

Meeting Minutes September 2025

Guests: None

Meeting opened at 1900 with 12 Members Present.

Officer Roll Call: All officers were present except the Surgeon, 2 Yr Trustee and Officer of the Day who were excused and the 1 Yr Trustee and Guard who were absent.

New Memberships: 1 application was read. Motion to approve by Frank D., seconded by Bernie J., 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 Randy M. Motion passed.

Reading of the Bills: None

QM Monthly Report: Accepted subject to audit.

Community Service/Service Officer – Larry Gerlt – 3rd Annual Veterans of Mercy Dental Clinic, Sept 26 & 27, Army National Guard Titan Readiness Center, 789 County Road J, Yutan, NE. Must register online. Email with registration link has been forwarded to all instate post members.

New VA Scam – Overpayment & demanding immediate payment: Have you received a call, text or letter from someone pretending to be with the Department of Veterans Affairs alleging you have a substantial VA debt due to overpayment? It can be a scam! The scammer uses high pressure tactics to insist the debt must be repaid immediately via wire transfer, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or other non-traditional payment methods. VA will never demand Veterans repay their debts in full up front, as VA offers many [flexible payment plans](#) at no additional cost. Official VA Debt Management Center (DMC) communication will provide specific details about the debt, offer secure payment through www.pay.va.gov, and your appeal or waiver rights. If you are suspicious of a communication alleging to be VA, you can verify authenticity with VA at 1-800-827-1000 or contact the DMC at 1-800-827-0648. Never share sensitive information, such as social security numbers, bank account details, or credit card information, when responding to unsolicited requests.

Members in Distress: Candy Woodward (Aux.) Bad MV Accident.

Members Deceased: None

Committee Reports:

Membership - Larry Gerlt: We are now at 92% of 101% and only need 43 more to reach 101%. Next Membership drive is scheduled for Sep 27th No email reminder as tonight is the Wednesday before. If no one responds by 1800 this 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!

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Blood Drive/VA & Chaplain Report - Frank Durham: Construction is still ongoing at the VA Hospital. Parking is still at a premium. Annual Flu shots are available. No new/additional COVID vaccine at this time. City of Omaha is planning to use the Dunam House in North Omaha for homeless veterans. 31 units (various number of bedrooms) will be made available. Very similar to the Victory Apartments. Upon request, he can email you a link to the KETV broadcast about it.

Surgeon – Jim Carmona (Bernie J reported): Bernie passed out handout on Healthy Living Matters which talks about Screening Tests for Average Risk Veterans, Medications, Health Counseling, and Vaccines.

POW/MIA - William Guy: NR

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. Was called today (day of meeting) requesting our post accept their VOD entries. Caller did not leave name or school but promised to call tomorrow (Thursday, 25 Sep).

Political Action – Terry Kempf: Although he had no report a lively discussion ensued about the Richard Star Act that will ensure veterans who are less than 50% disabled due to combat wounds receive backpay to 2006 for the amount withheld from their retirement pay or did not receive separately from their retirement pay. Only applies to about 50,000 veterans.

Webmaster/Facebook - Rick Imgrund: NR

We remembered our National Home.

Correspondence – QM talked about thank you card from the DAV for our monetary donation and letter from Boys Town for our luggage donation.

Old Business

1. **Subj:** We have been requested to participate in the Council Bluffs Veterans Day Parade on 8 November. They will provide food and fun afterwards at their local Am. Leg. Post. Any time we are “in front of the public” we have an opportunity to increase awareness of the VFW and possibly recruit new members. As it is in November, I will send out an email to see if we have enough members for a Color Guard. Unable to muster enough confirmed members for Omaha Patriotic Parade. November parade participation will be requested in Oct. On hold. Volunteers: John Leahy
2. **Subj:** DAV donation of \$250 donation was made.
3. **Subj:** Omaha Blue Star Memorial – Mary C. **Content:** 19 Sept. was POW/MIA Day and she was the speaker for the Blue Star Memorial Dedication at Memorial Park. Marty attended on behalf of the post.

New Business

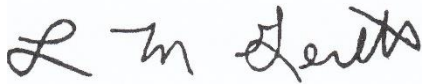
1. **Subj:** Patriot Paws. They provide service dogs for veterans at NO charge. I make a motion we donate \$250 to them. Motion was seconded by Frank D. Motion passed.

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2. **Subj:** Post Polo & VFW Cover – QM **Content:** Coordinated with members on list who have earned or will earn very soon, their Cover and/or post polo.
3. **Subj:** Post Xmas Party/Awards Banquet **Content:** QM let everyone know this is coming up on 13 December here at the DAV. For \$10, members and family members in his house hold receive a steak dinner, open bar and entertainment for just \$10 per person. May bring guests at \$35 per person. It is heavily underwritten by the post as our way of thanking you for being a member.
4. **Subj:** Quilt of Honor **Content:** Mary C. asked who had received one. Only 2 hands went up. She then stated it is recognition of military service for all veterans and she had a contact in the local chapter. If you have someone you would like to receive one, please let her know.
5. **Subj:** Blue Star Memorial at Omaha Memorial Park. Commander attended this event on behalf of the post. Mary C. was the guest speaker at this event as she has been a driving force for the cleaning and restoration of all of them across the state, to including raising the monies for them.
6. **Subj:** Presentation by Post Commander: He called Mary C. to the head table and presented her with a permanent blue flower arrangement in a basket and a drawing he had personally made.

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

- Frank said our old host, American Legion Post 331 is still looking for a site for a new post home or existing structure. There is a possibility on Q St. of a bar for sale with a vacant lot across the street.
- Next D10 meeting, is Oct. 12, 2 PM at Post 2543, Plattsmouth. We receive All State points for all attending Dist. Meetings.
- State Commander's Homecoming is Oct. 10th and Fall Council Meeting is Oct 11th at Post 1644 in Norfolk. QM will be unable to attend as he must be at Kearney hospital as his wife is Aux. Sr. Vice President and must attend.
- Post Membership drive will be Sept 27. 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., Oct 22, 7 PM, here at the DAV.
- Bingo tomorrow at ENVH, Aug 28th. Show time 6:15 PM.
- Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.



Larry M. Gerlt
Quartermaster