

Feb. 3, 2022 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

JAVELAN Presentation by Kara Petersen– Jack Assisting Veterans Enjoy Life AgaiN – provides service dogs. Donation request to be reviewed after March Pancake Fundraiser.

Baseball Team Update by President Don Wallingford. Color Guard requests for hosting playoffs: 7/15 & 7/19 or 7/20. Donation request to be reviewed after March Pancake Fundraiser. Offered to post a Legion recruiting banner at ball field for Post, SAL & Auxiliary.

Call to Order: Richard Musel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

POW/MIA Cover Placement: Sergeant-at-Arms placed POW/MIA cover on the empty chair. Post Commander read POW/MIA empty chair declaration.

Chaplin Kay: Gave a prayer.

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion led by Richard Musel.

Auxiliary President: Announced Legion 103rd Birthday meal celebration: Sunday March 13; note Daylight Savings begins on that date. Also will include Quilt of Honor presentation.

Minutes: Reviewed last (December) meeting minutes; no questions or revisions. Motion by Jim Cheek and second by Richard Musel to approve – passed.

Financial: Question: did we get a Mission Blue Post Assistance Program grant for COVID-19? Answer: No.

Reviewed the financial reports for January and February; no questions or revisions.

Motion by Richard Musel and second by Joe Frederick to approve all the financial reports – passed.

Old Business:

Hall Remodel – Deb gave cost update: construction labor, \$11,793.30; materials, \$3,408.99. Motion by Lyle Sass and second by Joe Frederick to approve labor cost – passed. Motion by Lyle Sass and second by Joe Frederick to approve material cost – passed. Deb did a great job managing the project, Post expressed its thanks by awarding her \$2,500. Total cost: \$17,702.29. Auxiliary to cover approximately 35% of labor and materials (\$5,250).

Sons of the American Legion: Jared Weinman update on SAL: charter request submitted.

Legion National Firefighter/EMS of the year, Larry Arp submitted his nomination form. The Department thanked him for doing so but they chose a firefighter from Offutt.

Buddy Check Program – No veteran left behind. Lyle Sass completed phone list verification. Motion by Lyle Sass and second by ?? to cancel project. After discussion, motion failed. Project need to be organized to reach out to members.

Unserviceable US Flags – Merlin Kay update on a collection box project: will work with 4-H group.

Consolidated Post Report – continue to track your activities to provide our adjutant input on community involvement hours for the Department summary to Congress.

Public Relations Recognition – Steven Youngberg won 2022 award for our website. March meeting presentation (photo).

New Business:

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

Currently: 87.5% - 105 paid of 120 members. Welcomed new member: Michael Gooch.

Pancake Feed – chose Saturday March 19, 2022; set-up on Friday March 18. Assigned to get supplies as listed. Last event: 2019 served 200 adults and 62 children. 2019 **Supplies Donated:**

\$50 Gift Card – Bakers (spent on various items) – Joe Frederick

60 Dozen Eggs – HyVee – Larry Arp

16 Dozen Eggs – Lady on 156th St outside of Bennington – Jerry Valaska / nephew Mike

100 Cartons White and 150 Cartons Chocolate Milk and 200 Cartons Orange Juice – Hiland Dary – Larry Arp

5 Gallons Regular Syrup and 10 Sugar-free 2 quart Containers – Dick Musel

3 Gallons Canola Oil – Dick Musel

1 Each 3 lbs (Regular and Decaf) Coffee - Dick Musel

5 – 10 lbs. Boxes of Sausage – Cubbys (Steve Botos); 1 Propane Tank - Cubbys

5 Buckets Pancake Batter -Village Inn closed– premix no longer available. Need alternate source; mix beforehand. - Steve Gofta reassigned to Les Brauer (Jimmy's Egg)

Other items – check on-hand or purchase:

