

Commander Hagarty called the January meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble were recited.

Roll call of officers was conducted with 16 present and 5 excused.

Adjutant read the correspondence and will post on bulletin board.

Motion to approve the December minutes as posted was made by Mattfeld second by Frohn. Carried.

Charter was draped for 6 deceased members: Duane "Spoot" Thomas; John Itzen; Ray Aneweer; LeRoy Rutter; Robert Schultz; and Gordon Zurbriggen.

LaDawn Hankins spoke to the body concerning the fundraiser that is scheduled for February 15th here at the Post for Alise Williams. She is having a bone marrow transplant in Minneapolis. She requested that the Post offer any type of assistance that we saw appropriate.

Blood drive is scheduled for the 19th of this month. Goal is 50 pints.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Frohn: 192 members have not renewed their membership for 2009. At this time we have 323 annual members and 686 life members for a total of 1009 members.

2nd Vice Hunemuller: Total volunteer hours for year to date stand at 15,910 and the total value stand year to date at \$457,027.54

3rd Vice Wise: 258 steaks were sold during the month of December. There is a possibility that the VFW will take over one of the post's steak nights.

Finance Officer Sullivan: Finance report was given by Finance Officer Sullivan.

Adjutant Remington: No Report.

Provost Marshal Schmidt: No Report

Judge Advocate Nelson: Excused.

Chaplain Nelson: Excused.

Editor Mattfeld: 1,258 newsletters were sent out in December. 189 of those were for the Auxiliary, 111 for the SOA and the remainder were charged to the AMVET. For January, 1307 were sent out and 187 went to the Auxiliary, and 139 to the SOA. 290 newsletters are sent electronically or are picked up by members at the Post. This results in a savings of approximately \$1,450.00 per year.

SOA Advisor Kemp: No Report.

Service Officer Bruce: No Report.

Honor Guard Mattfeld: The Honor Guard participated in five military funerals and the Pearl Harbor Ceremony. Total man-hours for the month amount to 285 hours and 2,683 miles. The Honor Guard has received \$1,300.00 in donations for the month and \$1,795.00 year to date.

Bugler Herter/Stych: Excused.

Historian Haskins: Next meeting will Saturday January 10th.

PRO Mattfeld: No Report

Parks Jasper: No report

JR. AMVETS Coordinator Brown: No Report.

ROTC Coordinator Ihnen: No Report

Auxiliary Liaison Lugg: No Report.

Trustees Kemp: Board met with the owner of the gaming machines to work out some problems. The color of the tickets dispensed by the machines will be changed.

Membership cards will be checked during the month of January. Discussion on providing a movable fence for the stage when it is necessary.

Retirees: There were 12 present for the luncheon.

Old Business:

Klodt gave the final report on the Disaster Relief project. There were 86 donations, which amounted to \$26,480.51. Expenses were \$1,080.51. We paid out 53 claims for assistance with a total of \$25,400 being expended towards those claims. The balance as of December 18, 2008 was \$0.00.

New Business:

Commander Hagarty announced that the band "Driven" will be playing on Valentines Day at the Post and that they debut a song that will hopefully be adopted as the AMVETS Anthem. Also, this day will constitute a Food Drive and the Commander will purchase a drink for every person who will bring in 3 cans of food for this event.

Klodt moved and Frandsen second a motion to have a Scholarship Program on May 3rd to announce and present the winners of the Scholarships from the AMVETS, Ladies Auxiliary, and the Sons of AMVETS. Carried

Commander Hagarty announced that the Waterloo Black Hawks Hockey team donated \$2,000 to our Post. The donation was divided between the Post Honor Guard and the Ladies Auxiliary.

\$1,000 worth of socks were donated to the post by Fox River Socks and they will be further given to the residents of the Iowa Veterans Home.

Mattfeld moved and Hankins second a motion to sponsor T-Ball at the Cedar Falls Recreation Department. There will be approximately 100 participants and we will provide them with T-shirts. This will cost approximately \$400.00. Motion Carried. Schmidt moved that we donate \$500.00 towards the fundraiser for Alise Williams. Mattfeld second the motion and it carried.

Discussion concerning the mailing and cost of the postage for the newsletter. Mattfeld is to contact Bravo Printing Co. to see if they would pay for the cost of the mailing and then the post reimburse them for the postage.

Commander Hagarty requested that Brad Brown be approved as the Jr. AMVETS Coordinator. Mattfeld moved and Hankins second the motion and it carried. NEC Remington announced that National Commander Hapner would be visiting the State. He will arrive on the 25th of March, journey to Des Moines on the 26th, visit the Posts in this area on the 27th and will have the evening meal on the 27th at Post 49. He will attend the SEC meeting in Evansdale on the 28th and 29th and will depart in the afternoon on the 29th.

Motion to adjourn by Nelson, second by Frohn.

Benediction and retiring of the colors and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Barry Remington
Adjutant