

AMERICAN LEGION NAPERVILLE POST 43

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON: August 4, 2016

- The meeting was called to order by CMDR Lindberg at 1900_hours.
- Colors were posted.
- Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Komarek.
- Resolution 288 was read by CMDR Lindberg, after which the MIA Flag was placed on the empty chair, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Preamble of the Legion Constitution.
- Roll call of Officers
 - CMDR Lindberg Present __X__
 - Sr. Vic CMDR Deetjen Present __X__
 - Jr. Vic CMDR Chasteen Present __X__
 - Sgt At Arms Bonus Present __X__
 - Fin. Officer Light Present __X__
 - Chaplain Komarek Present __X__
 - Advocate Hennessy Present __EX__
 - Service Officer Barbour Present __X__
 - Adjutant Bixel Present __X__
- Minutes were read. Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Ken Garhan and seconded by Wayne Fischer.
- Guests: Wayne Fischer, Second Division Commander; Past National VFW Commander George Cramer and Mike McGrath National Director VFW National Home for Children

Post 43 Meeting Notes **Committee Reports**

Finance Report: Finance Officer Light reported all monies due the post have been received and all monies owed by the post have been paid. Most recent activity: paid quarterly rent to VFW; paid Memorial Day expenses and moved funds from checking account to savings account. End of year taxes will be filed in the coming weeks.

Americanism: No Report

Girls State/Boys State: Eileen Lass now heads up Girls State, no report. Naperville had 24 boys at Boys State this year. A testament to the hard work Terry Jelinek has done over the years for Boys State.

House and Entertainment: The first social for this year will be on September 17 and will include the installation of officers. Entertainment details are being worked out.

Membership: Sr Vice Deetjen pointed out the new application form and supporting documents that will be used this year. These new documents highlight some of the activities of the Post, an outline of the dues structure and a brief history of Post 43. Deetjen also pointed out the efforts that are going into updating and cleaning up the list of Post members on the registry. A real push will be put forward to reach our 100% goal earlier this year than in the past.

Service Officer: Service Officer Barbour indicated there were 8 new sign ups for the Mobile Medical Unit and 2 claims were filed. Reminder, the Mobile Medical Unit is at the VFW on the first Tuesday of each month. The most recent DuPage Stand Down on July 13 assisted 77 veterans with clothing and other supplies. Barbour also announced that he is resigning his position as State Veterans Advocate.

Boy Scouts: Wayne Fischer reported that he and Commander Lindberg attended the most recent Eagle Scout ceremony for Troup 106. This Eagle Scout was the 66th for Troup 106 since they began.

Trustees: Wayne Fischer reported for Jim Vahle. Cost sharing with VFW on 13 Memorial Day Books. Expenditures were made on brick repair and general maintenance on the Post home.

Home Visits to Senior Living Centers: Reminder for all to join in the visits at 10 AM: The visits are to Monarch Landing on the first Saturday of the month; to Brookdale Plaza on the 2nd Saturday and to Independence Village on the third Saturday of each month.

Legion Riders: Busy supporting Chicago Honor Flight Welcome Home at Midway, the next one is scheduled for October 10; planning the fund raising dinner for October 22; Will again lead the Naperville India Parade on August 14. Eleven Rider members will join in the Legacy Run starting on

August 20. The Riders goal this year is to contribute \$3,000 for the Legacy Run, which this year will go from Indianapolis to Cincinnati, OH.

Post Everlasting and Sick Call: Jim Grimm is improving and Clint Henderson would welcome any correspondence.

Parades and Ceremonies: The Labor Day Parade is the next event we should plan for. The Honor Guard and Color Guard should plan to lead the way. To ensure better communication of coming events our email listing of members needs to be reviewed and updated.

During the month of July the Honor Guard performed seven (7) Military Funeral Honors for deceased veterans.

Historian Report: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Liz Michalski has taken on the task of being our Website Administrator. The project has already begun.

We received a plaque from the Little League team that the post supports. A plaque of appreciation will be presented to Positively Naperville at the next dinner.

The 3rd Annual Judd-A-Thon is set for September 18. This benefit 0.1K run is 100 % for the benefit for the VFW National Home for Children, in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. To learn more about the National Home visit their site at: <http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/>

Today marks the 299th anniversary of the Coast Guard.

Correspondence: None

For the Good of the Legion: Pass the word to fellow veterans, Work Net DuPage website should be used to search employment.

Meeting adjourned by CMDR Lindberg at 1958 Hours