

October 6, 2022 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

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 Kay: Gave a prayer.

Recitation of the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion: led by Merlin Kay

Auxiliary: Announcement Veterans' Day dinner: Sunday November 6th at 1 pm.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of September meeting by Donny Laaker and second by Pete Hunt; passed.

Financial: Motion to approve financial report by Lyle Sass and second by Jim Cheek.

Discussion on listing expenses by categories. Main motion amended by finance officer Rick Reed and second by Lyle Sass to just provide annual summary of rental expenses and income received using fiscal year; first report to be July 2022 through June 2023; passed.

Old Business:

Gifts For Yanks Who Gave Money Jar – Collections continue to support the Fund. We will submit to Department funds collected after November meeting since distributions begin December 3. Motion by Commander and second by George Westphal; passed.

Sons of the American Legion: Commander Jared Weinman provided details on SAL Squadron Trunk-N-Treat on October 15th. Next meeting, October 13th will include presentation of official SAL Charter, guests include Detachment Commander Chris Casey and District 8 Commander James Keyes.

Fireworks: Final financial summary: profit, \$39,236.08; distributions: Post, \$23,541.65; Auxiliary, \$11,770.83; Sons, \$3,923.60.

Buddy Check Program – Be the One focus on suicide prevention. Note 2 articles in the October Legion magazine including an announcement of a related podcast. Another article gives detail on new National Commander Jim Troiola. Lyle update: 80 calls made, 51 checks.

Unserviceable US Flags – Collection box completed by Badger 4H Club led by Erin Denker and Janene Huntly. Leaders and members presented box and club activities; photo taken for Post Web Site, Facebook and Department Newsletter. Donny Laaker and Merlin Kay to handle placement. Our own Post flag was tattered and has been replaced. Cost: \$38.98.

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. Jim replaced spring, \$10, on honor guard rifle that jammed on last 2 HG services.

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.

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: 73 of 114, 64%, met October goal; next goal 65% by November 7th. New member rebate: \$5.00 when signed up by November 1st.

Honor Guard: Received a \$100 donation from Larry Jones in memory of his cousin James Weinberger which adds to the \$75 received for James from the funeral home. Suggest various

gifts be consolidated into a Memorial Scholarship fund instead of tracking many small dollar gifts and for larger ones that they be put into it once they drop below a certain dollar amount. Suggest \$350 since that is below most any scholarship we award. Motion died without a second after finance officer described how and why he does gift consolidations.

District 8 Fall Round-up: Sunday October 16; South Omaha Post 331, 4830 So. 21 St.; Registration 12.30pm, Program 1pm. Post and SAL Commanders attended.

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.

Law Officer and Firefighter/EMS: Nominations must be submitted by December 1. Larry Arp nominated last year; no submissions for 2022.

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. Deb Niesen will attend and play taps.

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.

Building Committee: Established to address issues, wall behind building, clean gutters, trim tree. Members: Dick Musel, Merlin Kay and Donny Laaker.

Memorial at Centennial Park: Larry Arp noted clean-up needed and volunteered to contact city maintenance to address.

Next Meeting: November 3rd; Sons will meet on October 13th. Charter received and will be presented. Legionnaires encouraged to attend.

Announcements:

Assistant Department Adjutant Brent Hagel-Pitt is retiring, applications being accepted, must be a veteran.

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

Veterans Day: Dinner: Sunday November 6th. Color Guard at Ridgewood Senior Center: November 11th at 10 am, meet at Hall and leave by 9:30 am. Deb Nielsen to host Legion table at Hy-Vee, 156th and West Maple, breakfast.

No other new business?

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

Adjourn: Motion by Jim Cheek and second by Larry Arp to adjourn, passed.