

VFW Post 6605



General Membership Meeting

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Opening Ceremony: Commander Wally Hinton opened the meeting at 1830hours. Chaplin Gary Tisdale gave the opening prayer and Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Commander Hinton introduced three guests: District Commander Dean Rakoskie, District Senior Vice Commander Ms Dee Adams, and Crawford County High School ROTC Instructor/Leader Tom O'Brian.

Roll Call of Officers/Quorum: The required quorum of members was present to conduct the meeting. Quarter Master Ty Mathews and Adjutant Bill Lister were excused.

District Commander Dean Spoke of how COVID-19 has affected the VFW's statewide. He also gave KUDOs to the post for our efforts in updating /rehabbing the post. Commander Dean Went on to talk about membership and how the post will receive \$35 for brand **NEW** members from 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov thru Jun 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently statewide we are at approximately 75% membership. The Commander reminded us that the April elections will be coming up and talked about delegates. He also mentioned that VFW National will be providing programs for Legal Assistance so watch for that. He went on to mention of all the posts in the District VFW Post 6605 is the biggest.

Commander Hinton then asked Crawford County High School ROTC Instructor/Leader Tom O'Brian to speak. He talked about COVID-19 limiting their functions but still plan on assisting us with the car show and mentioned when things start moving back to normal doing things like Drill meets, etc. in the area. He went on to say he appreciates our support and wanted to reaffirm its continuation.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for General Membership Meeting Nov. 2020 were read by Commander Wally Hinton. A correction to the minutes was made by Gary Tisdale. Motion to accept Minutes made by John Garrett; seconded by Gary Tisdale. Motion Passed.

Quartermaster's Report: Quartermaster Report was given by Commander Wally Hinton. Motion to accept report subject to usual audit made by Gary Tisdale; seconded by Mike Dankosky, Motion passed.

Communications: Received 2 emails from District Commander Dean Rakoskie. First email notified us of the winners of the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the year Awards. Second email Mentioned Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Virtual Symposium on Veterans and Parkinson's Disease, registration will be on-line. Email will be posted on bulletin board.

Service Officer: Service Officer Mitch Odom provided assistance to nine individuals.

House Committee: Chairman Mitch Odom stated the discussed a contingency plan to keep the post/canteen running and approved the purchase of a new computer for the canteen business office.

Hospital Report: No report due to ongoing Pandemic

Chaplin's Report: No report

Car Show still scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

National Home Ceremony: Chaplain Gary Tisdale conducted the National Home ceremony; the membership donated \$33.

Old Business: Post has been collecting donations to assist the Crawford County High School ROTC rifle team. They currently are not receiving any funds for equipment and uniforms. Motion was made by John Garrett to donate \$500 for equipment and uniforms to the Crawford County High School ROTC Rifle Team, Seconded by Mike Dankosky. Motion Passed.

New Business: None

Closing Ceremony: Chaplain Gary Tisdale gave the closing prayer. There being no further business, Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the closing salute to the Flag. Commander Hinton declared the meeting closed at 1908 hours and announced the next General Membership meeting will be conducted 15<sup>Feb</sup> 2021 at 1830hours.

*Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lister, Adjutant*

*Approved, Wally Hinton, Commander*