

Commander Hagarty called the February 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 15 present and 6 excused.

Adjutant read the correspondence and will post on bulletin board.

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

Charter was draped for 6 deceased members: Joe Simmens and Homer Spooner.

We welcomed new member Gary Olmstead.

Schmidt announced that the family of Garf Stych was going to be moving him to an assisted living facility in Lansing, Michigan sometime in March.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice Frohn: We currently have 690 life members and 348 new and renewals for a total of 1,038 members.

2nd Vice Hunemuller: Excused.

3rd Vice Wise: 362 steaks were sold during the month of January. The T-Bones steaks will now be cut 1/8" thicker.

Finance Officer Sullivan: Excused. No finance report was given because the CPA had not delivered the reports back to the post.

Adjutant Remington: No Report.

Provost Marshal Schmidt: No Report

Judge Advocate Nelson: Excused.

Chaplain Nelson: Excused.

Editor Mattfeld: 1307 newsletters were sent out in January. 188 of those were for the Auxiliary, 138 for the SOA and the remainder were charged to the AMVETS. 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: SOA golf tournament will be held on June 14th at Pheasant Ridge. They currently have 178 new and renewals and 20 life members

Service Officer Bruce: Excused. However, he assisted two people last month.

Honor Guard Mattfeld: The Honor Guard participated in 3 military funerals. Total man-hours for the month amount to 75 hours and 268 miles. The Honor Guard has received \$75.00 in donations for the month and \$1,870.00 year to date.

Bugler Herter/Stych: No Report.

Historian Haskins: Have completed between 15 and 17 years of history.

PRO Mattfeld: No Report.

Parks Jasper: No report

JR. AMVETS Coordinator Brown: No Report.

ROTC Coordinator Ihnen: No Report

Auxiliary Liaison Lugg: No Report.

Riders Hankins: Excused. Next meeting will be February 7th.

Trustees Kemp: No much going on. Will be starting to crack down on the use of foul language within the home. Went into executive session to discuss discipline.

Retirees: There were 13 present for the luncheon.

Old Business:

Mattfeld gave the Blood Drive Report. 48 people showed up to give blood. 40 whole

blood donations were received and 10 Haemonetics were collected for a total of 50 units of blood collected. Thank the auxiliary for their assistance and the next blood drive is scheduled for March 16th.

Jasper gave an update on the Honor Flight Project. Has met with an attorney to work out the requirements for a non-profit organization, articles of incorporation and a federal EIN number.

New Business:

Commander Hagarty announced that the state bowling tournament would be held in Webster City on March 21-22. The Early Bird Golf Tournament will be held in Luano on May 16th. Entry forms will be in the foyer.

There will be a veterans benefit/Job Fair held at the Waterloo Center for the Arts on April 8th.

Letter was read concerning an Iraqi veteran who needs assistance in Ottumwa. Schmidt moved and Fingeroos second a motion to send him \$250.00. Carried.

Mattfeld moved and Bob Hagarty second a motion to spend part of the \$1,000 received from the Black Hawks Hockey Team for equipment that the Honor Guard needs. Carried.

Discussion on what a guest is. Some feel that members from other AMVET Posts are guests and should sign in the book as such and be limited to no more than 3 visits to our post per year. Commander Hagarty appointed Marv Mattfeld, John Jasper Ed Kemp, Brad Brown and Himself to look at the Standing Rules and recommend change.

Questions rose concerning the Riders and the VFW taking the post's rotation in the Saturday night steak fries. The question then rose as to whether or not the VFW was in the rotation or did they just request a couple of Saturday night steak fries.

Motion to adjourn by Mattfeld, second by Frohn.

Benediction and retiring of the colors and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Barry Remington
Adjutant