

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Tuesday, July 05, 2022

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr.) Tom Przybyla at 1900 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures (Prayer; Salute to Colors; POW/MIA chair; Preamble)
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Excused: Finance Officer Ron Slafer, Jr Vice Harvey Clemens, Trustees Olson, Kolotka, Schueler, and Shea. PC Gerkitz. Judge Advocate, vacant. 13 present plus Bar Manager = Quorum.
- III. Prepared Minutes presented by Adjutant. Motion to Waive Reading by Jim Nanouski; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Cupples. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. New Members, Adjutant: 1. William Manley, Navy; Recruiter, Linda Hackler. 2. Joe Tonelli, Navy, Vietnam, but all four branches! Recruiter, Don Green 3. Don Green, Navy, Vietnam; Recruiter, Russ Klechner. Motion to approve by Cupples; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sexton. Passed (U)
- V. Committee Report
  - A. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Slight loss for the month; healthy balance stated. Motion to approve by Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sexton. Passed (U)
  - B. Matt Weaver, Tech: Fixed internet today; many issues with Mediacom lately. Excel checked, also; router is out. Question, Nanouski: Update on cameras? Awaiting a bid from ADT (held up by an employee vacation).
- VI. Old Business: Back porch railing still to be done.
- VII. New Business
  - A. Weaver: Front porch to be cleaned, primed, painted, and sealed beginning at 10am Wednesday with a large crew from the SAL helping. Should take only a couple of days. Nanouski: Yellow caution step markers to be painted? Yes.
  - B. Adjutant: Convention information reviewed.
- VIII. Communications
  - A. Half-staff flag proclamation in place from President Biden for the victims of the Independence Day shootings in Highland Park, Illinois. (Through sunset, July 9<sup>th</sup>)
  - B. At the Close of Books for the 2021-2022 membership year, Post 33 was at 97.99% (536 of 545). Thanks to SrVice Weaver and Adjutant Weaver for their work on the renewals.
  - C. Donation Request (D.R.) received from the Marine Corps League, to support active-duty marines for the 247th Birthday Marine Corps Ball. Motion of \$50 by Ken Trojan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Cokley. Passed (U)
  - D. Sandwich Post 181 American Legion Riders will be having their annual Armed Forces Ride on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and will include our Post 33 as a stop, as before. (Also, Morris and DeKalb Legions.) Proceeds will benefit a monument dedicated to the men and women who served in the Middle East Conflict and War on Terrorism. \$20 rider, \$10 passenger with food before and after at Sandwich. 50/50, and raffles.
  - E. Information received from City of Ottawa/Dave Noble regarding the requirements to be eligible for rebate for the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program. Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2022. If interested, see Adjutant Duback for details.

- F. Guest Hank Walsh presented information to Executive Board on a fundraiser he is preparing which will benefit Post 33. It will be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Hank's farm (rural Dayton/Wedron), noon to 6:00 pm. Titled: "A Country Hoedown."
- G. Thank You (T.Y.) received from the Department of Illinois American Legion for our \$250 donation to the Special Olympics program.
- H. Information: on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ottawa Military Show Saturday, July 23 from 9am-5pm and Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 8am-1pm. Admission \$10 Adult, \$5 age 13 and under. It will be at the Krug Farm, 3277 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Road, Ottawa. Vintage Military Vehicles; WWII Reenactors and camps; battles; convoys; food vendors.
- I. Information: "50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of Vietnam War Pinning Recognition Ceremony," for ALL veterans who served on Active Duty at any time between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location. Ceremony at the VAC office in Peru, sponsored by Allen Force. Registration and copy of DD214 required: call 815-433-1761.
- J. T.Y. received from Oakwood Cemetery for our recent support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Picnic in the Park." Color Guard Team was Bob Cokley, Ed Stash, Rich Fergeson, and Bob Cupples." Also attending was Adjutant Duback.
- K. Ottawa Sports Boosters offers their seasonal advertising through Fast Print. Motion by Jim Nanouski for the medium adv at \$160; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cupples. Passed (U)
- L. Ken Trojan, Director for the Central Illinois "Flutes for Vets" and our fellow Post 33 member, complimented our members Matt Weaver, Ron Tardio, and Wendy Peterson for their participation in the National Memorial Day Ceremony. At 3pm across the country all musicians that could, were asked to play "TAPS" in honor of our fallen veterans. Well done! A commemorative pin was given to Matt.
- M. New Insurance Policy up for renewal with the Valley Insurance Group. Commander, Finance Officer Ron Slafer, and Adjutant Duback met with the agent and agree that it is a good policy for us. Only slightly more than last year, plus an add on for an umbrella that increases some coverage of \$1 million, to \$2 million. Motion to approve by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken Trojan. Passed (U)
- N. Nanouski: Heard that a certain element may be trying to pass drugs around, outside. Be vigilant!
- IX. Chaplain Cupples, Departed Veterans/Members: 1. Robert Leipold 2. Charles Hayson 3. Roger Clark. With prayers.
- X. Standard Closing Ceremony
- XI. Adjournment at 1925 Hours.

Drawings	#059	Tom Przybyla
	#472	Myrna Summers, absent