

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: September 10, 2024 Time Convened: 7:00 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: 12 Officers: 3 Members: 9 Adjourning: 7:42 PM

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Meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Helle. 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:

Gregory Thomas (New Member) Six years in the National Gaud. He is retired now.

Minutes of the meeting dated August 13, 2024 was distributed to the members. Motion by Tim Cunningham to accept the minutes, 2nd by Kenny Jones and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. The budget audit needs to be done. Mike Coleman, Rick Pierce, and Larry Thronson volunteered. Motion by Roger Frederick 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: Tim Cunningham stated that we need to build more flags. Tim Cunningham stated that we need 50 more flags and repair some flags. Joe Helle stated we can do it on Thursday September 26th at 9:00 AM. Joe Helle stated that we put the flags up on Friday November 8th at 3:30 PM and take the flags down on Monday November 11th at 3:30 PM.

Building: No Report

Weapons: No Report

Website: Mike Coleman stated that the website is up to date. Mike Coleman stated that the most popular pages are (1) Building Rental. (2) Bingo (3) Contact us (4) Avenue of Flags (5) Flag Disposal.

Membership: Gerry Kaiser stated that we are half way. Gerry stated that we put out a reminder in October. Joe Helle stated that he would send out the reminder. Gerry stated we have some new members Roy and Sandy Harter. Also Mike Mosley. Joe Helle asked Gerry to see if we have any deceased members on file. Gerry stated that we don't hat he knows.

ask him to print off an online membership report and then I send it to him. Gerry Kaiser stated that we have 37 renewals to date. Joe Helle stated that we have 3 more renewals in the office now. Joe Helle asked Gerry Kaiser to look at our membership to see if we have any deceased members on the state list. Gerry Kaiser stated that he checks for this.

Scholarship Program: No Report

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: No Post Service Officer

Sick Call: Rick said that the treatment is going well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Helle stated that the Christmas party on September 27, 2024. Social will be at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. Troy Andersen stated that we have 46 people for the party so far.

Joe Helle stated that the ramp for the shed worked really well for the Avenue of Flags.

Troy Andersen need to pick up shirts for bingo.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Rick Pierce to give a gift card for \$100.00 and an American Legion hat for \$60.00 to Bill Schaffer for his hard work 2nd by George Letson and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Joe Helle stated that the 2nd District Fall Conference is on Saturday October 5th 2024.

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It will be at Cedar Rapids at downtown Veterans Memorial building.

Joe Helle state that the Oratorical contest is coming up and he will meet the deadlines for that. We will sponsor the same girl as last year which is Toi Paga. Joe Helle stated that at the local level we have to advance her by December 1st 2024. The county has to be completed by December 16th 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

CLOSING:

Drawing: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant _____
Winner was: Tim Cunningham

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Joel Kessler to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mike Coleman and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Commander Joe Helle 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 7:42 PM by Commander Joe Helle.