

**American Legion
Post 266 Bennington,
Nebraska**

Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2021

At 7:01 PM the Auxiliary and Post members said the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion together. Post Chaplain Kay said a prayer. Larry Arp put the POW/MIA Chair Cover out and retrieval.

Vice Commander Laaker opened the monthly meeting at: 7:01 PM

- **Members Present:** 17
August 2021 minutes presented. 1st : Merlin Kay 2nd : Larry Arp, Approved.
- **Financial update:** Was motion to table to next month. 1st : Richard Musel 2nd : Deb Niesen Approved. Habrock reported on fireworks sale (See attached document).

Old Business

- **Old Business:**
- Review any open items from New Business of last meeting. Consult with Adjutant as needed. Officer 2 year terms. Reviewing State and District Constitution for guidance on implementation. Open to suggestions. Do not need to rush this since we have until June 2022 to implement any change in that election. I will have a proposal before then for review and approval. You may go online to the Department web site to review the state constitution and by-laws. Since I will be at National A.L. Convention, I will have a few copies at our October meeting. Adjutant, do you have any other old business? **No** Do any members have any? **No**
[Http://www.nebraskalegion.net](http://www.nebraskalegion.net)
- **New Business:**
- **Honor Guard:** Since our last meeting, we did a funeral honor guard for Harlan Hansen. *Answer: Arp, Kay, Bill Botos, Steve Botos, Cheek, Laaker, Osterchill, Turner, Musel, Valsek, Westphal and Youngberg*
- **Membership Dues:** The Adjutant has information on collections and gets notices for those that renew online. There are monthly goals; the first of 50% is Sept. 9th. Cash awards will continue for this year including for attaining 100% and for new members (\$5.00) signed-up by Nov. 1st. Adjutant, where do we stand? (As of 2 September we have 17 online renewals and 47 mail in renewals for a total of 64 which is 50% renewal rate. We have 128 members assigned.)
- **Department Headquarters Building:** It is 60 years old and is not American with Disabilities Act compliant. The Department and Auxiliary Executive Committees authorized the sale of current building and purchase of another for both headquarters. How about a motion for \$1,000 to support the building fund? *(No motion. Musel raised question on hall refurbishing – remove both carpeted ledges, replace paneling on both walls and all support pillars. Musel agreed to contact Fix-it-Phil to get a quote. Suggestion: use profits from fireworks, as done with wall replacement, before dividing remainder between Post and Auxiliary.)* **Still waiting. More info to follow.**

- State Fair: Military, Veterans Appreciation Day, Sept. 6. Free Admission with proper identification. I searched the web site but did not find what qualifies as proper identification. I suggest you call 308-382-1620 for information if you are going.
- District 8 officers Whirlwind-Hat's-Off Tour: Friday Sept. 10 at 6.20 pm. At the American Legion in Bennington. I ask members to attend to meet officers. Auxiliary will provide snacks and drinks.
- Auxiliary Sponsored Scavenger Hunt: Photo contest; costs: individual \$25, group of 2-4, \$45. Flyers and info. at <https://nebraskalegionaux.net/fundraisers/>
- Adjutant Glenn and/or Finance Officer Rick(**absent**) do you have any items/comments to discuss? (*No comments from Adjutant.*)
- (*Member Arp raised issue by Nichole Johnson of color guard for Fireman's 9/11 program; agreed to find out details. After meeting, Brauer met with Auxiliary President Annette Kay for Nichole's contact info. Brauer called Nichole. Details: meet at fire station at 8.30 am, present colors, sing National Anthem, retire colors. **Need 5** volunteers – 3 flags, 2 dummy rifles – **get names of volunteers**, Brauer will be one, if there is a 6th, he can act as squad leader, if no volunteers, expect calls. Use parking lot behind station. Other activities: reading of names of firemen lost on 9/11, bag piper, prayer, breakfast, open house of station.*)
- Motion to adjourned at 7:38 PM 1st Richard Musel, 2nd Jerry Valasek