

Nov. 4, 2021 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance led by Donnie Laaker.

POW/MIA Cover Placement

Sergeant-at-Arms Cheek placed the POW/MIA cover on the empty chair.

Post Commander recited required reading.

Chaplin Kay said a prayer.

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion led by Deb Niesen.

Auxiliary announced Veterans Dinner for Sunday November 7th and a Quilt of Honor will be given to Lawrence Jacobsen.

Minutes: Motion by James Cheek and second by Donnie Laaker; approved.

Financial: Motion by Larry Arp and second by Merlin Kay; approved. Finance Officer Reed met with accounting firm to get Post taxes filed.

Old Business:

No update on the hall remodel from Fix-it Phil. Deb Niesen agreed to follow up.

Sons of the American Legion: Jared Weinman, Post Squadron Commander, although absent, it was indicated he attended SAL Leadership Training and SAL Commander Chris Casey Homecoming. He will be taking SAL sign-ups at the Nov. luncheon, \$20 for Legion member to become dual members.

Legion National Firefighter/EMS of the year, Larry Arp given nomination form to complete by Dec.1st.

Nat. Cmdr. Dillard chose his tenure theme – No veteran left behind - using the 2019 Buddy Check Program.

Report on their responses: Lyle Sass made 2 calls; had good chats; no Post help needed. Commander made 7 calls, 3 disconnected numbers; 3 no answer, message left, no call backs; 2 answered, had a good chat, no requests for Post help.

Unserviceable US Flags – Merlin Kay has a volunteer to work on a collection box project for his Eagle Scout Project.

Hall Scheduling – Deb Niesen to assume duty from Sally Habrock. Adjutant Turner will handle updating door sign.

Fireworks: Project Chairman Kay met with Boomers to plan for 2022 sales.

Ceremonial Rifle Report: completed, notarized and mailed to US Army TACOM; report required every 3 years.

New Business:

Membership: time to pay dues, if you do not pay online with National, Glenn will take your money.

Current status: 86 paid, 41 pending, 3 deceased, 66% renewed, meets Nov. goal.

Veterans Day – Ridgewood asked for a color guard on Thurs. Nov. 11, need of 3 flags, 2 dummy rifles, bugler met by Jim Cheek, Jim Osterchill, Jerry Valasek, Merlin Kay, Ken Dirksen and Les Brauer. Dress: long sleeve white shirt, black pants, tie and hat. Met at hall at 9.30 am, proceeded to site for 10 am half hour ceremony.

-- **Hy-Vee** – Deb Niesen set up a table with help of Larry Arp and Donny Laaker.

– **Bennington, Heritage, Anchor Pointe and Pine Creek Elementary** – all welcome Veterans to their school programs on Nov. 11th.

– **Afghan Refugee Resettlement** – announced meeting at Blair Library, 7 pm. Open to the public; presenting needs and opportunities to serve those who helped our troops. Sponsored by Lutheran Family Services and Washington Democratic Party. Masks encouraged. If you attend, wear your Legion hat.

Fall District 8 Round-up – key takeaways: how to write a resolution in the proper format to be considered, if you want to do one for District or Department, commander will give you a copy of the procedure; District Constitution revisions will be presented at mid-year conference in January, commander will have copies at our next Post meeting; members encouraged to sign-up on My.Legion.org; presented Consolidated Post Report, copies distributed, Post Adjutant is responsible to complete them but District and Department want to boost our community involvement hours so you are asked to provide our adjutant input on your activities. A grand summary of all Legion Departments' activities are reported to Congress annually.

-Bennington Founder's Day Celebration – Commander attended and met mayor but did not get any recruits.

-Pancake Feed – chose date of Saturday March 19, 2022; set-up on Friday March 18. Those who got supplies and served last time expected to do so again.

-US 20 Medal of Honor Highway- The Legion will present the group with a \$500 donation. Motion by James Cheek and second by Steven Youngberg; approved.

Announcements:

Oratorical Contest - District 8 contest Saturday November 6 at Creighton Prep.

Bellevue Veterans Day Parade – Downtown Saturday November 6 at 10 am.

Veterans Day Dinner – Sunday November 7th at 1 pm in Legion Hall, Auxiliary hosted.

Veterans Burial Benefits Seminar – Tuesday November 9th at 1 pm at Jewish Community Center, 333 So. 132nd St. [just south of W. Dodge] RSVP 402-938-0300

Mid-year Conference – January 21-23, Ramada Inn, Columbus. Hotel 402-835-4350; cost \$99.96 plus tax per night. Merlin and Annette Kay to be Post representatives.

District 8 Convention – Saturday February 12, 2022, 9 a.m. at Papillion Post 32.

District 8 Boys State Orientation - Saturday April 16, 2022 1 p.m. at Valley Post 58.

District 8 Junior Law - Sunday April 17, 2022, 1 p.m. at Ft. Calhoun Post 348.

NuSpine Chiropractic + Hydrotherapy Special Promotion – military and veterans get full service every 10th of month for \$10; located at Legacy West 17650 Wright St. #7 [south of W. Center Rd.]

Operation Triumphus – new online platform to preserve Vietnam veterans history, submit your story at operationtriumphus.org or contact Steve at steve@operationtriumphus.org with questions.

POW/MIA Cover: Sergeant-at-arms, retrieved the POW/MIA chair cover. Post Commander recited required reading.

Adjourn: Motion by Carl Patterson and second by James Cheek; approved.