

- Call to Order by Commander Ray Gerkitz at 1902 Hours; Prayers, Marjorie Hudkins.
- Roll Call: All officers present except: Judge Advocate Navarro; Chaplain Ruggeri (excused, surgery); Jr/Vice-Bingo Chair Kennedy (excused, vacation). 19 present = Quorum achieved.
- Minutes: Preprinted; no corrections offered. Motion to waive reading by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Jim Nanouski. Passed unanimously (U)
- Guests: New member Ron Leiteritz, with welcome to the Honor Guard.
- Committees
 - Ron Slafer: Bingo: Paid permits and taxes, so slight loss for month. Motion/accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Olson. Pass(U)
 - Taylor: Gaming: Motion/Accept-Cokley; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Pass (U)
 - Service Officer: Slafer: \$800 to Veterans Home and \$500 to PADS; Balance: \$8,305.13. Motion to accept by Sterba; 2nd, Donnelly. Pass (U) Added: Member Al Rowe found VA Form 40-10007 online, for pre-enrollment to VA National Cemeteries. Roger Schueler will add it to the Post 33 website.
- Old Business
 - Schueler: New door installed upstairs by Craig Moore = big improvement!
 - Schueler: New phone contract signed; new cable installed (and donated) by Roger, for Office, bar, and kitchen. Ficek to install new phones, soon.
- New Business
 - Schueler: Need approval for new copy machine. Lease bid is \$60/month for five years; we can buy the machine for \$1.00 at end of lease. Machine, repairs and toner included; we buy the paper. Based on 12,000 copies/year; if more, we pay a slight additional cost for usage. Motion to approve the contract by Taylor; 2nd, Donnelly. Pass (U)
 - Schueler: New Laptop/CPU needed for John Taylor's duty reports. Pepe will upgrade for \$250, a great value. Motion to purchase by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Pass (U)
 - Commander: We need to thank our Bingo workers for their services. E-board approved a \$50 gift card from WalMart, or a \$50 restaurant gift certificate, for nine workers. So moved by Ron Slafer; 2nd by Phil Sterba. Pass (U)
 - CMDR: Ameren grant for new LED lighting in basement, already installed. They will return in a month to plan another grant for the upstairs lights (78 fixtures!). We will need considerable volunteer help at that time. Schueler: These lights have motion detectors for light reduction; if no one present = a further savings. Also, a boiler upgrade grant is available, in the future. Nanouski: Who's in charge for that? Ron Slafer.
 - Duback: Marty Rue and Cindy Decker have retired from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. The E-Board approved a \$100 "Thank You for Your Service" gift

for each. So moved by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Marjorie Hudkins. Pass (U). CMDR: Steve Kreitzer is the new Superintendent; Ray to invite him to our meeting. Steve sent us an update of his goals and upgrades for the office.

- Correspondence
 - Thank You (T.Y) card from Bill Zimmerman family with \$50, for Honor Guard support.
 - T.Y. from Ed Damyan family with \$545, for Honor Guard support.
 - T.Y. from Ottawa Elks Lodge #588 for our \$20 donation to their Children's Fund.
 - T.Y. from the Food Pantry, for our \$100 donation to "Freezin for a Reezin."
- New Members: Adjutant:
 - Robert Hurtuk, Retired Navy, Vietnam. Recruiter: Ray Gerkitz
 - Scott Engel, Army, Gulf. Recruiter: Roger Schueler
 - Tyler Ahrendsen, Active Duty Army (post pays 1st year), Gulf. Recruiter, Bob Olson. Motion to accept all by Phil Sterba; 2nd, John Taylor. Pass (U) Duback complimented post on attaining 90.02% renewal by December, and noted, if we can be 100% by November or December, National and/or Depart. of IL offer a \$1 each member, as a dues rebate-a challenge to aspire to. CMDR: Membership Caravan in Leland, Jan. 14th, 0830 hours. (Question, Nanouski: Will we be recording the minutes again? Yes, as soon as we can find a new transformer plug, and/or purchase a better machine.)
- Departed Veterans and Members: SGT/ARMS Cupples: 1. Art Underhill 2. Larry Fleming 3. Dr. John M. Armstrong 4. Edward Damyan 5. Lyle Weber 6. Emmett Daugherty. Prayers by Assistant Chaplain Marjorie Hudkins.
- Standard Closing ceremonies, with prayer by A/Chaplain Marjorie Hudkins.
- Adjournment at 1932 Hours.

Drawings: #710 = Roger Schueler
#080, Ray Catton, absent