

- Call to Order by CMDR Ray Gerkitz at 1905 hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
- Roll Call: All present except excused: JrVice Ron Staple, working; Member-at-Large Bob Cokley, vacation; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro; Service Officer Dave Kennedy; Gaming Chair John Taylor. Twenty present = Quorum achieved.
- Minutes prepared; no corrections. Motion/wave reading Willet; 2nd, Beckett. Pass(P) (U)
- Committee Reports
 - Jeff Roche, Bar Report: Motion to accept by Phil Sterba; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
 - Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: Motion/accept Przybyla; 2nd, Sexton. (P)(U)
 - Gaming, Ron Slafer for John Taylor: Motion to accept by Terry Willet; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed Unanimously
 - No Service Officer activity or Old Business to report.
- Correspondence and New Business
 - Thank You (T.Y.) from Jim McConville family, for Honor Guard services.
 - T.Y. from Ed Robinette family, for Honor Guard services.
 - T.Y. from Randall Olson family, for Honor Guard services.
 - T.Y. from Jerry and Mary Sexton, for our support of the St. Jude Ride. They had 31 bikes and 47 riders and collected \$100,000 (\$92k in 2016)! They joined 215 bikes and 300 riders to present \$807,000 to St. Jude's Hospital for Children in Memphis, TN. They were well received. It takes \$2.2 million per day to operate their hospital needs. Applause.
 - Donation Request (D.R.) from Ottawa Police Dept. to help get Back-to-School supplies for area children. Motion of \$100 by Terry Willet; 2nd, Al Rowe. Passed (U)
 - D.R. from Ottawa River Rescue (ORR) Squad. Motion/\$100 Sexton; 2nd, Sterba. (P)(U)
 - Bob Olson: E-board also offered the ORR usage of our basement for meetings and for their raffle fundraiser. Motion to approve by Terry Willet; 2nd, Wilma Derix. Passed (U) Willet: Several of our members have served with them; they are a great organization.
 - CMDR/Stash/Duback: Last Thursday, Legion Riders from California Post 31 visited the area and Post 33. They are riding the country creating awareness and soliciting funds for the new National Cemetery on the old Fort Ord grounds. Ed Stash represented the Department of Illinois and 12th District Riders and John Duback was there for Post 33. After meeting them at the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles, they were given a tour of the adjacent museum. Their group also presented a Gold Star Mothers flag to the museum, co-signed by our post representatives. After lunch at Boboluk's, they were given a tour of the Illinois Fallen Soldiers Oak Tree Memorial at Illini State Park. We invited them back to Post 33 for that evening. E-Board approved a motion of \$100 donation ; so moved by Terry Willet; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)

- Commander purchased a Centennial Challenge Coin on behalf of Post 33 at Department HQ last weekend. Motion to reimburse him by Chuck Beckett; 2nd, Bob Olson. (P)(U) Only 500 made. After posts given a chance to purchase these, the extras will be offered to the general membership.
- Duback: The 9th Annual 24-Hour Veterans Honor Guard Vigil will be on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4th, 5:00 PM inclusive. It will be held at the War Memorial in Washington Square in downtown Ottawa, pretty much the same details as in years past. The sign-up sheets will be posted at Post 33 through Monday, October 30th. I am asking for a donation from the post to support the event. Motion of \$500 by Phil Sterba; 2nd, Jeff Roche. Passed (U)
- We are registered to participate in the Utica Veterans Parade on Sunday, November 5th (a time-change weekend). Our ALR group will be there, as well. (Adjutant note: Remember, they provide a free breakfast or lunch for veterans that day.)
- Ottawa High School requests a Color Guard Team for their "Volley for Vets" program at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 17th. The proceeds will benefit "Honor Flights" (from one of which Benny Schomas just returned). E-Board approves a motion to donate \$100 and items for a donation raffle basket; so moved by Tom Przybyla; 2nd, Phil Sterba. (P)(U)
- Ottawa Memorial Association will have their next Veterans Day Ceremonies meeting at the VFW on Tuesday October 10th at 7:00 PM.; please support them.
- Chuck Beckett: on behalf of the Lions Club, veterans are invited to their meeting on Thursday, November 9th for a free meal, in honor of their service. Cocktails at 5:30; meal at 6:30PM. Confirm with him at 815.878.9586 by November 6th. The guest speaker will talk about rescue animals, trained for service to veterans with PTSD.
- Duback: This is our season to prepare for the Christmas "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" program, where we present gifts ordered from the Department of Illinois to veterans in local care facilities. E-Board approved a \$500 program donation, and \$10 cash for each veteran; so moved by Terry Willet; 2nd, Ron Slafer. Passed (U)
- Duback: New Members: 1. Randy Beck, Army, Grenada/Lebanon; 2. Tyler Graves, Air Force, Gulf; 3. Calvin Leason, Army and Navy, Korea; recruiter, Brent Schueler; 4. James Miskell, Army, Vietnam; recruiter, Jim Nanouski; 5. Brandon Longbein, Navy, Gulf. Motion to accept by Terry Willet; 2nd, Chuck Beckett. Passed (U)
- Cupples: Departed members/veterans: Brian Davis; Ray Carlson; Randall Olsen; Don Mathieu. Chaplain Cupples led the prayers.
- Good of the order: CMDR Gerkitz thanked all who helped on the post Oktoberfest party; a good time was had by all.
- Standard Closing Procedures; prayers by Chaplain Cupples.
- Adjournment at 1944 Hours.

Drawings: #938 Jim George

#053 Ernie Brevik, absent