

AMERICAN LEGION NAPERVILLE POST 43

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON: November 2, 2017

- The meeting was called to order by CMDR Deetjen at 1900 hours.
- Colors were posted.
- Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Komarek.
- CMDR Deetjen 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 Deetjen Present __X__
 - Sr. Vic CMDR Chasteen Present __X__
 - Jr. Vic CMDR Bonus Present __X__
 - Sgt At Arms Granat Present __EX__
 - Fin. Officer Light Present __X__
 - Chaplain Komarek Present __X__
 - Advocate Hennessy Present __EX__
 - 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 Jim Vahle.
- Guests: Dana Stockton, Service Manager Texas Roadhouse; Victor Martinka, 11th District Vice Commander and Kevin Leonard, 11th District Jr Vice Commander.

Post 43 Meeting Notes

Committee Reports

Finance Report: Finance Officer Light reported that all monies owed to the post have been received and all monies owed by the post have been paid. Disbursements of note in October were: third quarter share of VFW rentals, American Legion Emergency Fund paid, October newsletter and gifts to the Yanks. A motion to accept the finance report was made by Lou Kuelto and seconded by Phil Maughan.

Americanism: No Report

Girls State/Boys State: No report on either.

House and Entertainment: Jr Vice Commander Bonus introduced our guest Dana Stockton from Texas Roadhouse. Ms. Stockton indicated that Texas Roadhouse, from

11 am to 2 pm on November 11 Veterans Day will offer a free meal to all active duty or veterans. In addition, they have started a gift card program wherein donations are accepted then gift cards will come back to the post to be distributed by Jr Vice Bonus.

Jr Vice Bonus also updated all on the upcoming socials and dinners for the balance of the Legion year. January, SAL and Riders Installation of Officers; February Salute to our Youth and the Naperville Central H. S. Jazz Band; March, McNulty Irish Dancers and April to include our Past Commanders dinner.

Membership: We are nearing 500 paid memberships for the Legion year. We need to reach 614 to match last year.

Some additional license plates from other Legion Posts, collected from this year's Legacy Run, were presented to Commander Deetjen.

Sr Vice Commander Chasteen reviewed the Hallowed Ground area in front of the meeting space.

Service Officer: No report this month.

Boy Scouts: Brian Light shared that Troup #106 has been busy at the Post home doing some housekeeping.

Trustees: Jim Vahle reported that the painting on the exterior of the Post Home will be delayed until spring 2018.

Home Visits to Senior Living Centers: Lee Lindberg reminded all that the bus for Hines leaves promptly at 6:15 PM on the second Tuesday of the month. The December trip will be to sing Christmas Carols with the Hines patients.

Lee Lindberg reminded all 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: Don Chasteen shared that the goal of 50 Riders has been surpassed. Now have 53 members. Upcoming events: Manteno Veterans Home and various activities for Veterans Day. Dependent upon the weather they will participate in the Little Friends Parade of Lights and the Toys for Tots Parade.

A committee has been created to form a slate of officers for 2018. Voting will take place in December and installation will be at the January social.

Sons of American Legion: Roger Treend reports the SAL is actively looking for new members and working to establish a convenient meeting time.

Post Everlasting and Sick Call: Sick Call: Charlie Vladika, Chuck Biegel, Mike Walczak, Paul Hogan, Dick Knosher, Doug Askren, Dave Szablewski, Chuck Winchester and Dick Knosher.

Parades and Ceremonies: Phil Maughan: A review of the Veterans Day School visits; District 203 breakfast; November 10, the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corp. November 11, 11 AM Veterans Park.

Honor Guard: Rich Yndestad reported for the Honor Guard. There were 2 Military Funeral Services and 2 Community Service Events in the month of October. The Honor Guard has now paid honors to 71 veterans since the Honor Guard was formed, just 2 years ago.

Historian Report: Check out the November issue of "Keeping Posted". Lee Lindberg writes about the early days of the Post Home at 10 E Chicago Ave and what the original purchase price was for that building. Prior to that 1947 purchase, it was believed that the Post met at Scott's Hall on Washington just north of Jefferson.

Old Business: None

New Business: Russ Harwood advised of the Breakfast Our Saviours Lutheran Church is having on Saturday November 11. It will highlight the Post 43 Legion Riders and the most recent Legacy Run to Reno, Nevada.

Correspondence: None

For the Good of the Legion: Victor Martinka, 11th District Vice Commander, addressed the attendees. His message concerned the need for each of us to do our part and get some new members. A show of hands clearly saw the age of our Post and the need for new young members. Vic outlined some five points for us to consider in getting our membership up. Renewals, Reinstatements, On Line, New Members and attract the youth were five areas outlined by Vic to enhance our membership drive.

Kevin Leonard, 11th District Jr Vice added to the need to continue our work on membership.

Phil Maughan reminded all that the VFW Turkey Raffle will take place on November 18.

The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Komarek.

Meeting adjourned by CMDR Deetjen at 1955 hours