



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
POST 10125
Rancho Cordova, California

ADJUTANT REPORT
February 2019

VFW Post 10125 monthly meeting was held on 19 February 2019, at 10124 Coloma Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

The Post recognized the following dates:

- 2/3 – Four Chaplains Day
- 2/15 – Sinking of the USS Maine
- 2/19 – Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

Correspondence was received from Yuba College Veteran Services asking for donations to be auctioned off on 6 April 2019, to assist in supporting their program.

Prior to the meeting the Patriots Pen and Civil Servant Award winners were recognized.

Meeting Called to Order: By CDR Hobdy at 1925 hours.

Opening Prayer: By Chaplain Wittkopp followed with a salute to the flag and the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: 33

Guests: 23 (for pre-meeting awards ceremony)

Roll Call: All officers were present and/or accounted for:

- 1st Year Trustee McDaniel was excused

Membership: Two applications were submitted for approval:

- Norton, Thomas; Army; Iraq, GWOT, CIB; Annual Member
- Martinez, Agustin; Army; GWOT; Annual Member

Trustee Billings made a motion to accept the applicants. Motion was seconded by Chaplain Wittkopp. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Reading of Minutes from previous meeting: The minutes were approved as posted on line.

Quartermaster Report: Quartermaster Philbin reported:

Current Balances:

- General Fund \$6,695.01
- Relief Fund \$3,113.77
- Building Fund \$51,000.00
- Savings \$25,479.42
- Total \$86,288.20

Expenditures

- VA NCHCS \$900.00
- Liability Insurance \$607.64
- Life Membership WWII Vet \$170.00
- Storage for Furniture Prgm \$285.00
- National Dues \$31.50
- VFW Store \$349.50
- Wreaths Across America \$156.95
- Vincent Front VOD winner \$300.00
- Mel Buzzard Recruit Inc \$50.00
- Ex-Chief's Raffle \$20.00

Quartermaster's report was accepted subject to audit.

Service Officer Report: Service Officer Buzzard reported there are currently no claims in. VFW representative has moved from Mather to a place on Prospect.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Wittkopp reported Comrade Lewis passed away in October, SVC Mallord had been sick this past month, Comrade Creel lost his great nephew, and Comrade Wittkopp is recovering well. Also, Comrade Massey's wife passed away this month.

Budget Report: Nothing to report

Membership Report: Comrade Buzzard reported 396 Life Members, 8 new, 1 reinstated, 40 continuous: Total 445. Last year we had 449; therefore, as of the date of this report the Post needs four more members to reach 100%. The Post is at 99.1% and retention is at 75%.

Reports Control: Adjutant Meier reported as of 8 February in the Department's reporting system the Post has 4,168 hours and \$7,047 in expenditures. The only outstanding reports is from the furniture program.

Ways and Means: Nothing to report

Hospitality: Nothing to report

Social Activities: Adjutant Meier reported the Post is having a bowling social on Saturday, 23 February from 1300 to 1500 hours. There are still a few slots available for bowling. The Social

Activities met to start on the Awards Dinner. The tentative date for the event will be Saturday, 22 June. The committee is researching potential venues.

Buddy Poppy Report: JVC Johnson reported Comrade Ruth will be taking over as Chairperson. He also reported the sign-up sheet is going around for Buddy Poppies on 24-25 May. The reminder letters will be going out shortly. Cmd Hobdy extended an invitation for family members to assist at the Buddy Poppy sites.

Voice of Democracy: Comrade Creel reported the mission was completed and Comrade Darbyshire has volunteered to assist with the program next year.

Patriot's Pin: See VOD

Teacher of the Year: See VOD

Public Servant: Comrade Ruth reported the mission was completed.

Youth Activities: Adjutant Meier reported next month we will be recognizing two Eagle Scouts before next month's general membership meeting. Troop 363 also had another Eagle Scout project complete last week with the Reserve Unit the Post adopted. The scout built ten bedframes to be used by the unit personnel during their drill weekends. The Grange will be having a crab feed on 16 March and the flyer is on the Post website. Comrade Squire reported he met with Cordova JROTC. They are looking for another instructor and the requirements have been changed to allow another NCO to assist. There will be an awards dinner in April, and they have requested the Post assist like last year. On 2 March they will be competing in competition at Casa Robles High School.

Public Relations: Nothing to report

Legislative: Nothing to report

Community Service Report: Comrade Billings reported there are various handouts on the back table. He also reported on the 31 January webcast. You can go online to benefits.va.gov/stakeholder to get the webcast information.

Hearts at Home Program: Comrade Squire reported we are short about six couches, 8 to 10 small kitchen tables, and we will be getting furniture from a three-bedroom house in Auburn at the end of the month. We are still looking for storage space. He also reported he will be attending a meeting at the VOA on homeless issues this coming week.

Safety Report: Comrade Buzzard reported on being careful on winter driving with all the snow and ice.

National Home: Chaplin Wittkopp gave the National Home Preamble.

Old Business:

- Adjutant Meier reported the Post will be doing adopt-a-highway litter pickup on March 9th and 23rd.

New Business:

- Comrade Squire noted the Sacramento Stand Down will be holding a two-day event at the McClellan auditorium on August 9th and 10th. They will be working on both at risk and homeless vet issues.
- Comrade Squire made a motion that during open meetings that we collect dry goods to assist veterans and their families that we deliver furniture. The motion was seconded by Trustee Parr. March is an open meeting. Comrade Squire will compile a list of needed items that will be posted on Post website. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- JVC Johnson discussed members from the Post attending the Cordova Community Council meetings quarterly. The meeting is the third Friday of the month, the cost is \$12 for lunch, and is from 1130 to 1300 hours. Comrade Creel suggested that the Post develop a fact sheet of what we have accomplished in the last five years.
- Cmd Hobdy noted the Post will be holding nominations next month for officer positions. He also noted that the Commander, Senior Vice, and Junior Vice positions are a two-year obligation. The Post is also in need of a Surgeon and an Officer of the Day.

Good of the Order:

- Comrade Squire reported he attended the Veteran Affiliation Council meeting at Post 67. It is a group of organizations that work on homeless veteran issues.
- Comrade Squire noted on 26 February there will be a Salute with Honors Sacramento Area Veterans at Post 67.
- Trustee Billings noted the USS Hornet's 50th Birthday celebration will be July 16-24 at Alameda.

Closing Prayer: Given by Chaplain Wittkopp

Next Officers Meeting: 16 March 2019 at 0900 hours

Next Post Meeting: 19 March 2019 at 1900 hours

Meeting Closed: 2035 hours