

- I. Call to Order by Commander Ray Gerkitz: Annual Meeting and Installation. Standard Opening procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Judge Advocate Joe Navarro; JrVice Ron Staple, and JrVice Elect Robert Hatala. 27 present; Quorum achieved.
- III. Prepared minutes; motion/waive reading by Terry Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Roudebush. Passed (U)
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance Officer Ron Slafer: Bingo: Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Kennedy. Passed Unanimous
  - B. John Taylor: Service Officer Fund report: \$60.70 out (food, gas) for vet in need; \$76.75 in from loose change box, for LaSalle Veterans Home. Balance: \$10,203.54. Motion to accept by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Phil Sterba. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
  - C. Gaming Chair John Taylor: Pull tabs: Video gaming: Motion to accept by Tom Przybyla; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cokley. (P) (U)
  - D. Bar Manager Jeff Roche Motion to accept by Tom Przybyla; 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Taylor. (P) (U)
- V. Correspondence, Donation Requests, Old & New Business
  - A. Thank You (T.Y.) from John Taylor and family, for support at his wife Joyce's passing. \$20 donation from Pat Bruck, included.
  - B. T.Y. from Jerry and Mary Sexton for our donation to their Ride Team for St. Jude.
  - C. T.Y. from Grace Reinhardt form Ottawa High School, for the watch we provided graduates going into the military. She will wear it proudly at West Point.
  - D. T.Y from Nick Duchon at Marquette, for our scholarship support.
  - E. T.Y & Donation of \$100 received from Gary and Jeanne Modesitt for helping his Dad Bill attend the Memorial Day Ceremonies, and Frank Youngblood for driving VAC bus.
  - F. Donation Request (D.R.) from State Special Olympics. Motion of \$50 by Terry Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff DeLaGarza. Passed, Unanimously.
  - G. D.R. from IL Valley Public Action (PADS). Motion \$200/Ken Donnelly; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Taylor. P/U
  - H. D.R. Ottawa Police, "Back-to-School" supplies. Motion/\$100, Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, DeLaGarza. P/U
  - I. D.R. Ottawa and Marquette Booster Club sports program booklet ads. Motion \$155 Marquette and \$150 Ottawa by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Taylor. P/U
  - J. D.R. for Ottawa Soccer Club, to help their program for 280 kids. Motion of \$250 by John Taylor; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Przybyla. Passed Unanimously.
  - K. Schueler: Getz Fire Equipment: contract offer to inspect, clean, and certify extinguishers, filters, and equipment for \$607. Motion to accept by Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, DeLaGarza. P/U. Noted: wait to clean back porch until filter cleaning done.

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- L. CMDR: Final post Membership Report for 2017-2018 was 615 of 645 renewed, or 95.35%. (Adjutant note: 12<sup>th</sup> District was 14<sup>th</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division was 4<sup>th</sup>; Post, 6<sup>th</sup>.)

- M. CMDR & Duback: OmniArts Juried Awards Program developing for Ottawa for September 7-9, 2018. \$35,000 in prizes; already acquired. Asking our assistance to display artwork from CreatiVet (PTSD therapy) and other venues and genres, and continued support. Approved by Executive Board (E-Bd).
- N. On August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, we host the area-wide meeting with Dr. Braverman, the Hines VA Medical Director. He will provide progress updates and then have a question-and-answer period to address our concerns.
- O. Check of \$2,600 received from our Auxiliary for our Poppy Days; to Service Officer Fund.
- P. Schueler: Building Committee: Sewer lines fixed (now completely lined), and cooler leak also. Thanks for support from John Taylor and Jeff Roche; to applause. Next, front porch and west area will have concrete repairs.
- Q. The Indigent Veteran Burial Service at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> (previously reported to be August 9<sup>th</sup>= canceled), at 9:00 AM. Meet at Post 33 at 7:30 AM if you want to go.
- R. Nanouski: Color Guard: Fourth of July at OHS football field. Meet at Post 33 by 7:30 PM. Wear White Shirt, Ascot, and Legion Ball Cap.
- S. Duback: Membership: One new Member: Ed Geiger. Hines Mobile Medical Team here on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 1:00 PM.
- T. 100<sup>th</sup> Department of Illinois Convention, July 11-15, 2018. "Basic Training" program on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM, on the American Legion heritage.
- U. Terry Willet: Thanks to all who helped with The Moving Wall, especially those bikers who helped with the escort, which included Legion Riders, ABATE, and Patriot Riders. 86 bikes were in the procession-Well Done! Roger Schueler: Also, we have a "jpeg" video of The Moving Wall on the electronic message board in the bar area.
- V. There will be Celebration of Life for Bob Diepen at his farm south of Seneca on Saturday, July 21. Gather at 1:30 PM; the cannon fire will be at 3:00 PM. Please let Adjutant Duback know if you can attend by Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, so the family can have enough food prepared.
- VI. Installation Ceremony: Gavel passed to Ed Stash, Installing Officer. All officers sworn in, except as noted in Roll Call. Gavel passed back to Commander Gerkitz to close meeting.
- VII. Departed Members and Veterans, Bob Cupples, Chaplain: 1. Steve Varney 2. James Lair 3. Donald Donnelly 4. Walter Skolek Sr 5. Don Roth 6. Terry McCormick; with prayers.
- VIII. Standard Closing Procedures. Prayers, Chaplain Cupples.
- IX. Adjournment at 1937 Hours.

Drawings: #188 Jeff DeLaGarza

#432 Jeff Reimann, absent