

November 3, 2022 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

Legion Baseball: New board member Tim Schuman gave an update. New league president is Heath Mlnarik, Senior Team was 19-19, Junior Team was 30-16; announced team applied to host Area and State Tournaments; new coach is Tim Jacoby; plan a Cornhole Tournament for 25 February, 2023. Post indicated it will approve \$8.500 award at its February meeting. Tim presented information on Neumyer Farm 50 acre park and athletic complex to be built between 156 th Street and Bennington Road.

Call to Order: Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chaplin: Commander read a prayer?

Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: led by Commander.

Auxiliary: Announced Veterans Sunday 11/6 Dinner at 1pm, will award 3 Honor Quilts; bring food pantry canned goods; Daylight Savings Time Ends.

Minutes: Motion by Jim Cheek and second by Steve Botos to approve the October meeting minutes; passed.

Financial: Motion by Donny Laaker and second by Jim Zoulias to approve the financial report; passed.

Old Business:

Gifts For Yanks Who Gave Money Jar – Made our final collection and will submit funds to Department since distributions begin December 3. We will continue collections and agreed to delay choice of a fund to support to December meeting. Suggestions: Department building fund, JAVELAN service dogs, Outlook Enrichment, National Emergency Fund, Operation Comfort Warrior, Helping a Hero.

Sons of the American Legion: Commander Jared absent so Post Commander reviewed SAL Squadron Trunk-N-Treat activity with Mopar Car Club participating.

Buddy Check Program – Be the One focus on suicide prevention. Lyle update: 56 contacts with 53 responses. Continue to follow Legion magazine articles.

Unserviceable US Flags – Collection box, VC Donny gave an update: placement pending weather, assigned to building committee.

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 Jim Cheek, update on return of rifle with cracked receiver – no change, waiting on DOD.

Inventory Review – Needs updated – hats, coats, gloves, ties, flags, hat pins, etc., including sizes. We will hold its review for future meeting to see which items we will restock.

District 8 Fall Round-up: Sunday October 16; South Omaha Post 331, was attended by Post and Sons Commanders

New Business:

Membership: time for 2022-23 notices to pay dues, if you do not pay online with National, Glenn will take your money. Current status: 77 of 114 New member rebate: \$5.00 when signed up by November 1st has expired.

Veterans Day: Deb, table at Hy-Vee; Ridgewood color guard, Nov. 11th at 10am; meet at hall at 9.15am, leave at 9.30am. Dress: long sleeve white shirt, black pants, tie, hat. Volunteers: Bill Botos, Steve Botos, Jim Cheek, Ken Dirksen, Jerry Valasek, Vic Vanarsdel, Jared Weinman, Les Brauer and the following Sons: Alex Banks, Geoff Getzschman, Brian Young, James Keyes, Chris Casey.

Late request from Elk Ridge Assisted Living Center since arranged representatives canceled. The following mixed group of Legionnaires, Riders and Sons stepped up and answered the call: Jim Cheek, Alex Banks, Geoff Getzschman, Brian Young, James Keyes, Jared Weinman, Les Brauer, Jeff Reiley, Bruce Husted.

WW II Billboard: Destroyed in recent windstorm. Replacement preferred. Assigned to building committee. Relocate near flagpole with flag collection box. Possible contractor: Marvin Blacketer, 402-238-2994.

Tomb of Unknown Soldier: Half size replica, would we like to pursue getting it for Bennington Daze, June 3, 2023? Commander to get details.

Scholarship Thank you: received a thank you card from 2022 awardee Walker Behnken.

Next Meeting: December 1st; Sons will meet on November 10th. Legionnaires encouraged to attend.

Announcements:

Assistant Department Adjutant Brent Hagel-Pitt retired; Eric Martin hired.

National Crisis Line: new phone number, 988 then press 1 for Veterans' Crisis Line

Department Mid-year Conference: Friday January 13 – Sunday January 15, 2023; Norfolk Lodge, Norfolk; Reservations 402-379-3833, Rate \$99.95 + tax / night.

National Membership Incentive: National Commander Jim Troiola will award a Be The One pin to those who sign-up 3 new 2023 members; new means they were not a 2022 member. Get certification form from commander or adjutant.

100% Legion Family Ribbon: Post award if Legion, Auxiliary and SAL each meet 100% members by May 31, 2023. See bulletin board for prior ribbons.

Oratorical Contest: Saturday November 5, 1pm, Creighton Prep, 7400 Western Ave.

Junior Shooting Sports: Gun safety and marksmanship, boys and girls age 14-20, register by December 15.

Veterans Day: Stratford Elementary asks for veteran photos related to their students. If you have students there, send a photo and indicate your service branch.

Progressive Insurance / Enterprise Vehicle Giveaway: Applications accepted May to September; giveaway in November; eligibility – veteran, active duty, Gold Star – plus other criteria. See commander for details if you know someone who may qualify and help them apply.

Washington DC Conference: Lobby Congress on Legionnaires legislative agenda, see November Legion magazine for priorities. Anyone who want to attend needs to contact Department Adjutant Salak. Schedule: February 26 to March 1.

Cornhusker Boys State: June 4 – 10, 2023; registration due by March 15, 2023 with \$375 payment.

Custom Cards: See samples, approved get well; sympathy cards on hand.

No other new business.

POW/MIA chair cover: Retrieved by Sergeant-at-Arms

Adjourn: Motion by Jim Osterchill and second by Donny Laaker; passed.