

Meeting Minutes September 2023

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 14 Members Present, 3 on Zoom for a total of 17.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Jr. Vice Commander who was excused.

New Memberships: 1 Membership application was read. Larry G. made the motion to accept, 2nd by Marty S. Motion passed.

Minutes: As minutes were emailed to members and posted on our website, a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Frank D., 2nd by Marty S. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

Quartermaster's Monthly Report: Accepted subject to audit. QM first read two MFRs about irregularities with the bank account.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – ENVH Bingo tomorrow, 4th Thursday. Passing signup sheet around. Show time is 18:15. Lasts till about 19:30. They are also looking for volunteers to spend time with some of their residents; talking, chatting, escorting to appointments, etc. If interested, let me know and I will find out who to contact.

Members in Distress: None

Members Deceased: Michael Alexander – annual, Daniel Lozano – annual, Marshall Prewitt – Life, Stephen Reed – life.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: Now at 91.73%. Next Membership drive will be scheduled for Oct 14th. 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.

Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: The VA Physical Therapy has not yet moved to its new location. The Mental Health building construction has still not started. American Legion Post 331 will be hosting a free spaghetti feed on Veterans Day. Our members and immediate family are invited.

Surgeon - Bernie Jennings: VA is conducting free flu shot clinics at all VA facilities, 9-3.

POW/MIA - William Guy: Colonel Charles Shelton, aka Iron Man, holds the record for captivity as a POW. April 29, 1965 – October 1994 when USAF officially changed his status from POW to KIA.

Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen/TOTY – Larry Gerlt: 2024 VOD & PP forms with the new themes are online. I have them with our post info if you need either or both, please let me know. Deadline of 31 October is approaching fast!

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Buddy Poppy - Larry Gerlt: - Next poppy drive is being scheduled for Oct 28th at Hy-Vee, 53rd & Center St. Will pass around signup sheet at our Oct. Meeting.

Political Action - Matt Whitaker: NR

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME: We preformed the National Home Prayer.

Correspondence - None

Old Business -

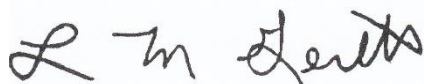
1. **Subj:** Adopt a Unit (OPR Marty S.) **Content:** On hold due to his health issues.
2. **Subj:** CB Veterans Day Parade **Content:** Nov 4th. We were planning on attending last November, but the weather was horrible and several team members had last minute schedule conflict. Have signed us up and have a confirmation email. Will have signup sheet at next meeting.
3. **Subj:** Donation to Am. Leg Post 331 **Content:** As our hosts do not charge us for the meeting room and honor our VFW membership for access to their post home, I make a motion we donate \$300 to them. Donation made.
4. **Christmas Party:** Unable to get hall on 1st Saturday. Have reserved hall, confirmed caterer and band for 2nd Saturday. I make a motion we keep the same menu – Steak or meatless pasta, vegetable, mashed potatoes & gravy, assorted cheese cakes for dessert. 2nd by Frank. Motion passed.

New Business

1. **Subj:** Patriot Paws **Content:** They provide free service dogs to disabled veterans. I make a motion we donate \$150 to them. 2nd by Marty Motion passed.
2. **Subj:** November Stand Down. **Content:** Every year the VA conducts a stand down where needy vets can get free clothing (under wear, pants, shirts, shoes, coats, hats, gloves, etc.). All items are brand new and either purchased with donations provided by or purchased by then donated to the VA by individuals and organization. I move we donate \$300 and that I apply for a matching grant from Nat. VFW for this worthy cause. Seconded by Frank. Motion passed.
3. **Subj:** Vet Writing, Frank talked briefly about Vet Voices writing project magazine available in VA Hospital lobby.

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

- State Commander Homecoming & Fall Council of Administration will be 6 & 7 Oct at VFW Post 2503, 8904 Military Rd. \$10 for Banquet tickets.
- District 10 Meeting will be 8 Oct, Post 2543, 510 1st Ave, Plattsmouth.
- Next post meeting will be 4th Wednesday of Sept.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster