

- I. Call to Attention by Commander Ray Gerkitz at 1906 Hours. SrVice Roger Schueler acknowledged the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. Five post members attended the ceremony at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery (ALNC) on March 29th, where MOH Allen Lynch was the Keynote Speaker. Roger called member Jim Murphy Sr. to the front, to receive a plaque from the Department of Illinois American Legion for his 50 years of continuous Legion membership, accompanied with a \$50 check from Post 33. To applause.
- II. Call to Order by CMDR Gerkitz at 1908 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures (Salute to the Flag; Chaplain's Prayer; POW/MIA Chair; Preamble).
- III. Minutes: Adjutant called attention to March membership report: Members Rice and Menges had already been added; add new members Brenda Roudebush and Bill Byczynski. Motion to accept corrected minutes by Jim Nanouski; 2nd, Ed Stash.
- IV. Committees
 - A. Jeff Roche: Bar ReportSupplies; Motion/accept Taylor; 2nd Przybyla. Passed (P), Unanimously (U)
 - B. John Taylor: Pull Tabs Motion to accept report by Ed Stash; 2nd, Tom Przybyla. Passed Unanimously
- V. Correspondence and Old Business
 - A. Donation Request (D.R.): Fairmont Santrol (Wedron Silica) is again supporting "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser. We donated \$100 last year; which Executive Board (E-Bd) again recommends. So moved by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
 - B. Thank You (T.Y.) received from Wallace Grade School and students, thanking Bob Cupples and his Bingo Team for their time and support of the school Bingo fundraiser.
 - C. Schueler: D.R. from the Ottawa YMCA, to support their scholarship program for needy children. April is the Legion's "Children & Youth" promotion month. Motion of \$300 recommended by E-Bd. So moved by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Wilma Derix. Passed (U). This donation will go into the annual Consolidated Post Report. Roger also reminded us that the YMCA has discounts for veterans, and if you have a Humana Insurance plan, free registration for that.

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 - D. CMDR: T.Y. to post members who attended the Vietnam Commemoration at ALNC on March 29th.
 - E. T.Y. from CMDR to LaSalle Veterans Assistance Commission (V.A.C.) for getting him registered for burial at ALNC. He had asked another group for help, which was unsuccessful. Kudos to Superintendent Steve Kreitzer's V.A.C. Office. CMDR also thanked us for our cards and thoughts during his recent illness. CMDR also congratulated Bob and Bard Olson, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- VI. New Business

- A. Member Butch Wargo brought up some bar concerns: 1. He thinks he observed a patron getting a bucket of beer last Thursday, without paying for it. That will be checked out. 2. Questions regarding the Queen of Hearts drawing, concerning procedures. Response: Addressed at the E-Bd earlier. Procedures will be: No more "courtesy cards;" patrons check cards numbers for themselves. Move master board and drum to selling area. Bar manager(s) count the money daily. The money is deposited into its own account (not commingled with other funds). Patrons can place their own tickets into the drum. Drum ticket selection restricted by CMDR/Officer direction, only. To reconcile the daily activity, keep a Ledger Book, recording: the date; ticket sequence numbers of the day; total dollar amount collected for the day vs. tickets sold, and then must have two signatures (initials) verifying the results. The two signatures (initials) will come from among the team of Officers/Trustees/Bar Managers present for duty on that day. [Always under the auspices of the post Finance Officer is understood.]
- B. Member Tony Roudebush noted, that the bar sign to call attention to the date/year for 21-year-olds to drink, needs to be updated.
- C. CMDR noted that this is the time of year for High School Scholarships to be awarded. Be sure your grandchildren are aware of this opportunity! May 14th is Awards Day at H.S.'s.
- D. CMDR: Bar cleaning issues are being addressed.
- E. Jim Nanouski called attention to the Vietnam Traveling Wall that is coming to Ottawa on June 7-11. If you want to help in any way, register at the V.A.C. Office in the downtown courthouse. Worker Bees, Greeters, Docents needed; training will be provided. Check out their web site. Our Post 33 is included in opening and closing activities, as well as many other veteran groups from around the county.
- F. Schueler: E-Bd recommends that we thank the Honor Guard Team with a dinner for them and their spouse/significant other. Honor Guard Captain Jim Nanouski is to pick the place and time. So moved, Chuck Beckett; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. (P)(U)[Not McDonald's!]
- G. Reminder: Pistol Raffle going on for May 26-28, 2018. Evening Pick 3; \$5/ticket.
- H. New Boilers are installed and seem to be operating properly-well done.
- I. Adjutant (Adj.) Duback
 - a. Need Nomination Committee for Elections(are not eligible to run for post offices). Volunteers: Duback, Chair; Ed Stash; Ron Tardio. Membership update: We are at 89.15% renewal rate (575/645) = behind schedule.
 - b. National Convention is in Minneapolis, August 24-30. See me for registration info.

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- c. Department of Illinois 100th Annual Convention at the Bank of Springfield Center, July 11-14, 2018. See Adj. for registration. Proposed Resolution Forms are due no later than 9:00 AM on Friday, June 22. New Officer Forms are also due by 6/22/18. Room Reservations must be in before June 29th. Job Fair at Convention, July 13th. State Gold Tournament, August 4-5, Danville. Award Candidates are solicited.

- d. Annual Post Consolidated Report due by June 01, 2018.
- e. Elections: Nominations open at the April Meeting. A sign-up form will be posted in the bar area. Nominations close at the May meeting. If needed, elections for contested post offices will be at the beginning of June.
- f. In addition to the names mentioned in the corrected minutes above, One new member proposed: Joe Miller, Army, Vietnam era. Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed (U)
- J. Cokley: Reminder: Tuck pointing bid of \$71,000+ was tabled at the E-Bd meeting.
- VII. Sick members: Cliff and Dolores Parker. (They are in the 200 wing of the Pavillion on East Glover Street).
- VIII. Good of the Order: 1. Ed Stash: Legion Rider's Legacy Scholarship Run: We can register for the run, but do not have to ride-the \$25 is considered a donation. Must apply for a scholarship by April 9th! 2. CMDR: Leaving Post 33 at 7:30 AM, Fri, April 13th, to ALNC Veterans Internment/Inurnment Ceremony.
- IX. Chaplain Cupples: Departed Members/Veterans: 1. Dale McConville 2. John Malik 3. Ed Varney 4. Roger Cottenham 5. Roger Allen 6. Ray Wernstrum 7. James Pellino. Prayers.
- X. Standard Closing Ceremonies: Chaplain Cupples, prayers. Salute to Colors.
- XI. Adjournment at 1957 Hours.

Drawings: # 091 Chuck Beckett

202 Craig Hartkorn, absent