

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: April 9, 2024 Time Convened: 7:04 PM
Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa
Attendance: 7 Officers: 2 Members: 5 Adjourning: 8:28 PM

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Meeting was called to order by Vice Commander Troy Andersen. Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in opening prayer. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution was said by all. Commander Joe Helle read a statement that we learned from the Linn County meeting: A POW and MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion. As a physical symbol of the many American POW and MIA still on account from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity and the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicated ourselves to this vital endeavor.

GUESTS: None.

Minutes of the meeting dated March 12, 2024 was distributed to the members. Motion by Roger Frederick to accept the minutes, 2nd by Kenny Jones and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Larry Thronson read the financial report. Motion by Bob Sprengeler to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Joel Kessler and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: No Report

Avenue of Flags: Larry Thronson stated that we have 506 flags. We have 49 new flags. Last year we had a total of 893 flags. We will create 50 new flags on April 2, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the post. We will create new sockets on April 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Check and Install flags on April 19 & April 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Memorial Day we put the flags up at 6:00 PM on April 24th and take down at 5:00 PM on the 27th. Put flags out at the

cemetery at 5:00 PM on the 24th and take down the flags at 5:00 PM on the 27th. We will get a second post driver and rod to install sockets.

Building: Rick Pierce stated that the new furnace is installed by 5 Seasons now. Kenny Jones stated that he is checking on the insurance for the building. Kenny Jones check with another insurance company (Auto Insurance Hiawatha thru Neighbors Insurance) a quote and that could give us a better rate. Our insurance runs out 5/13/24. Motion by Kenny Jones to accept \$2500 deductible with Auto Insurance Hiawatha thru Neighbors Insurance on 5/8/2024, 2nd by Joel Kessler and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Weapons: No Report.

Website: Mike Coleman stated that the website is up to date.

Membership: No Report.

Scholarship Program: Tim Cunningham, Larry Thronson, and Joel Kessler will be on the committee.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer (No Post Service Officer)

Sick Call: Troy Andersen stated that they transferred his mother-in-law to Hospice Care.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Thronson stated that he needs to verify some things on the Consolidated Post Report form.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Receive a thank you card from William Vrba Family for a funeral.

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Kenny Jones stated that we gave a child's wheelchair and 3 walkers to help Camp Courageous. We receive a thank letter from Camp Courageous.

Joe Helle stated that the 2nd District Spring Conference will be in Blue Grass on April 20th. The Linn County Meeting will be at Cedar Rapids Post 727 Held at Veterans Memorial Building. Date and time to be TBD. Quilts of Valor are looking for Veterans in the Metro area to present quilts to.

Larry Thronson stated that he received notice on membership that Multi-Year membership is now available, allowing members to renew online for 3-years at one time.

CLOSING:

Drawing: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant _____
Winner was: None _____

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Rick Pierce to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kenny Jones and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joe Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Troy Andersen read the closing statement: Till we meet again lets us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let serves the community, State and Nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization and ourselves that nothing small swerve us away from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM by Vice Commander Troy Andersen.