



Minutes for General Membership Meeting 8/10/2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MIKE STEFFES AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Mike Steffes, Bill Juchartz, Dennis Bielskis, Bob Dew, and Ron King.

63 MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – Mike Steffes thanked everyone for their continued support for all of our functions, and for attending the general membership meetings.

Guests: None.

1st Vice President: Bill Juchartz: No Report.

2nd Vice President: Dennis Bielskis:

- Dennis and Patty are the sponsors for the Chapter Picnic, Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The picnic is at the VFW Post. Bring a dish to pass.
- VVA Shirts and Jackets are being ordered. See Dennis if interested.

Secretary: Ron King - minutes from the 7/14/2009 meeting are published.

Motion to approve the minutes subject to corrections. Read correspondence.

M/ John Fleming

SEC//Rich Whipple

***** MOTION CARRIED*****

Treasurer-Bob Dew: Presented the Profit & Loss Report.

M/ Gordy Dorey

SEC//Joe Agius

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

***** MOTION CARRIED *****

Chaplain-Rick Popa: 1. Gary Boucher(Ouch) is still having Hip complications.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius: No Report.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- Membership is now at 192 members. AVVA membership -49. Rick Ciaramitaro was drawn for Life Membership! Congratulations, Rick!!

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – No Report.

Product Sales: Gary Boucher – No Report.

State Product Sales - John Riling: John thanked the convention delegates for their help selling products during the national convention.

Public Affairs: Don Dignan. Mens Auxiliary Golf Outing, September 26, 2009 at Rolling Meadows Golf Course. \$60.00 Tickets.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor: Tom Brown.

- We did not win any of the awards available for Best Newsletter, Website, etc.
- John Phelps was given a chapter 528 membership at the national convention.
- Jon Voight, Actor, worked diligently for a National Day of Recognition for Vietnam Veterans Saturday, March 28, 2010.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson:

- Remains of Captain Michael Speicher recovered August 2, 2009.
- Still have 1740 POW/MIAs, (53 are from Michigan).

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly: She attended the AVVA Luncheon at the National Convention.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik:

- The sign-in book continues to do well, and is helping to bring people into the lounge.
- October 3rd--October Fest. Authentic German food.
- Sweetest Day Dance, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets-\$10.00. Live Entertainment.

Agent Orange Chair- Vaughn Hull. No Report.

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little: No Report.

VVA State Council: Gary Estermyer. No Report.

Fundraising--Bob Dew. No Report.

Chapter Special Committee Reports:

- A. "528" Point Man Program- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro- It was an honor to have Ben Webster at Denny' last month.
- B. Chapter's Travel site update- Bob Dew - There is a contest to win a trip posted on the website.
- C. Kokomo Reunion (September 18-20th 2009) - Dale Luebke: 34 days and a wake up!

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

Fall Festival Meeting is Tuesday, August 18th. Bob Lamoureux will attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coast Guard's 219th Birthday. Dennis Shrewsbury--our only Coast Guard member graciously entertained us!

Donation-Motion requests: - None.

*******Motion Carried*******

Announcements:

VFW 50/50 raffle tickets on sale for \$5.00 each.

Fall Festival, September 10,11, and 12. Downtown Plymouth.

Sweetest Day Dance, Saturday, October 17, 2009, 8pm-Midnight, Tickets: \$10.00.

Next Membership Business Meeting is: Monday, September 14, 2009 at the VFW Post

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

M/ Gordy Dorey

/SEC//Rick Popa

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MIKE STEFFES

RON KING