

- I. Called to Order by JrVice Robert Cupples at 1905 Hours. Standard Opening procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Cmdr Gerkitz-work; SrVice Roger Schueler, vacation; Svc Off Dave Kennedy, Vacation; Trustee Jeff DeLaGarza-work; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro; Bar Manager Jeff Roche. 17 present and one Legion guest (Gary Keegan) = Quorum achieved.
- III. Minutes: Highlighted by Adjutant Duback. Motion/accept , Ed Stash; 2nd, Cokley. (P) (U)
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. F.O. Ron Slafer: Bingo: Motion/Accept Terry Willet; 2nd, John Taylor. Passed (U)
 - B. John Taylor: Bar Motion to accept/Willet; 2nd, Jim Nanouski. Passed(P) Unanimously (U)
- V. No Old Business. New Business and Correspondence
 - A. Kent Svendsen will come talk to Executive Board (E-Bd) Re "Suicide Prevention."
 - B. Thank You (T.Y.) from Fred Barhum family, for Honor Guard services.
 - C. Donation Request (D.R.) from Children's Wish; E-Bd approved \$50. So moved by Tony Roudebush; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (U)
 - D. D.R. from Ottawa Girls Softball. E-Bd approved same as last year. So moved by Sterba; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed Unanimously
 - E. Membership update: 512 renewed of 615 needed, or 83.25%.
 - F. Commemorative coin for the Legion's 100th Anniversary is available through the U.S. Mint. \$5 gold piece; Silver Dollar; 50 Clad coin.
 - G. Centennial polo shirts available--see Adjutant to order.
 - H. National has a new membership renewal program. Post gets additional \$5 for each lapsed member recovered from 2014, 2015, 2016. (Keegan: Department will match that, too.) Must be recorded by May 8th.
 - I. VFW Post 2470 will share the Governor's Cup, for us to display for a period of time. Our Combined Area Veterans Group won the award for our presentation of the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial Wall to the community last summer. E-Bd approved, 5-1.
 - J. Annual Department of Illinois "Lincoln Pilgrimage" will occur on Feb. 11-12. It is worth attending, if you have time.
 - K. The Ottawa Memorial Association will begin Memorial Day committee meetings for the parade and ceremonies on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM here at Post 33. Please help!
 - L. Stash: Department Commander's project is for us to support "The Haven," located by Carbondale. Veterans can have a weekend there to convalesce, fish, etc. E-Bd approved \$100. So moved by Nanouski; 2nd, Willet. Passed Unanimously.

- M. Stash: There is commemorative 100th Anniversary pin available at \$100 each. Department of Illinois underwrites to costs, but the entire donation goes to four programs, at the rate of \$25 each. This year's focus is on: Special Olympics; Boy's State; Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave, and to the Oratorical Contests. See Adjutant to order.

- N. Legionnaire Gary Keegan introduced. He asked for our vote, to support of his desire to run for SrVice at the 2nd Division level. The election will be held June 2 at Lake Zurich. The primary responsibility of the SrVice is membership renewal and development. He gave some well researched statistics on veterans: We are 6.6% of the general population, and declining. Of the 20 million veterans, 9.4% are female. There are now more Gulf War era veterans, than Vietnam era veterans (7.3% vs 6.6%). In Illinois, we have 12.5% of veterans registered in the Legion, which is ahead of the national average. These facts should help us in our approach to recruit new members.
- VI. SGT/Arms Cupples: Departed veterans/members: 1. Robert L. Green; 2. Thomas O. Hartford; 3. Russell E. Buckardt. Prayers by Chaplain Cupples.
- VII. Standard Closing Ceremonies by SrVice Cupples. Prayer, Chaplain Cupples.
- VIII. Adjournment at 1942 Hours.

Drawings #335 Phil Sterba
 #339 Spencer McDonald, absent