

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Tuesday, January 2, 2018

- I. Called to Order by SrVice Roger Schueler at 1905 Hours. Standard opening procedures.
- II. Roll Call by Adjutant: All present except: Finance Officer Ron Slafer and Bar Manager Jeff Roche, excused, health issues; Commander Ray Gerkitz and Judge Advocate Joe Navarro, not here. 21 present = quorum.
- III. Typed Minutes presented; no corrections. Motion/waive reading by Tom Przybyla; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Kennedy. Passed (P), Unanimously (U)
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. John Taylor: 1. Bingo account took a hit with several major payouts: Motion/accept Przybyla; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kennedy. P, U
  - B. 1. Pull Tabbing reviewed. Motion to accept by Terry Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Przybyla. Passed (U)
  - C. Service Officer Dave Kennedy: Gave \$800 donation to the LaSalle Veterans Home.. Motion/accept Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marjorie Hudkins. P,U
- V. Old Business
  - A. Schueler: Building update: Boiler issues being addressed. New tiles are in. Asking John's Sales and Service to get the thermocouple's installed now, not later.
- VI. Correspondence and New Business
  - A. Thank You (T.Y.) for our donation from the Salvation Army.
  - B. T.Y. from PADS for our donation.
  - C. T.Y. from Department of Illinois "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" for our donation. With thanks to our local veterans who helped distribute the gifts at the nursing homes.
  - D. T.Y. from the Army Historical Society Museum for our donation.
  - E. T.Y. to Post 33 for our donation from the Ottawa Memorial Association.
  - F. T.Y. to the Honor Guard, for their donation to the Ottawa Memorial Association.
  - G. Executive Board (E-Board) approved allowing a \$50 gift to the Bingo Volunteers. So moved by Terry Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken Donnelly. Passed (U)

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- H. Cleaning Job available.E-Board approved Trustee's to interview and hire one full-time and one part-time worker. So moved by Terry Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
- VII. New Members: Adjutant: Note, one added to last month's list, 1. Darrell Hart, Army, Vietnam, Recruiter John Duback. Also to add: 2. David Pond, Army, Gulf-transfer in from Kewanee, Recruiter Joe Hughes; 3. William Lamping, Air Force, Vietnam, transfer in from Marseilles; 4. Johnathon Fuller, Active Duty Army, Gulf, Recruiter Commander Gerkitz, at Army vs Navy game; 5. Jacob Snyders, Active Duty Army, Gulf, recruiter Commander Gerkitz at the Army/Navy game; 6. Daniel Tacadena, Navy, Vietnam, Recruiter John Duback. Motion to accept by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Taylor. Passed (U) Post is at 79.22% renewal (511/645). Commander Gerkitz and I plan to attend the membership Caravan in Genoa on Friday morning, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. We need at least 85% by then-please help!
- VIII. Added New Business

- A. Bob Cokley shared brochures and stories of his three week visit to Australia, his mother's homeland. Like we have license plates for shared Legion visits, they have a banner, which he donates to Post 33. He brought a Tee Shirt that they use for their Poppy Days, to give to our Auxiliary. Their veterans get a "Gold Card" which gives them many benefits, including free rides on public transportation, entrance to museums, etc. At their Memorials, someone is there 24/7 to greet veterans. They revere their "Tunnel Rats." Exchange \$US 200 will get you \$AUSSIE 254, but you need it all--food and beverages are expensive: Cigarettes, \$35/pack; Beer, 6-pack, \$18.00, etc. Wages are strong: E.G. Bartenders start at \$22/Hour. To Applause, for the info.
- B. Member Ken Wargo thanked SrVice Schueler for stepping up to run the recent "Queen of Hearts" drawing "on time," stressing that we need to be right by our patrons and properly run the event as solicited, dependably "on time." To applause.
- C. Schueler: Contemplating a "Bus Run," perhaps through Green River, where each member chips in \$20, for a bus trip to perhaps three other Legion Posts on a Saturday.
- IX. Bob Cupples: Departed veterans/members: Louis Weber and Robert Miner. With prayers.
- X. Standard Closing Ceremonies. Prayers, Chaplain Cupples.
- XI. Adjournment at 1945 Hours.

Drawings: # 032 Tony Roudebush  
# 107 Kelly Davis, absent