

AMERICAN LEGION NAPERVILLE POST 43

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON: May 4, 2017

- CMDR Lindberg called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.
- Colors were posted.
- Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Komarek.
- CMDR Lindberg, after which the MIA Flag was placed on the empty chair, read resolution 288 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 X
 - Service Officer Barbour Present EX
 - Adjutant Bixel Present X
- Minutes were read. Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Ken Garhan and seconded by Lou Kuelto.
- Guests: Immediate Past State Commander VFW Phil Maughan; Immediate Past Second Division Commander Wayne Fischer, Mike McGrath, National Director VFW National Home for Children, Bob Bronson, Immediate Past Commander of VFW Post 3873, Chas Martinetz, Marine from Lewis University and Jon Bonus, USMC.

Post 43 Meeting Notes

Committee Reports

Finance Report: Finance Officer Light reported all funds due to the Post have been received and all monies owed by the Post have been paid. Checking account is down significantly as many expenses were paid during the month: Property Taxes, Scholarships, Jr High Essay and Speech Contest, 2 busses for the Great Lakes Recruits and the April 15 Social. For the year we are near breakeven on Socials. A motion to accept the finance report made by Wayne Fischer and seconded by Mike Walczak.

Americanism: Don Hennessey reported that our Oratorical Contestant Ryan Park was our 6th state winner and he performed very well in Indianapolis.

Girls State/Boys State: We have 15 girls signed up for Girls State in June. There are also 14 boys signed up for Boys State with the possibility of several more to come.

House and Entertainment: Jr Vice Commander Chasteen reported that the socials are complete for this Legion year. He added a quote from Charles R. Swindoll "Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children".

Membership: Sr Vice Commander Deetjen reports that membership has surpassed 100% for the year. Everyone should be reminded that the Legion year begins July 1 and concludes the following June 30. Commander Lindberg shared that a 100% Certificate was received and acknowledged the hard work that Sr Vice Deetjen has done in membership this year.

Service Officer: No Report

Boy Scouts: The Spaghetti Dinner on April 30 was extremely well attended and the scouts appreciate all who attended. The scouts are making a final tally of the funds.

Trustees: Wayne Fischer reported that the budget proposal is being reviewed and will be presented to the membership at the June Legion meeting.

Home Visits to Senior Living Centers: In addition to the four Senior Centers we are presently visiting at 10 am on Saturdays we now have a request to visit Tabor Hill during the week. Jim Stoffregen and a few others met with 13 vets at Tabor Hill on May 4. Further plans will be developed to work this Senior Living Center into the plans.

Legion Riders: The Riders are ready for the May 6 ride to support the DuPage Veterans Foundation's Fundraiser at DuPage Airport. Over 100 bikes are expected for this Honor Flight Chicago fundraiser. The next Chicago Honor Flight Chicago Welcome Home flight to Midway Airport is May 10. The Riders first Charter ride of the year is May 13 on a ride to the Mississippi River. The Riders will start Memorial Day weekend attending the Springbrook Church Military Tribute. This year will be a tribute to the POW/MIA. Finally, the Legacy Run registration has begun.

Sons of American Legion: Initial meeting is being set and the date will be published.

Post Everlasting and Sick Call: None

Parades and Ceremonies: Memorial Day Weekend. Sign-up if you wish to ride in the parade. Ryan Park, our State Oratorical Champion, will be the guest speaker for Memorial Day. There will be a bus at the Post at 7:15 am.

Flag placements: Thursday May 25 flags will be placed on 5 smaller cemeteries in the area. Friday, May 26, 8 am at Sts Peter and Paul, Saturday May 27 Naperville Cemetery at 9 am. Flag pickup will be Tuesday May 30 beginning at Sts Peter and Paul at 8 am.

There will be a flag dedication ceremony at Tabor Hill at 11 on Friday May 26 and a veteran's salute at 11:30 am

Honor Guard: Jim Oftedal reported that the Honor Guard performed 5 Military Funeral Services in the month of April bringing to 50 since the inception of the Honor Guard. In April the final salute was given to: Vincent Pizzo, Army WWII, Bernard Kestel Army, James Toman, Army WWII, George McKissick Army, Korea and Henry Neyra Navy, Korea.

Historian Report: None

Old Business: Priscilla Laubscher reported that the High School Awards Ceremonies are progressing well. Last year there were 48 awards presented and the anticipation is that we will have that many again this year.

New Business: Poppy Day for the Legion is May 18. Many volunteers are needed for the Lisle train station and two Naperville train stations. The Post absorbs the cost of the Poppy and 100% of funds collected goes to Comfort Warriors.

The 2017-2018 Legion Year Officers were elected, copy attached. The motion to approve the list of Officers was made by Tinny Bixel and seconded by Phil Maughan. The new officers will begin serving at the conclusion of the State Convention on July 15, 2017.

Correspondence: None

For the Good of the Legion: Ken Mores presented Chas Martinetz a check from the Legion to support the Student Veterans at Lewis University. Martinetz served in the USMC and is heading up this important program at Lewis University where 200 Student Veterans are in the program.

Mike McGrath reports that the VFW National Home for Children is alive and very active going into the spring.

Meeting adjourned by CMDR Lindberg at 2001 hours