6 – 15 Ounce Tubs Butter - Joe Frederick

1 Big Jar Lemon Juice - Joe Frederick

Pam Spray - Joe Frederick

1 Big Bottle Dawn Soap - Joe Frederick

3 Rolls Paper Towels, Napkins and Forks / Spoons / Knives – on hand

7 Ounce Cups for Juice – bought although Hiland Dairy donated

Plates – 500 donated by Hockenbergs - Joe Frederick

Crock Pot Liners - Joe Frederick

Gallon Storage Bags - Les Brauer

Foil (Aluminum) - Les Brauer

Add to D.C. Gazette calendar; should we place an ad? - No

Signs: Diane Warrick (8-1/2 X 11), Joe Frederick (Yard Signs); Banner? - No

Carl Patterson Honor Guard – January 27 at Flower Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Vic Vanarsdel, Merlin Kay, Van Mohr, Glenn Turner, Gale Sass

Honor Guard: Pallbearers plus Lyle Sass, Steven Youngberg, Deb Niesen, Steve Botos, George Westphal

Gordon Hansen Honor Guard – February 2 at Calvary Cemetery, Elkhorn. Attendees: Dick Musel, Merlin Kay, Ken Dirksen, Larry Arp, Steve Botos, Steven Youngberg, Glenn Turner, Deb Niesen, Vic Valasek, George Westphal, Lyle Sass, Les Brauer

Color Guard – January 28 for Nebraskans Embracing Life: Jerry Valasek, Steven Youngberg, Deb Niesen, Jared Weinman. Questioned event political attendees; made motion by Dr. Steven Youngberg and second by Ken Dirksen to limit event type's post supplies color guard – passed.

Veterans Legislative Day – January 28, 2022 in Lincoln at State Capitol. No attendees.

Replacement Rifle with cracked receiver – Jim Cheek; replacement request filed.

Deann Zens – had knee replacement surgery. I had flowers sent to her from the Post, a \$50 bouquet with delivery and tax totaled \$78.08. Motion by Dr. Steven Youngberg and second by Ken Dirksen to approve expense-passed.

Some of our guy members have had surgery, what do you suggest to cheer them up during their recovery? Response: send a get well card.

Inventory Review - Adjutant conducted an inventory of our items on hand – hats, coats, gloves, ties, flags, hat pins, etc., including sizes. Will hold its review for our April meeting to see which items we will restock.

Mid-year Conference – January 21-23, Ramada Inn, Columbus. Merlin and Annette Kay were our representatives. Merlin provided program; see commander if you want to review it.

Boys State, \$375 – one nomination – Jesse Gromerdick

Junior Law - no nominations.

Omaha National Cemetery **Road Naming** – Proposed Names: Fort Omaha Drive and Fort Kearny Drive. See handout with map. If interested, you may attend a meeting to review their proposal on Friday February 25th at 12, noon. It will be held at Millard Post 374, 13913 South Plaza.

Vendor/Supplier Award – Department and National do recognitions and they suggest Posts do likewise. It is recommended that we recognize HyVee, 156th and Maple, at our March Legion Birthday dinner. Support expressed with motion by Dr. Steven Youngberg and second by Joe Frederick. Besides a company award, there is one for an individual. Is there someone to choose or should we reserve that for another time? Chose to skip awarding.

Citizenship Award – Each Post may nominate a member, each District evaluates and presents winner at June Department Convention. Motion by Richard Musel and second by Ken Dirksen to nominate Jared for organizing a SAL squadron - passed.

Announcements:

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

ONC Road Naming – Friday 25 February, 2022, 12 noon, Millard Post 374

Pancake Feed – Saturday March 19, 2022; set-up on Friday March 18

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

State Boys State – June 5-11 at University of Nebraska, Lincoln

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

State Junior Law – June 21-24 at Nebraska State Patrol Training Center, Director: Brent Hagel-Pitt

Other new business: Fireworks vendor will hold March meeting. Merlin and committee to attend.

POW/MIA chair cover retrieved by Sergeant-at-Arms; commander recited declaration.

Adjourn: Motion by Ken Dirksen and second by James Cheek to adjourn – passed.