

March 3, 2022 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

POW/MIA Cover Placement: by “Sergeant-at-Arms, Post Commander gave the declaration.

Chaplin Kay: gave a prayer

Recited Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion.

Auxiliary: announced Pancake Feed details including awarding Quilt of Honor to Larry Witt and Bob McKelvie.

Minutes: of February meeting approved.

Financial: reviewed and approved.

Douglas County Dues Assessment: \$0.15/member; Post 266 = \$17. Payment pending.

Boys State, \$375 – Jesse Gromendick nomination approved. **Update:** accepted by Department on March 25.

Form 990, Tax Exempt Status: Must file with IRS by May 16 if due; completed in 2021, good for 3 years.

Money Jar: continue collecting, donation to NE Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund after Pancake Feed.

Old Business:

Sons of the American Legion: Jared Weinman update – charter submitted; **Note:** approved by National.

Buddy Check Program – No veteran left behind. Lyle has completed his phone list update. I plan to discuss the project at the birthday celebration and will move on the project after that. **Update:** was discussed.

Unserviceable US Flags – collection box project reassigned to Sally Habrock.

Fireworks: Steven Youngberg, holding meetings with supplier.

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

Replacement Rifle with cracked receiver – Jim Cheek – in process, all documents submitted; **Update:** replacement received.

Public Relations Recognition – presented Steven Youngberg his 2022 award his work on our website. *Need to take a photo.*

Inventory Review - Completed – hats, coats, gloves, ties, flags, hat pins, etc., including sizes. Review on what items to restock - pending.

Citizenship Award – We nominated Jared, District 8 evaluated but chose another for the award.

Pancake Feed – Saturday March 19, 2022; set-up on Friday March 18. Last event: 2019 served 200 adults and 62 children. Many volunteered to help with setup and serve meals. Baseball team also helped bus tables.

Supplies Donated: revised list

60 Dozen Eggs – HyVee, Tom Van Acker – Larry Arp

16 Dozen Eggs – Lady on 156th St outside of Bennington – Jerry Valasek/Jared Weinman

100 Cartons White and 150 Cartons Chocolate Milk and 200 Cartons Orange Juice – Hiland Dairy – Larry Arp
5-24 oz. Regular Syrup and 2 Sugar-free 2-16 oz. Containers – Dick Musel/Jim Cheek (found some in store room from last event – any left over for next year?)

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

3-25 lb. bags Pancake Mix -Jimmy's Egg; need to make buckets of batter beforehand – Les Brauer (\$75)

Other items – check on-hand or purchase:

9 – 15 Ounce Tubs Butter – require 1/table – 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 / Forks / Spoons / Knives – plenty on hand

300 Plates – Joe Frederick

2-50 count Gallon Storage Bags / 2-25 yd. rolls Aluminum Foil - Les Brauer

Flyers – Diane Warrick – printing & Merlin and Annette Kay and Joe Frederick distributed

Signs – Diane Warrick revised; Glenn Turner & Les Brauer placed 7 around town; 1 disappeared; Glenn

retrieved

New Business:

Membership: status – 107 renewed of 120 members; 89.17%

Junior Law -no nominations

Omaha National Cemetery **Road Naming** – Fort Omaha Drive and Fort Kearny Drive.

Vendor/Supplier Award – Recognized HyVee, 156th and Maple, at our March Legion Birthday dinner. Tom Van Acker accepted the plaque.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony: SumTur Amphitheater, 11691 S 108th St.; 2 p.m, Tuesday, March 29, 2022; Keynote Speaker - Secretary Chuck Hagel; also speaking: Governor Pete Ricketts; will be live streamed at facebook.com/KACCNebraska.

Vietnam Veterans Flag: Commander donated a flag; was mounted on wall.

Membership Award – 90% achievement of renewals; hung on wall.

Walter Merica: passed away, routed obit. Commander attended visitation; Military Honors pending warm weather.

Post 30 Commander: Ron Hancock passed away; will email any service information should I get it.

Douglas County Convention: held February 12th; have lots of information but will wait for its review .

Bennington Legion Baseball team: donated \$8,500.

\$500 Scholarships: did 3 each in 2021 and 4 approved March 2022: awardees: Walker Behnken, Austin Hofts, Jacob Kuhl and Nicholas Calderon. Paid or pending?

Announcements:

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SAL Events – by Benson Squad, both at VFW Post 2503, 8904 Military: Easter Egg Hunt 9 April 11am-1pm;

Fund Raiser Breakfast 24 April, 8am-12 Noon

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

No other new business.

POW/MIA chair cover: retrieved by Sergeant-at-Arms; Commander gave declaration.

Adjourn: motion approved.