

- I. Called to Order at 1900 Hours by JrVice Commander (Cmdr) Bob Cupples. Motion by Past Commander Jim Nanouski to suspend the meeting for the purpose of Installing the officers and committee chairs present; 2nd, Member at Large Bob Cokley.
- II. Past Commander/Adjutant John Duback, presiding officer. Administered the Duties of Office challenge of honorable service to our Legion values, and the Oath of Office to: SrVice Commander Terry Willet; Trustees Mark Kolotka and Tony Roudebush; Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Harden; Historian Dave Mumper, and Bar Manager Jeff Roche. [Previously sworn in officers at the August post/district/divisional meeting at POST 33 were: Commander Tom Przybyla; JrVice Bob Cupples; Adjutant John Duback; Member-at-Large Bob Cokley; Chaplain Phil Sterba.]
- III. Recalled to Order at approx. 1907 Hours by JrVice Bob Cupples. Gavel passed to SrVice Terry Willet. Standard Opening procedures (Salute to Flag; Pledge of Allegiance; Chaplain's Prayer; POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony; Preamble of the American Legion.)
- IV. Roll Call: All present except: Cmdr Tom Przybyla; funeral. Finance Officer Ron Slafer, health. Trustee Jeff DeLaGarza, work. Service Officer Dave Kennedy, vacation. Gaming chair John Taylor, health. Judge Advocate Joe Navarro, on call, as needed. 20 present= Quorum.
- V. Prepared minutes reviewed. Motion/waive reading Cupples; 2nd, Roche. Passed (P) (U)
- VI. Introduction of Guest/new member Thomas Shea. Colonel, Retired, United States Army, Gulf Era. 26+ years, plus 14 more with the DOD in St. Louis. Adjutant presented two other new members: Marvin Hill, Navy (Airdale), Vietnam Era; Recruiter Terry Willet. Transfer in from Oglesby: James Schaive, Jr, Navy, Korea Era, 34-year PUFL Legion member. Motion to accept all candidates by Al Rowe; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Bar manager Jeff Roche: August: Bar Report Questions from floor (Butch Wargo and others): Jeff is just reading the report; doesn't have specifics. Consensus: If Bookkeeper has the answers, then she should be available at the meeting to provide communication. Motion to accept by Rowe; 2nd, Sterba. Passed (U)
 - B. For Finance Officer Ron Slafer: Duback: Bingo: Building Fund: Honor Guard: Pull Tab: Gaming: Noted: No "all accounts balance available;" next month. Motion/accept Nanouski; 2nd Cupples. Passed (U)

- C. Service Officer report, Duback: Motion/Accept Cokley; 2nd, Roger Schueler. Passed (U)
- D. Membership updates, Adjutant Duback: 1. PUFL roster came in: \$121.75 received for Paid-Up-For-Life Memberships for 51 members (9% of 556 members). 2. We have 324 renewed already, or 58.27%. We are 8th in top ten for 731 posts (but less than 1% of state roster base.) 12th District is 7th of 24. 2nd Division is 2nd of 5. Pretty good for this

time of year, but we need to get back to 100%. Expanded membership through the Legion Act will help.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Wargo: Requests that the complete totals of the Queen of Hearts drawing, be posted with figures for: Winning amount; post amount received; new pot beginning balance. Comment, Schueler: Note: Totals will reflect appropriate taxes, as well.
- B. Tony Roudebush: Reminder: Veterans can now salute the colors, indoor or out, anytime.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Thank You (T.Y.) received from St. Jude Ride coordinators Jerry and Mary Sexton, for our donation. Jerry also will give us an update from his ride to Memphis, Sept, 13-14th.
- B. Donation Request (D.R.) Ottawa Youth Football League. E Bd recommended \$100; so moved, Schueler; 2nd, Cokley, Passed (U)
- C. Youth Service Bureau: (Missed at E Bd.) Pumpkin Flotilla Festival Fundraiser, October 19, Heritage Harbor. Floor: Motion/Donate \$100, Roudebush; 2nd, Sexton. Passed (U)
- D. D.R.: Labor of Love: E Bd=\$200; so moved, Nanouski; 2nd Roche. Passed (U)
- E. Invitation to the LaSalle VFW post at 9 AM, Friday, Sept. 13th. A Service Officer will be present to help any veteran with their questions about benefits or claims.
- F. Invitation from the Ottawa Memorial Association to attend the meeting to plan for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Meeting will be held at the Ottawa VFW at 7 PM, Tues., 9/17.
- G. Flyer regarding Marquette High School Go Club Golf outing, "Saints and Sinners" fundraiser. Kelly Magoonaugh's granddaughter is participating. No action; we gave to Booster Sports program already. Golfers: Please consider participating.
- H. T.Y. from Voluntary Action Center, for our donation to Meals on Wheels.
- I. Motion by Jim Nanouski to donate \$500 to the Ottawa Memorial Association to help defray the cost of grave markers and flags. They do exceptional work for our community. 2nd, Jeff Roche. Passed (U)
- J. Trustees obtained three bids for seal coating and striping our north parking lot. E Bd recommends the bid of \$900 from Thrush Asphalt, Ottawa. Motion/accept Sexton. 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (U)
- K. Schueler: Discussion: We are too low on our import beer prices; need to review, and raise the prices. Trustees and Bar Manager to get together to do so.

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X. New Business

- A. Trustees submitted a list of thoughtful questions from their August Meeting to the Executive Board. Predominantly, it calls for more decisive leadership to fix things in a timely matter. Needs special meeting to review all the nuances of the questions. Agreed to do.
- B. Duback: Summary of Veterans Assistance Meeting Report. 1. Hines Director Dr. Braverman promoted to head up the Los Angeles VA Medical Center. 2. Local Office in budgeting mode; much progress on office activities and claims for county veterans. 3.

Monthly Outreach program established with the IDVA, for our mutual success. 4. HR Bill 299 signed into law 06/25/19. Gives Blue Water Navy Veterans a break in the possible granting of presumptives for Agent Orange Exposure. 5. Senate Bill 504 passed = "The Legion Act:" Any veteran who have been honorably discharged since Pearl Harbor day, December 7, 1941 to present, may apply for Legion membership, and access to VA.

- C. Sexton: Reminder: Operation Firm Handshake is this Saturday, 9/7. Our Legion Riders are leaving from the post at 10:30 AM, if anyone wants to tag along.
- XI. Chaplain Sterba: Memorial to departed members/veterans: 1. Ernest Parkins 2. Gerald C. Smith 3. Lyle W. Strobel 4. Edmund Geiger 5. Richard Lavery. With Prayers.
- XII. Standard Closing Procedures (Chaplain's prayer; Retire Colors)
- XIII. Adjournment at 1959 Hours.

Drawings: #516 Butch Wargo
 #503 Gerald Sexton