April 25, 2023

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: None

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* Larry Cushing gave an update on recently recovered MIA remains

Sick Call:

* Shawn Olson, Marine Corp League member, is doing better but still recovering

Old Business:

* Audio system bids were reviewed and discussed
  + No updates; item remains open pending further discussion (Open)
* Verizon wireless has presented the Post with a contract to lease a 47 x 47 foot section of our north lot to install a cell tower
  + Awaiting Verizon’s response to our legal review. (Open)
* Junior Law Cadet
  + Post 216 candidate was selected as the third alternate for District 8 (Closed)
* Tim Gilligan requested the Post consider purchasing heavier winter jackets for the honor guard
  + The Post Adjutant took an action to research the cost for 10 jackets (Open - researching)
* Victory Apartments Easter Dinner is a go
  + Cindy Mefford reported that the dinner was a big success.
  + Approximately 150 meals were served (Closed)
* Scholarship applications are in
  + The scholarship committee met and approved all 6 applicants
  + Certificates will be presented at the Gretna High School Honors Night on 15 May 23
    - All members are welcome to attend (Closed)
* Large hall video projector
  + The new projector and protective cage have been installed (Closed)
* Lily Boker sponsorship in the Colts Drum & Bugle Corps.
  + The $1000 sponsorship has been mailed (Closed)

New Business:

* Bud Melia proposed restarting Big Red dinners during Nebraska football season
  + Dinner with sportswriter speakers the first Thursday of each month August – January
  + Rotating caterers and meal selections
  + Auction and raffles are an optioin
  + Bud will work with Post leadership to get things set up (Open)
* Nominations for officer elections were received:
  + Commander – Cindy Mefford
  + Vice Commander – Joel Rossman
  + Adjutant – Jeff Johnson
  + Finance Officer – Jason Johnson
  + Executive Board member – Roger Svatos
  + No other nominations were presented
  + Elections will be held during the May membership meeting (Open)
* Post 216 received bids for a new three-door reach in freezer for the store room
  + Will provide much needed freezer space
  + Options were reviewed and a motion was made and approved to allow the current officers to select a freezer for purchase (Open)

Good of the Order:

* The membership was briefed on a complaint presented to National by an unnamed former employee alleging financial misappropriation
  + No other details have been provided to Post 216
  + National has deferred to complaint to Department to determine if any action is required
  + Department requested 18-months worth of Post records to investigate the allegations
    - Post 216 has complied with the request and is awaiting action or resolution by Department
  + Members will be kept apprised of all developments related to this matter
* Gretna Hometown Heroes will be unveiling this year’s banners at 7 p.m. on Friday, 19 May 23 at Gretna High School
  + Volunteers are needed to carry banners
* Gretna Mayor Evans will be invited to be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day event
  + Lunch to follow at the Post
* Hetra is looking for volunteers to help paint a new privacy fence at their facility on Saturday, 20 May 23
  + Also looking to host a corn-hole tournament fundraiser at the Post in the future
* The Sarpy County Veterans Service Committee is looking for two qualified Veterans
  + If selected, members will serve a 5-year term on the committee
  + Committee meets twice per year
  + Anyone interested must be nominate on or before Friday, 12 May 23
  + Contact Commander Harrig or Adjutant Johnson for more information
* The Sons are hosting a Salute to Service dinner at the Post on 5 May 23
  + Will recognize 9 Gretna High School seniors who have joined the military
* The Sons will be engaging with the Gretna School District to get the word out about youth programs
  + Legion members are needed to help speak at schools
  + Notify Adjutant Johnson if interested

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned: 2001