

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: May 14, 2024

Time Convened: 7:04 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735

Department of Iowa

Attendance: 7 Officers: 2 Members: 5

Adjourning: 7:43 PM

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Meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Helle. Rick Pierce 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:

Joe Helle called up Marisa Eller to receive a scholarship from Rick Pierce.

Mock Trial (Anabel Bradley) gave us an update on trails The results of the trail is that they qualified state. The team members from Kennedy High School are Ania Hass, Aanya Tripathi, Slader Buckheister, and Samulla Kasha.

Kieran Glessner is going to be an Eagle Scout. Kieran Glessner has a project so he will be working around the post.

Minutes of the meeting dated April 9, 2024 was distributed to the members. Motion by Tim Cunningham to accept the minutes, 2nd by Roger Frederick and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by Roger Frederick to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Rick Pierce and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: No Report

Avenue of Flags: Joe Helle stated that Memorial Day we put the flags up at 6:00 PM on May 24th and take down at 6:00 PM on the May 27th. Put flags out at the cemetery at 5:00 PM on the May 24th and take down the flags at 5:00 PM on the May 27th. Flag Day we put the flags up at 6:00 AM on June 14th and take down at 6:00 PM on the June 26th. Larry Thronson stated that we have 941 flags.

Building: No Report

Weapons: No Report.

Website: No Report

Membership: No Report.

Scholarship Program: Tim Cunningham stated that we gave out one scholarship tonight. Tim Cunningham stated that we have five scholarships to pass out. Motion by Rick Pierce to pay four additional scholarships for a total of five scholarships of \$750 for each winner 2nd by Roger Frederick and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote. The five winners are Marisa Eilers, Sean M. Seinbrech, Megan Graves, Ava Dufoe, and Frederick Zrckser.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer (No Post Service Officer)

Sick Call: Troy Andersen mother-in-law passed away.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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Joe Helle stated that the Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Unit golf outing is set for August 4th 2024. More information to come out.

Tim Cunningham stated that the Shriner's Golf tournament will be July 6th, 2024 further information to follow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Joe Helle stated that the Linn County meeting this month will be May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM downtown at Veterans Memorial Building.

Joe Helle stated that they will be hosting the Fall Conference. Further information to follow.

Joe Helle asked if we knew anybody to receive Quilts of Valor. Joe Helle will send out an email to see anybody wants one.

CLOSING:

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

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Roger Frederick to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bill Schaffer and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Rick Pierce led the post in a closing prayer.

Rick Pierce 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 7:43 PM by Commander Joe Helle.