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