

- Call to Order by Past CMDR Ed Stash (CMDR working) at 1900 hours-standard opening.
- Introduction of Guest Speaker Steven Kreitzer, Superintendent of the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. Highlights: Remodeled office space for more privacy. Added webpage-please like it and follow! We can submit our events for posting. Extending an Outreach function to the office. Office traffic has increased from 22/mo. to 68; over \$1 million dollars in retroactive payments has been garnered for our county veterans so far this year. See him for employment opportunity through a new Hines VA program. Legislation is being processed for a Cold War Medal (HB 1419). If you were at Camp Lejeune, see him for updates on their water problem-three new presumptives: thyroid issues; bladder cancer, and Parkinson's tremors. Some burial benefits are available (beyond the headstone), and information on pensions (veteran, widow, child), plus Veterans "CHOICE." Also, Humana has a free supplemental insurance plan. Information will be presented on it at the next VAC meeting, Wed., August 23, 2017 @ 5:00 PM at the downtown Ottawa Courthouse. Be on time-the doors close at 5 pm! John Taylor reminded us that we veterans can soon order online for PX Commissary items.
- Roll Call: All present except: CMDR Gerkitz, SrVice Schueler; Member-at-Large Cokley; Judge Advocate Navarro; SVC Officer Kennedy-all excused. 21 present= Quorum achieved.
- Minutes: passed out for review. No correction offered. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes by Jim Nanouski; 2nd, Al Rowe. Passed (=P) Unanimously (=U)
- New Members: Duback: 1. Ray Pearce, Navy, Lebanon/Grenada era; Ken Calkins, Army, Vietnam, and George Seigles, Army, Gulf. None questioned. Motion to accept by Bob Olson; 2nd, Al Rowe. Passed, with one "Nay." [No reason; just tired of unanimous votes.]
- Committee Reports
 - F.O. Ron Slafer: Bingo: In= Motion to accept these reports by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Bob Cupples. Passed (U)
 - John Taylor: Pull tabs: Motion to accept Bob Cupples; 2nd, Bob Olson. P(U)
 - Ron Slafer, for Service Officer Kennedy: Motion/accept by John Taylor; 2nd, Phil Sterba. P (U)
- Correspondence
 - Thank You (T.Y.) card from Elaine Elzer and Family, for Honor Guard services for Bill Elzer. It included \$860 in Memorial donations!
 - T.Y. from the 40 & 8, for our donation to the Nursing Fund.
 - Verbal T.Y. from Jerry Sexton for our donation to St. Jude. (He'll share more, in Sept.)

Page two Minutes, Regular Meeting, Ottawa A.L. Post 33, Monday, August 7, 2107

- Unfinished (Old) Business
 - Sewer repair bids were prepared by the Trustees and reviewed by the Executive Board, which approved a choice for the repairs, supervised by the Trustees.
 - The manual for post standards for staff and management duties and responsibilities was reviewed, to

finally get it placed at the bar for reference. E-Board approved the Dugout Rental Fee to be \$50 for all members of the Legion Family and \$150 for non-members, with a \$100 security deposit for both, refundable, based on condition of the Dugout after the event (clean, no damages, etc.) Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Vic Hackler Sr. Passed (U) Manual considered to be well prepared. John Taylor noted, reservations are held for the first one to pay for the date!

- Good of the Legion
 - Ken Donnelly complimented Post 33 members for assisting the AMVETS Post 30 in recent combined Color Guard activities: CMDR Gerkitz and Bob Cokley helped in Marseilles, and Vic Hackler and Harvey Clemens for Ottawa's Riverfest Parade. Grand Ridge Parade will be next.
 - Jim Nanouski complimented AMVETS Post 30 for letting us help. Also, big thank you to the Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and Post members who contributed to our success here during Riverfest and to Tom Przybla, for helping Jim greet the guests. The Bagpipers sure added a lot! Many compliments extended to the post.
- New Business
 - Donation Request (D.R.) received for the Four Chaplains Memorial. E-Board recommends \$100. So moved by Jerry Sexton; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (U)
 - Benny Schomas will be on an Honor Flight August 24-26, to the WW II Memorial. Please send a card (or postcard) to the address form you received with your minutes. Note: Bob Kwatick donated the \$950 needed for the attendant to accompany Benny Schomas on the Honor Flight-with Thanks!
 - Ed Stash gave Department of Illinois Convention updates. Need more Riders and attendance for next year, our 100th. Committee help for the 100th solicited! Legislation in Springfield developing, for spouse to keep veteran's benefits, after their demise.
 - Member William Butzen received Congressman Adam Kinzinger's 16th District Veteran's Award at City Hall Last week-Congratulations! The Post received an Award for Children & Youth support at Convention, and Bob Cupples was the 12th District's "Chaplain of the Year." Congratulations!
 - Bob Cupples: Departed Members and Veterans: 1. Daniel Stewart; 2. Harry Lyman; 3. Charles Alderman; 4. David Eisert; 5. Oliver K. Carr; 6. Bill Elzer; 7. Don "Doc" Nickerson.
 - Standard Closing procedures. Prayers, by ChaplainCupples.
 - Adjournment at 2003 hours.

Drawings: #875 = Jerry Wold

#173: Stanley Gaul, Absent