

General Membership Meeting

April 19th, 2021



Opening Ceremony: Commander Wally Hinton opened the meeting at 1805 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: The required quorum of officers was present to conduct the meeting. Gary Tisdale was excused and Chris Carpenter present by phone conference call.

New members applications: Scott P Kanmeyer, Army, Voted to accept unanimously.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for General Membership Meeting Mar 2021 were read and a Motion to accept Minutes was made by James Lugones; seconded by John Garrett. Motion Passed.

Quartermaster's Report: Commander read current financial status for the post. Motion to accept made by John Garrett, 2nd by James Lugones. Motion passed

Communications: Received email stating April 22nd there will be an Amazon Virtual hiring event at 1200 hrs.

Service Officers report: Mitch Odom stated 7 individuals were assisted.

House Committee: A pool table was found and will be installed on Wednesday, April 21st, cost was \$1200 only allotted for \$1000 left over \$200 was made up through donation.

Hospital Report: None still due to COVID-19 restrictions

Chaplains Report: None

Car Show update: Date changed from April 17th to May 1st due to expected weather forecast; Mayor's Choice Trophy award has been changed to Best in Show Trophy due to Mayor's ongoing busy schedule he is rarely available. This way there are more choices to choose from for significant representatives to present the award. State Representative Shaw Blackman has agreed to come with his family to present the Best in Show Trophy.

National Home Ceremony: Chaplain Jenny Evans conducted the National Home ceremony; a donation of \$60 was collected.

Old Business: Elections: The following positions were voted in for the 2021-2022 year. Commander: **Wally Hinton**; Senior Vice Commander: **Chris Carpenter**; Junior Vice Commander: **Kevin Kieffer**; Quartermaster: **John Garrett**; First Year trustee: **James Lugones**. New officers will be read in within 60 days and will take office on 1 July 2021. Refer to attached document for more information.

New Business:

Good of the Order: Last year's membership was 619, as of now -up to date membership is 509 members which State and National base our dues requirements. Commander went on to discuss 100% membership costs and financial responsibility for the post. Canteen Manager put out the word for another arts and craft to combine with the car show again and it was agreed to by the participants. National Commander and State Commander will be present for Steak night on April 22nd. Besides the District meeting the Commander and Quarter master will be attending April 23rd, the promoter of the Perry Gun Show will be providing a free membership drive booth to the VFW. Need volunteers to fill 3 two-hour slots both Saturday April 24th and Sunday April 25th to maintain the booth.

Closing Ceremony: 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 18:56 hours and announced the next General Membership meeting will be conducted May 17th, 2021 at 1800 hours.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lister, Adjutant

Approved, Wally Hinton, Commander

Open Item Report

Item Date	Subject	Point of Contact	Projected Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Results
2/15/21	Home Depot grant	Mike Dankosky	In Progress		Have to present budget for submission of grant
2/15/21	a membership directory	Commander			
2/15/21	projected budget	Commander	End of July		Item Open
2/15/21	ROTC & scholarships for ROTC	Commander	2/15/2021		Closed
2/15/21	Car Show Scheduled	Gene	5/1/2021		Date changed due to projected weather forecast
2/15/21	Chief Woods Donation	Commander			Closed
2/15/21	501C tax exempt status	Commander	30 days		Need to contact tax person and IRS to learn procedure
2/15/21	Canteen Office Computer	JJ	on-going	Closed	Installed working on network security
3/15/21	Update static signage	Commander			
3/15/21	Electronic Signage Research	Tim P & James L			
4/19/21	Digital Bulliten Board			Closed	
3/15/21	Build Ramp for Veteran	Kevin Kieffer	May 19th		Materials cost obtained
3/15/21	Two wheel chairs and chair lift donation looking for a good home.	Commander	soon as find a needy vereran		One wheel chair needs battery
3/15/21	Postage discount for mass mailings	Commander	30 Days		Need to fill out paper work
3/15/21	Air Hockey Table Donation	Canteen Manager& House	Tabled for now		Referred to Canteen Manager