

## April 7, 2022 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**POW/MIA Cover Placement:** by Adjutant, Post Commander gave the declaration.

**Chaplin Kay** gave a prayer.

**Recited Preamble** of the Constitution of The American Legion:

**Auxiliary:** no announcements

**March Meeting Minutes:** motion by Joe Frederick and second by Jared Weinman; approved.

**Financial Report:** motion by Jared Weinman and second by Joe Frederick; approved.

### Old Business:

**Pancake Feed:** Attendance total: 149 Adults and 52 Children for a total of 201. Donations \$3199

**Bennington Legion Baseball team:** donated \$8,500. \$500 Scholarships approved March 2022: awardees: Walker Behnken, Austin Hofts, Jacob Kuhl and Nicholas Calderon. Award pending college acceptance confirmation. Commander attended Sunday April 23 BHS Scholarship program and distributed award certificates.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Money Jar** – \$290 amount collected will be sent to NVVMF Representative George Abbott, gabbott@nvvmf.org or mail a check with an explanation; Address: 7914 West Dodge Road #446 Omaha, Nebraska 68114. Agreed to continue collecting at meetings until December with next cause to be supported - Gifts For Yanks Who Gave.

**Sons of the American Legion:** SAL Commander Jared Weinman update: 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, May 12; officers Finance – Goeff Getzschman, Adjutant – Lyle Sass; other SAL member attending: Alex Blanks and Mike Valasek.

**Buddy Check Program** – No veteran left behind. Commander discussed the project at the March birthday celebration. Lyle indicated calls underway.

**Unserviceable US Flags** – Assigned to Sally Habrock, update pending completion of collection box.

**Fireworks:** Steven Youngberg update: products on order; shift sign-ups to begin May 15.

**Consolidated Post Report** – continue to track your activities to provide our adjutant input on community involvement hours for the Department summary to Congress. Report is due to Department June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Replacement Rifle** Jim Cheek, replacement received; update on return of rifle with cracked receiver: contact made, waiting return instructions.

**Public Relations Recognition** – Steven Youngberg won the 2022 award for our website, took photo and submitted to NE Department.

**Inventory Review** - Completed – hats, coats, gloves, ties, flags, hat pins, etc., including sizes. We will hold its review for our May meeting to see which items we will restock.

**Boys State,** We paid the \$375 fee – Our one nomination – Jesse Gromendick has been approved.

**Vendor/Supplier Award** – We recognized HyVee, 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple, at our March Legion Birthday dinner with a plaque. Cost - \$58.96.

**Vietnam Veterans Flag:** Commander donated and hung the flag. Should anyone provide another service branch's Vietnam participation flag or Gulf War flag, we will display it.

**Membership Award** – 90% achievement of renewals is placed with others on the wall.

**Douglas County Convention:** held February 12<sup>th</sup>; have lots of information but its review can wait till a later meeting.

**Membership:** time to pay dues, if you do not pay online with National, Glenn will take your money. Status: 111 of 120 paid, 91.8%.

**JAVELAN Service Dogs:** Motion by Larry Arp and second by Steven Youngberg to donate \$500; approved.

**Department Convention:** June 24-26 at Columbus Ramada, includes Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders. See information in April/May Legionnaire. Also in the Legionnaire was a photo of our presentation of a Quilt of Valor to Melvin Tiedje. Photos from our birthday celebration quilt and vendor awards submitted; watch for them in a future addition of the newspaper.

**Honoring World War II Veterans:** Department is asking Posts to identify any such members and others in their communities. Posts could find ways to recognize them although the Department plans to include their names in the Convention Program.

**Advertising in the Convention Program**, options available: \$10 – 1/8<sup>th</sup> page, \$20 – 1/4<sup>th</sup> page, \$30 – 1/2 page, \$60 – full page. Ads and payment must be received by Department before June 10<sup>th</sup>. If interested, contact Kylea at Headquarters, 402-464-6338.

**VA established a social media site** to find buddies – Together We Served. If interested, contact Commander.

### **New Business:**

**Sons of the American Legion:** Motion by Lyle Sass and second by Joe Frederick to fund SAL with \$2,000 approved. Motion by Les Brauer and second by Joe Frederick to buy 10 SAL hats and flag. **Post meeting update:** Commander ordered hats (6 week delivery) and flag (received); also added SAL officer patches (received), SAL neck ties (received), Dual Member hat pins (received) and Space Force flag (received) to order, total cost \$837.34. Dual Member pins and Space Force flag charged to Legion, remainder to SAL account. 1<sup>st</sup> SAL meeting will be May 12; officer installation meeting will be June 9.

**Buddy Check Program:** Motion by Joe Frederick and second by Deb Niesen to call twice if no 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> call answer, then send a card: Approved.

**Fireworks:** Permits: \$250 to city, \$25 to state fire marshal. Agreed Adjutant contact Century Link to get phone service for credit card processing and work with Larry Arp to get fire extinguisher tags updated.

**Finance:** instructed finance officer to get bank account signature cards updated: remove Dick Musel and add Glenn Turner. Also, get SAL account set up with Glenn, SAL Commander Jared Weinman and Rick Reed having access.

### **Announcements:**

SAL events by Benson Squadron-112: Easter Egg hunt: 11am-1pm Saturday April 9 and fund raiser breakfast: 8am-12 noon Sunday April 24, both at VFW Post 2503, 8904 Military Rd.

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, 402-464-6338

No other new business?

**POW/MIA** cover retrieved, Commander gave declaration

**Adjourn:** motion by Rick Reed and second by Joe Frederick: approved.

### **Supplemental: Revised Pancake Feed Items:**

**Eggs:** 60 Dozen – HyVee – Larry Arp/ 16 Dozen – Mike Valasek

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

10 each 64 oz Regular Syrup and 2 each 24 oz Sugar-free – Dick Musel – check on hand before purchasing

3 Gallons Canola Oil – Dick Musel

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

5 – 10 lbs. Boxes of Sausage – Cubby's (Steve Botos); 1 Propane Tank – Cubby's

75 lbs Pancake Batter Dry Mix- Jimmy's Egg - Les Brauer

9 – 8 oz Tubs Butter - Joe Frederick

1 Big Jar Lemon Juice and 1 Big Bottle Dawn Soap - Joe Frederick

Pam Spray - Joe Frederick

Ketchup & Hot Sauce

2 Bags Ice

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

Plates – 300 each - Joe Frederick

50 each Gallon Storage Bags / 50 yds Aluminum Foil - Les Brauer

Flyers (8-1/2 X 11), Yard Signs & Banner: Diane Warrick

## **Coming Events**

SAL: May 12; 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

SAL: June 9; Officer Installation

Fireworks: May 15; online sign-ups begin

Fireworks: June 21: products arrive, set-up begins

Fireworks: June 25; sales begin, continue through July 4<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day: May 30th; services at Flower Hill, German and Prairie View Cemeteries

Post Officer Election: June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bennington Dayz Parade: June 4<sup>th</sup>

Department State Convention: June 24-26

Walter Merica Honor Guard: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Fair View, Papillion

Legion Golf Tournament: July 16-17; Bassett Country Club

National Convention: August 26 - September 2; Milwaukee