

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, June 06, 2022

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1900 Hours. Abbreviated Standard Opening Procedures; agenda suspended for guest speakers: Ryan Brooke, Oakwood Memorial Park, introduced Daisy Rivera, who is in charge of organizing an old fashioned "Picnic in the Park," by bringing the community together at the cemetery for a day of celebration and remembrance of loved ones who have passed. Sat. June 11th, 10am-3pm. Complimentary food (but not Snow cones); raffles. Horse Drawn Carriage Rides. Guided Golf Cart Tours of the park. \$3 face paintings. 10:30 Veterans Recognition. 11am & 2pm: Meet family for Q&A. Guest Speaker, 12:30 pm: Mark Walczynski, volunteer historian and local author who will be speaking about Starved Rock State Park. Our Honor Guard to support. Donations received will go to the Ottawa River Rescue Squad. 1908: Meeting resumed.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Trustee Brent Schueler, excused, work and Trustee-elect Tom Shea, excused, vacation. Judge Advocate, vacant. 17 present; three guests (as above, and also Bar Manager Jay Hamalle.)
- III. Prepared Minutes reviewed. Motion to Waive Reading by Ed Stash; 2nd, Bob Cupples. (P) (U)
- IV. New Members, Adjutant: 1. Emmett Ryg, Army, 56-58; Recruiter, Joe Tokarz. 2. Daniel Clements, Navy, Gulf; 3. Peter Geovanes III, LT, Navy, Gulf 4. Elizabeth Kiggen, Army, Gulf; Recruiter, Ray Gerkitz. Motion to approve by Bob Olson; 2nd, Harvey Clemens. Passed (U)
- V. Committee Reports
 1. Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: Bingo, positive income for month, and balance reported. CD cashed to support the anticipated roof payment; placed in Building Fund, as was the donation from Cimco Recycling. Building Fund balance stated. Utility bills were substantial! Honor Guard Fund had a negative monthly balance, but \$2k was moved out for utility bills. Balance Stated. All accounts balance stated. Reports filed for audit. Motion to accept by Bob Cupples; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
 2. Ray Gerkitz, Gaming: Pull Tabs had slight positive growth; balance stated. \$2k out to cover utilities. Balances stated. Filed. Motion/accept Clemens; 2nd Cokley. (P) (U)
 3. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Positive growth for month; balance stated; filed. Motion to accept by Stash; 2nd, Gerkitz. Passed (U)
 4. Clemens will fix west railing after his vacation; parts already on hand.
- VI. New Business/Communications
 1. Donation Request (D.R.) for 12th District Hospitality Room. E-Board approved \$50. So Motioned by Bob Olson; 2nd, Jim Nanouski. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
 2. Elks Exalted Ruler Lynn Schlink: Requested our continued support for their Flag Day program on June 14th at 10:00 am at the Washington Memorial. We said yes.
 3. D.R. from Department of Illinois Special Olympics for workers, and financial support, for the June 17-18 event in Normal. Motion of \$250 by Cupples; 2nd, Dave Kennedy. (P) (U)
 4. Weekly membership report summary reviewed (94.87%). Still need 29, before 6/24.
 5. Governor's Proclamation, June, Amateur Radio Month; TALARC acknowledged.
 6. Stash: Riders Legacy Run to Sterling, IL Vietnam Memorial on July 9th; individuals only.

7. Honor Flight information form available; out of Quad Cities for Vietnam Veterans. JN: 700 on list = two to three years out!
8. Scouting program in jeopardy of folding. Requested that Region Peoria leaders meet us at Post 33 tomorrow, Tuesday night at 6:00 pm to discuss support for our future.
9. Women Veterans Stand Down Event at our LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission office in Peru this Saturday, June 11th. Learn more about services and resources available! 2 sessions: 9-12 and 1-4. Breakfast/lunch = free. Can attend both.
10. Auxiliary report on results of Memorial Day Poppies, of which post gets half for Service Officer programs: Top 5: 1. Ted Jenkins 2. Jean Firlik 3. Vic Hackler Sr 4. Bob Cokley 5. Joe Tokarz. Thanks to all who helped! (Adjutant: 1/3rd less than last year-help!)
11. Tax information received from State of Illinois; filed, not read.
12. Thank You (T.Y.) received from Cystic Fibrosis Association for our donation.
13. Election Results reviewed: For the contested office of JrVice Commander, Ron Leiteritz prevailed over Harvey Clemens, 22-21. Certified by Election Team of Ed Stash, Matt Weaver, and Adjutant John Duback. Compliments to Harvey, to give the post a choice.
14. Convention in July, motioned by Clemens to pay for the rooms of the attendees; 2nd, Gerkitz. Passed (U) (ADJ: up to 6 delegates, 6 alternates.) (Committed as of today: Stash; Weaver; Elizabeth Kiggen; Duback.)
15. Jim Nanouski apologized to new member Elizabeth, for an off-handed comment he made earlier, and welcomed her to Post 33. All OK, by Elizabeth.
16. Ray: Operation Firm Handshake in Coal City is coming up on Saturday, 10th, 11am-5pm. It's a free picnic for veterans and their families; bring your own chairs. (Review in July.)
- VII. Departed Members and Veterans: 1. Richard Taylor 2. Albert Meyers 3. Lawrence Marta 4. Elizabeth McDonald 5. William Lamping. Prayers by Chaplain Cupples
- VIII. Standard Closing Procedures (prayer, Salute to Colors)
- IX. Adjournment at 1935 Hours

Drawings	# 735	Ed Stash
	# 271	John Malone, absent