

AMERICAN LEGION NAPERVILLE POST 43

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON: June 1, 2017

- CMDR Lindberg called the meeting to order at 1900 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 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 Lou Kuelto.
- Guests: Immediate Past State Commander VFW Phil Maughan; Immediate Past Second Division Commander Wayne Fischer; and Mike McGrath, National Director VFW National Home for Children.

Post 43 Meeting Notes

Committee Reports

Finance Report: Finance Officer Light reported all the monies owed to the Post have been received and all monies owed by the Post have been paid. A major disbursement by the Post was for our post home Real Estate Taxes. The split between the Post and VFW Post 3873 was made of the Honorarium received by the Honor Guard from the Vincent Pizzo family.

The 2017-2018 Budget was presented by Finance Officer Light and reviewed by those in attendance. After some discussion the motion to accept the 2017-2018 Budget for Post #43 was made by Phil Maughan and seconded by Jim Vahle.

Americanism: Our Post #43 State Champion Oratorical Contest winner, Ryan Park from Naperville Central, was the guest speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony at the Band Shell.

Girls State/Boys State: There was a combined Girls State and Boys State orientation program held. Eileen Lass reports that there will be 16 Girls at this years Girls State June 19-25 and Terry Jelinek reports that there will be 15 Boys at this years Boys State June 10-16.

House and Entertainment: Jr Vice Commander Chasteen reported that the next social would be in September. Chasteen reviewed how the Legacy Scholarship Fund is used. The National Executive Board passed a resolution that expanded the eligibility to allow children of post 9/11 veterans with a disability of 50% or more to be able to apply for the renewable scholarship up to \$20,000 in aid. This spring the Legacy Scholarship awarded \$671,892 in financial aid to 55 children of fallen or disabled veterans.

Membership: Sr Vice Commander Deetjen reminded all that we hit 100% in membership for the year and that the new Legion year begins on July 1, 2017.

Service Officer: Service Officer Barbour alerted all that the Hines Community Outreach will be at the VFW on Tuesday June 6. Also, that the Hines Stand Down will be July 12. The need this year is for a box of white socks.

Boy Scouts: Brian Light reported that the Troup had a qualification meeting for another new Eagle Scout. The Troup also voted to do the 10-day trip to the Boundary Waters for the Troup's outdoor activity. Results of the Spaghetti dinner are pending.

Trustees: Jim Vahle, The trustees have reviewed the budget proposed at this meeting. Bids are going out for various maintenance issues at the post home. Also of note, the trustees have voted to increase the Post Scholarships for next year to two \$5,000 scholarships for candidates that meet the American Legion criteria.

Home Visits to Senior Living Centers: Commander Lindberg reviewed the days that we visit the Senior Living Centers. They are 10 AM Saturday visits to Monarch Landing on the first Saturday, Brookdale Plaza on the second Saturday, Independence Village on the third Saturday and HarborChase on the fourth Saturday of every month.

Legion Riders: Director Don Chasteen reported that a total of 137 motorcycles rode to the DuPage Veterans fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago. The next Honor Flight Chicago is Wednesday June 7. The Riders had a busy May, attending the Springbrook Church's Military Tribute and the Naperville Memorial Day Parade; In addition, they had two rides in May. The first to Mt. Carroll, IL and the second ride was the Little Angels Ride out of Woodstock to support Marklund Wasmond Center at Little Angels.

Sons of American Legion: Squadron Commander Roger Treend reported an SAL meeting was held this evening. The SAL participated in the Memorial Day Parade and that the SAL signed up a new member, Toby Palmer, tonight.

Post Everlasting and Sick Call: None

Parades and Ceremonies: Wayne Fischer reported that there were just under 2,400 flags placed at headstones of veterans at various cemeteries in the area for Memorial Day. They ranged from one flag at Sacred Heart Cemetery to nearly 1,300 at Naperville Cemetery. Appreciation is extended to all who helped place and pickup the flags.

Terry Jelinek indicated over all the Memorial Day Parade went well. Last minute issues were handled well. We incur a great deal of costs for this parade, food back at the post, busses for Great Lakes Naval Cadets, many Porta Potty, etc. The permits required for next year have been submitted to the city.

Honor Guard: Jim Oftedal reported that there were four Military Funeral Services in May. They were for: Donald Widder Army/Airforce, Frank Parks, Navy Seabee, James Mellon, US Marine Corp and Walter Jenkins, US Army. The Honor Guard also participated in two Community Service Events: Tabor Hills and the Naperville Parade. The Honor Guard was called upon to also serve as Pall Bearers for John Bikus.

Historian Report: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

For the Good of the Legion: Fred Yndestad thanked everyone for the opportunity to go on the Honor Flight Chicago in May. He also shared with all his experience in the service.

Ken Mores expressed his thanks and the thanks of the Veteran Students at Lewis University for the donation that Post 43 made. The Veteran Students had a very successful fundraiser.

Roy Bonus made everyone aware of the June 3 and 4 Cavalcade of Planes that was going to take place at Bolingbrook's Clow Airport.

Mike McGrath expressed the thanks on behalf of the VFW National Home for Children and alerted all to this years Judd-A-Thon, which will take place at 10:01 AM on September 17.

Wayne Fischer mentioned that the photos Jim Hock took of the Memorial Day weekend are available and possibly will be on the website.

Wayne shared that the DuPage Veterans fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago should exceed \$45,000. The Pritzker Military Museum auction is yet to be tallied.

Thanks were extended to Lee Lindberg for his dedication and service to the post as Commander. Our new officers will assume their roles after the State Convention is concluded in July.

The next Post #43 Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday August 3, 2017.

Meeting adjourned by CMDR Lindberg at 2004 hours.