

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting on 22, July 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Joe Salvia, Title: Commander

Opening ceremonies were conducted:

(X) Colors in Place (X) Colors Posted (X) Opening Prayer (X) Pledge recited (X) Preamble recited

Roll Call of Officers

TITLE	NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Commander	Joseph M. Salvia	X		
1 st Vice Commander	Jack Weber	X		
2 nd Vice Commander	Michael Willihnganz	X		
Adjutant	John Moore	X		
Finance Officer	Roger Brooks	X		
Chaplin	Jerry Mantela	X		
Judge Advocate	Dennis Powers	X		
Public Relations	Gordon Muir	X		
Service Officer	Joe Sutschek	X		
Provost Marshall	Robert Matheson	X		
Historian	Larry Shaver	X		
Trustee	Frank Kidd	X		
Trustee	John Robinson	X		
Trustee	Richard Reading	X		

Guests: Jack Purslow, Jane Purslow, Ray Clinard, Bob Sedlmeyer, Michael Deoney, Charles Opie, Jim King, David Bagaria, Barb Weitlauf

Review/Reading of Minutes – Copies of the minutes were distributed at the meeting, sent by email, and posted on the website. A motion to accept was made by Powers, seconded by Green, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Report of Officers

Adjutant:

Correspondence: Read a thank you note from the Ellsworth Schanerberger family regarding the Honor Guard Silent Watch. The Adjutant sent contribution thank you notes to Folds of Honor (\$100) and Department of Michigan Commander Bob Green (\$200) for State Convention Color Guard.

Membership: 172, Two new members were voted into the Post, Robert Ignash (USN), James King (USAF)

Chaplain:

Prayers were asked for the Charles Bates family on Charlie's passing at Abbey Park.

The person who donated the Baker Flagpole was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

1st Vice Commander: No Report

2nd Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer:

Finance report given, with motion to accept subject to future audit, by Henry Storm, seconded by Gordon Muir. Motion passed by voice vote.

Judge Advocate: Commented that the VA in Detroit and Ann Arbor has become friendlier to its customers.

Public Relations: Muir

Gordy commented that the Spinal Column's monthly meeting remainder has resulted in a potential new member attending this month's meeting.

Service Officer: Sutschek - No Report
Provost Marshall: Matheson – No Report
Historian: Shaver - No Report
Trustees: Robinson, Kidd, Reading – No Reports

Special Committee Reports

Southern Command Report :

John Hicks thanked the Post Color Guard for providing the colors for the opening ceremony at the South Lyon Kite festival held on July 17.

MWD Report:

Phil Weitlauf thanked the Color Guard members and Joe Salvia for their ceremonial support of the 2 War Dogs interred at the Michigan War Dog Memorial Cemetery. Phil reported that another Army War Dog has passed and the owners asked to have him interred at the Michigan War Dog Memorial Cemetery. A date will be determined.

Honor/Color Guard Report:

John Robinson reviewed and thanked the Post Color Guard for supporting the July 4th Parade, Folds of Honor, S. Lyon Kite Festival, War Dog Ceremonies, YMCA Veterans Picnic, and the State Convention in Grand Rapids.

Executive Meeting Minutes:

Minutes was emailed, distributed and posted on the website.

Motion to accept the Executive Committee minutes was made by Powers and seconded by Reading. Motion passed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

Bernie Cousino brought the membership up to date on the Baker Flagpole project. The cement for the base has been poured. Installation is scheduled for July 26. Lighting costs for the flagpole is being reviewed.

A draft budget has been generated. This budget will be reviewed at the next Executive Board meeting on August 18th.

The Bylaws are waiting for Department approval and will then be posted on the website. Copies will be made available to those wanting one.

New Business:

Commander Salvia reminded the membership about the Veterans Roundtable, hosted by Kerry Bentivolio and the 11th Congressional District being held in Livonia on July 26th.

Good and Welfare of the Post:

Gordon Muir's wife Vivian volunteered to summarize and report all Amvets Post 2006 activities to the Department of Michigan. Members must provide her with the information regarding their activities, including event, date, number of participants, and cumulative time and mileage.

Congratulations were in order for Navy Frank and his wife Annamarie on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Bear Hall reported on the project to install a marble monument in Central Park honoring fallen military. The monument is estimated to cost around \$3500, with a fundraiser in progress to support.

Ray Williams reported that the Post 216 Legion Riders will be escorting the Viet Nam Moving Wall to Hamburg Michigan for the ceremonies beginning on August 28th.

Total Attendance (Count Off) = 61. Total members in attendance was 50

50/50 drawing - \$115, Helmet Passing: - \$112

Closing Prayer and Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

John Moore, Adjutant