



VFW Post 6605

General Membership Meeting

August 18th, 2021



Opening Ceremony: Commander Wally Hinton opened the meeting at 1808 hours and Chaplain Jenny Evans gave the opening prayer. Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the pledge of allegiance

Roll Call of Officers/Quorum: Mitch Odom, Garrett Hamilton was excused. The required quorum of officers was present to conduct the meeting.

New members applications: No New members

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for General Membership Meeting July 2021 were read and approved as read.

Quartermaster's Report: Quartermaster John Garrett gave current financial status for the post. Motion to accept made by Bill Lister, seconded by Dale Edge. Motion passed

Communications: District Meeting identified Commander to read all emails received. Voice of Democracy and Patriots pen themes for 2021-2022 are due to the post by October 31st and are as follows: Voice of Democracy is America – Where do we go from here? / Patriots Pen theme is: How can I be a good American? Received an email discussing the withdrawal from Afghanistan, Atlanta VA office holding a virtual claims clinic by appointment only on August 26th from 4 – 6 pm flyer will be posted. Email from State office said the department of Connecticut dispersing boxes of Free Tea. To acquire we need to send an email to Georgia State VA office to request. From the State also says the Georgia State staff of the Red Cross to prevent suicides is hosting a virtual skills group for women's Veterans, flyer will be posted. The book of General orders will be displayed next to the post virtual bulletin board and member directory under the security television. Email from quartermaster of the Perry post stating Houston County Habitat for Humanity is hosting an open house for Veterans until the 1st of September, must provide Honorable discharge DD-214, some credit and be able to pay \$400-\$450 per month, willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity, and have living conditions that are unsuitable or exorbitant rent. This a 3-bedroom, two bath house, 1100 Sq Feet and is 7 years old. Apply to Habitat for Humanity. The VA advanced health care accounts in HealthyVet are going to be discontinued on the 1st of September.

Service Officer report: Mitch Odom has stepped down and Commander has appointed Patrick French as the new Service Officer.

National Home Ceremony: Chaplain Jenny Evans conducted the National Home ceremony; a donation of \$51 was collected.

House Committee report: None

Hospital Report: None

Chaplain Report: CB has gone into hospice. He has declined surgery. Will check on him.

Chaplains Report 18 August 2021

On July 25, 2021 Theodore Jay Monbeck Passed away. He was 63 years young. He was born October 24, 1957. He proudly served the the US Navy for 22 years. The memorial service celebrating his life was held on August 7, 2021 at 10 am. in the McCullough Funeral Home Chapel, His inturnment will be private. Flowers were sent. \$58.80

Chaplain: Jenny Evans

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Old Business: Postponed Golf tournament and next car show until after the first of the year. Commander reviewed open items report. Key items, budgets and Grants, were discussed by the Quartermaster. He discussed income and expenditures. Suggested the trustees do audits monthly to find loss trends. Currently looking for someone who knows Quick books that can help. Was suggested to contact Mike Lawrence. Suggested a Financial/Budget Committee be created. Motion made by Tim Pitman and seconded by Mike Dankowski to have a Strategic planning committee with a meeting planned for August 29th, 2021. Motion passed. Newsletter to be sent out with post information, Tim Pitman and Mike Dankowski to create and give to Bill lister for distribution. Once printed help will be need to stuff envelopes.

New Business: Need to have someone look into parking cars at the fair, Also have a Turkey shoot but not on our property, was stated that the Canteen hours are going to change on Sept. 6th but with no house committee report new hours not available at this time. New hours will be posted as soon as known. Saturday SEC football hours will start once SEC football starts.

Good of the Order: Question about Flag burning was asked. We partnered with an ROTC group out of Crawford County in conjunction with American Legion Post 172 because we do not have a pit here on property to burn flags so a combined flag burning is done with Post 172. We have to schedule one with them but have not done so as yet.

Closing Ceremony: Chaplain Jenny Evans gave the closing prayer. Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the closing salute to the Flag. Commander Hinton declared the meeting closed at 19:10 hours and announced the next General Membership meeting will be conducted September 15th, 2021 at 1800 hours.

*Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lister, Adjutant
Commander*

Approved, Wally Hinton,