

- Call to Order by Commander Ray Gerkitz at 2005 Hours. Standard Opening Ceremonies.
- Roll Call: All present, except: Finance Officer Slafer, Chaplain Ruggeri, and Bar Manager/Gaming Chair John Taylor; all medical, excused. JrVice Kennedy, Absent. 20 present = quorum.
- Minutes: One correction to typed minutes: The Exelon donation is meant for the Boy Scouts. Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed, Unanimously (= U)
- Reports
 - Roger Schueler, for F.O. Slafer: Bingo: March payouts and expenses greater than income, Motion to accept, Bob Cokley; 2nd, Margie Hudkins. Pass (U)
 - Commander: Bar Report:. Motion/accept, Sterba; 2nd, Jeff Roach. Pass (U)
 - General discuss followed. Yes, eighteen-year-olds are eligible to play Bingo and related activities; if younger than that, not allowed in Bingo room. [Adjutant's addendum: State gaming machines must be 21 years-old; no one younger allowed in the area.]
 - Commander: Air conditioners and air handlers need to be replaced; old, rusted, and from the 1960s.) Executive Board (E-Bd) approved replacement, (will be about \$6,000.) Motion to fix by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Pass (U)
 - Commander: Ameren replaced the lights upstairs—looks great! Cmdr, Trustee Olson, and Roger Schueler will go to Ameren's office in Springfield on June 7th to have a discussion with them about replacing our boiler.
 - Commander complimented Jeff Roach and the painting crew for their rapid progress upstairs
 - Roger Schueler: Tim Trumbo will take over painting for the Ceiling Tile project. We can see his handiwork in and around our building, and in the community. Also, he will call Pepe to schedule the new cameras that we approved, for installation.
 - Roger Schueler: The Ladies Auxiliary offered to pay for a new stove in the basement for the post, if we so approve. E-Board recommends approval. So moved, Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Al Rowe. Passed (U) (Auxiliary will also help with new Bingo tables.)
- Correspondence
 - Donation Request (D.R.): Starved Rock Regional Center (Easter Seals). [E-Bd: same as last year for all donations.] Motion of \$200 by Donnelly; 2nd, Hudkins. Pass (U)
 - D.R.: Children's Make-A- Wish: Motion of \$50 by Sterba; 2nd, Cokley. Pass (U)
 - D.R.: State Special Olympics. Motion \$100 by Mike Hanley; 2nd, Bob Olson. Pass (U)
 - D.R.: Fairmont Santrol, for their "Relay For Life" cancer support team, bowling and golf events. Motion of \$100 by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Pass (U)

- Thank You (T.Y.) received from Starved Rock Country Community Foundation, for our donations of \$1,000 each to the City of Ottawa and Village of Naplate, for Tornado Disaster Relief.
- T.Y. from Cindy Decker, for her Veterans Assistance Commission retirement gift.
- T.Y. from the Andrew Ftacek family, for our Honor Guard support.
- T.Y. from the Dale McCormick family, for our Honor Guard support.
- T.Y. from the Rita Doucette family, for our Honor Guard support.
- D.R. from the Starved Rock Country Marathon Committee, Matt Skelly, Race Director, to use our front porch for their event registration. They would need it from approximately 0500 to 0730 hours on Saturday, May 13, 2017. No cost; Granted.
- D.R.: Illinois Fallen Soldier Tree Memorial Project, Steve Massey, President, requests more support. They have 40% of the total needed (\$20,000). New plan: Redesign of Memorial, to have a memorial brick to honor each Illinois soldier, KIA in the Middle East. (We have donated previously.) Tabled, for more information.
- Schueler: New Facebook page development: Email addresses available for all officers: commander@ottawaalpost33.com; sr.vice@ottawaalpost33.com; jr.vice@ottawaalpost33.com; finance.officer@ottawaalpost33.com, and adjutant@ottawaalpost33.com. This way, when we change officers, we don't have to change the site.
- Commander: We will be starting our own "Queen of Hearts" fundraising program, which is locally popular. 70% of the pot is paid to the "Queen of Hearts" recipient; 15% is paid to the post, and 15% is retained for "seed money" for the next pot. If the "Queen of Hearts" winner is not present, they only get 45% of the accumulated pot; 15% goes to the post, and the remainder goes forward to the pot. A 1099 form will be given to the winner and turned in for taxes. All necessary permits have been secured. The Trustees will oversee this program, in concert with the Bar Manager and Gaming Chair. The Executive Board recommends approval. Motioned to begin the program by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Ron Tardio. Pass (U)
- Membership Report, John Duback: Six new/transfers: 1. Virgil Park, Navy, VN; 2. Krista Casey, Air Force, Gulf; 3. Tony Roudebush, Army, VN. 4. Wayne Newmann, Air Force, VN; 5. Donald Wort, Army, Gulf, and 6. Deandra Wort, Army, Gulf. Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Bob Olson. Pass (U) Updates @ 94%. We need 35 new members by May 12th. Department has a special offer of \$20 only for new members by April 30th, or the return of members, lapsed for two years or more.
- Duback: Nominations are open tonight; Close at May meeting; voting, June 3rd.
- Sick Call: John Taylor is ready for visitors. Fred Ruggeri needs another surgery for his back. Bill Elzer is getting treatments.
- Bob Cupples: Deceased Members, Veterans: 1. Andrew Ftacek 2. James T. Grotti, Jr 3. Charles Hess 4. Richard Dale McCormick 5. Robert O'Leary 6. Rita Doucette 7. Edna Hiles 8. Lyle Robinson 9. Joseph Denbo 10.

Larry Zuk 11. Mike Jaeger. With prayers.

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- Standard Closing Procedures. Prayers by Assistant Chaplain Bob Cupples.

- Adjournment at 2007 Hours

Drawings: #779 Ken Donnelly

#423 Robert Papineau, Absent