

VFW Post 6605

General Membership Meeting

Feb 15th, 2021



Opening Ceremony: Commander Wally Hinton opened the meeting at 1830 hours and gave the opening prayer, also Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Commander Hinton introduced the winner of the Voice of Democracy John Tyler Von Nostrand who read entry to the members and was presented his certificate and \$100 scholarship.

Roll Call of Officers/Quorum: The required quorum of officers was present to conduct the meeting. Gary Tisdale and Chris Carpenter were excused.

New members applications: John Mark Antonio Reed, Mark Allen Booe, Charles Richard Lowe. All three were Voted on and accepted.

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

Quartermaster's Report: Commander Wally Hinton gave report for Jan 2021. Motion to accept Quartermasters report was made by John Garrett; seconded by James Lugones. Motion Passed.

Communications: General Order #3, will be posted on bulletin board, also received email from District 6 Commander stating Mission United of Central Georgia has been awarded a grant to assist with food insecurity for Veterans in this area. The Veteran will be asked for their DD2214 by Mission United and they will complete a screening process. Referrals should be sent to Dcharles@unitedwaycg.com (478-293-3396) or DKenney@unitedwaycg.com (478-225-7864). Mission United also announced that all United Ways were awarded a grant to assist both Veterans and non-Veterans with rides through LYFT for doctors' appointments etc.

Service Officers report: Mitch Odom stated 3 people were assisted with 1 pending.

House Committee: Had 100% attendance, looking for a new pool table, still working on getting the new computer for the office. Researching information to apply for the Home Depot grant to upgrade our facilities.

Hospital Report: None

Chaplains Report: Chief Woods has passed away; he was fire chief in Warner Robins for 60 years and was a former Post Commander when this post was started. A motion was made by John Garrett to donate \$300 to each of the two churches he was a member. Seconded by Tim Pitman. Motion passed.

National Home Ceremony: John Garrett conducted the National Home ceremony; a donation of \$47 was collected.

Unfinished Business: Car Show Scheduled for 17 April, all sponsors have been contacted.

New Business: Meeting time change back to 1800 hours. A community development grant is being also researched. Requested the minutes list an open item report with a suspense date, point of contact, Committees need to be chaired by members but work groups do not. Requested that a membership directory be made available on web site or a hard copy somewhere in the post. A suggestion was made to have a workgroup to do home visits for members. Also recommended to create a projected budget for the post.

Good of the Order: District Commander called a round table of all Post Commanders to discuss membership and create some initiatives to work around the COVID pandemic and still reach our Veterans. Nominations of officers will be accepted at the March Meeting and voted on at the April meeting. Commander Hinton requested everyone who no longer need their VFW magazine bring to the post so they can be distributed to VA clinics and hospital with our post information on it to hopefully acquire new membership. Ideas are also requested to create scholarships for the Crawford County ROTC such as raising money from wrestling events, car show, etc.

Closing Ceremony: Commander Wally Hinton 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 1937 hours and announced the next General Membership meeting will be conducted March 15th, 2021 at 1800 hours.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lister, Adjutant

Approved, Wally Hinton, Commander