceland. As we already have our poppy drive scheduled on that day, no activities were considered.
3. **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. I make a motion we do it again this year. Motion by QM, 2nd by Matt. Motion passed.
4. **Subj:** ENVH Bingo **Content:** Prior to the pandemic, we would by $20 worth of quarters and run bingo at ENVH. Winners got $.50 per game. 3 of the crew were active duty and have rotated. QM and his spouse were on the crew. But ENVH requires volunteers to be vaccinated for COVID in order to be near their residents and we are not. After discussion, it was agree the QM would bring a signup sheet to the next meeting to see if we can muster the minimum of 4 it would take.

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

- QM related how he had been called by Sharon R. from California requesting transportation for her son to/from an Omaha hospital as he was driving in from Laramie, WY. QM not only did so on the ensuing Friday, but was also the supervising adult for 24 hours after the operation.
- Big 10 Conference October 14-16, Milwaukee, WI., Registration $130.
- Department Fall Conference is 7 & 8 October, Lincoln.
- Next District 10 meeting is 9 Oct, 2 PM at Post 2503.
- Next post meeting 26 Oct.
- Meeting Closed at: 2010.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster