

September 1, 2022 Post 266 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Steven Youngberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

POW/MIA Cover Placement: Adjutant Turner placed the POW/MIA cover on the empty chair

Chaplin Kay: Had a prayer.

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

Auxiliary: No announcements.

Minutes: Motion by Pete Hunt and second by Jared Weinman to approve the minutes; passed

Financial: Motion by Jared Weinman and second by Ken Dirksen to approve the financial report; passed.

Old Business:

Gifts For Yanks Who Gave Money Jar – We continued collections at support the Fund.

Sons of the American Legion: Commander Jared Weinman presented SAL Squadron Trunk-N-Treat activity scheduled for Saturday October 15 including Mopar Addicts car show. Legion and SAL members encouraged to participate.

Fireworks: Preliminary update on hours worked and a financial summary: Legion: 595-1/4 hours (74.2%), Auxiliary: 143-3/4 hours (16.8%), SAL: 71-3/4 hours (8.9%). Motion to split: Legion 60%, Auxiliary 30%, Sons 10% by Merlin Kay and second by Donny Laaker; passed. Motion by Dick Musel and second by Steven Youngberg to donate \$300 to city, as done in prior years; passed.

Buddy Check Program – No veteran left behind replaced by Be the One. Both focus on suicide prevention. Lyle update: 80 calls made with 51 checks completed. Legion web site and Facebook updated with information.

Unserviceable US Flags – From Sally Habrock, Badger 4-H club completing collection box. Commander contacted Erin Denker; box delivered 10 September. Next steps: add lock and concrete pad for placement.

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 - Pending – hats, coats, gloves, ties, flags, hat pins, etc., including sizes. We will hold its review for a 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: 61 of 114, 53.5%. New member rebate: \$5.00 when signed up by November 1st.

National Convention: Commander attended Convention in Milwaukee, August 26th through September 1st. Thank you VC Donny Laaker and Adjutant Glenn Turner for manning the Post. There will be no change in National or Department dues so we do not need to raise ours. A resolution for multi-year dues paying, either for 3- or 5-year terms or for a rolling year for new members was referred to the NEC. New National Commander 2022-2023, Vincent James “Jim” Troiola of New York and for 2023-2024, Daniel J. Seehafer of Wisconsin.

Building Committee: Motion by Jared Weinman and second by Steven Youngberg to establish a committee to address gutter cleaning, tree trimming and back wall repair; passed. Members: Donny Laaker – chair, Merlin Kay and Dick Musel.

Internet: Data presented. Motion by Steven Youngberg and second by Ken Dirksen to choose Cox; passed. Cost: \$128.99 monthly and \$199 installation fee.

Hall Rental Increase: Motion by Merlin Kay and second by Steven Youngberg as amended by Ken Dirksen with second by Paul Holtapp to increase rates; passed. New rates: 266 members (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons): \$150, other Post Legion members: \$250, Non-members: \$300, New Year's Eve and Day Special: \$350 plus \$200 refundable deposit.

Next Meetings: October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st; Sons will meet on September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th.

Announcements:

Assistant Department Adjutant Brent Hagel-Pitt is retiring, applications being accepted, must be a veteran.
Veterans Appreciation Day at State Fair: Monday September 5th, see www.statefair.org for details. Patriotic Productions will display their Nebraska Remembering Our Fallen exhibit throughout the entire fair in the Nebraska Building. It commemorates the brave Nebraskans we've lost in military service since 2001.

Commander's Home Coming: Legion Don Suchy, Sons Chris Casey, Auxiliary Vicki Ozenbaugh; Saturday October 1st at Seward, training begins at 1pm with banquet following.

Offutt Brass- Patriot Day Concert: Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM. This concert is FREE and open to the public. Their program encompasses a variety of familiar classical, Jazz, and patriotic selections, as well as a special tribute in remembrance of the 9-11 attacks. As a group of professional Airmen-Musicians, Offutt Brass is committed to inspiring our American public, communicating our Air Force Core Values, and honoring our nation's veterans through the power of music.

Presbyterian Church of the Cross

1517 South 114th Street, Omaha, NE 68144

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

No other new business.

POW/MIA chair cover: Retrieved by Adjutant Turner.

Adjourn: Motion by Jared Weinman and second by Donny Laaker to adjourn; passed.