

VFW SILVER STATE POST 3396
Minutes of Post Regular Meeting

Date Meeting Held: April 14th, 2020

Location of Meeting: Teleconference meeting

Members Present: 15 Members

Guests present: 01

State/District Officers Present:

- Department Commander Tony Yarbrough

OPENING CEREMONIES:

- Suspended due to ease of teleconference meeting
- Commander Aragon Opening remarks - COVID - 19 update and Post options
- Prayer conducted by Jerome Washington
- Meeting declared open at 7:00 p.m.
- Commander Aragon - for the ease of the meeting the adjutant will facilitate conference call.

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS:

Commander Jose Aragon	P
Sr. Vice Commander Jess Tiffany	P
Jr. Vice Commander Jerome Washington	P
Quartermaster Jim Stewart	P
Chaplain Charise Washington	P
Trustee (1 year) Vincent Beal	E
Trustee (2 year) Edward Holler	P
Trustee (3 year) Richard Perez	E
Surgeon Tyrus Dawson	A
Judge Advocate Donald Stockton	P
Adjutant David Sousa	P
Service Officer David Sousa	P
Officer of the Day Edward Holler	P

Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)

Roll Call of all members on conference call:

- Richard Hamilton
- Daniel Walker
- Carl Fishel
- Richard Gammick
- Cadence Beck

A quorum was established and present throughout the meeting.

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READING AND REFERRING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- DANIEL R. WALKER - TRANSFER APPROVED

READING OF MINUTES:

- Minutes will stand as posted and approved

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER; DISBURSEMENTS; RECEIPTS:

- See Attached Report provided by Quartermaster Stewart
- The quartermaster report stands as presented, subject to audit - Motion: David Sousa, Second by Jesse Tiffany, Motion Passed
- Post Audit will be sent to trustees for approval - forwarded back to QM for further processing

Membership and Buddy Check

- Calls were made to update members contact members

COMRADE OR FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?

- Vincent Beal had a minor heart attack is at home recovering
- Tomas Utley passed away Nov 24, 2019
- Dennis Schoonover wife is home battling cancer and encourages prayer support
- Carl Fishel - Cancer removed - is doing good

REPORTS OF ALL COMMITTEES (No Reports):

A. Membership: Chairman Jess Tiffany

- Currently at 88.58%
- Needing 25 Members for 100%
- 21 members are expiring prior to June 30, 2020

B. Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen (November 1, 2020)

- The VOD 2020-21 theme is: Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?
- The PP 2020-21 theme is: What is Patriotism to Me?

C. VFW Teacher of the Year (November 1, 2020)

- Nothing to report

D. VFW Safety Awards (Firemen, Police, and Paramedics) (Jan 1, 2021)

- Nothing to report

E. Buddy Poppy Program Jessie Tiffany Chairman

- Nothing to report

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Reading of Communications.
2. **Update:** Cancellation of National Convention in Reno Nevada July 2020. Again No National Convention in July 2020.
3. **Update:** Contacting the Last Out group to possibly reschedule the performance until July 2021 to add it on the Art Town Calendar and work out a better venue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Elections:** Post Officers for 2020-2021

Commander Jerome Washington - Accepted Nomination
Sr. Vice Commander Jess Tiffany - Accepted Nomination
Jr. Vice Commander Richard Gammick - Accepted Nomination
Quartermaster Jim Stewart - Accepted Nomination
Chaplain Ed Holler - Accepted Nomination
Trustee (1 year) Richard Perez - Accepted Nomination
Trustee (2 year) Jose Aragon - Accepted Nomination
Trustee (3 year) Donald Stockton - Accepted Nomination

2. Motion by David Sousa to cast one vote for all non contested positions. Seconded by Jim Stewart all approved.
3. Installation of Elected Post Officers performed by State Commander Tony Yarbrough - Each officer agreed with the Officer Obligation.
4. Commander Elect Washington Appointed the following:
 - 4.1. Adjutant: David Sousa
 - 4.2. Judge Advocate/ Service Officer: Donald Stockton
 - 4.3. Surgeon/ Hospital Chairman: Jesse Tiffany
5. **Information:** Auxiliary support for Buddy Poppy option. The post will advise that we have a PO Box and EIN number available for the Buddy Poppy donations. Our post website has a donation page that sends out receipts that has our EIN number included.
6. **Information:** VFW Post 3396 will celebrate its 79th Anniversary on May 14, 2020 - the request is to have a dinner and small ceremony at our May 12th meeting. This is all contingent on COVID-19 CDC and Local representative recommendations.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. District 3 Convention May 2, 2020 at 10am
2. Post 3396 meeting May 12, 2020 Possible in-person dinner meeting
3. Several reports of events closing down due to COVID - 19

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GOOD OF THE ORDER (Continued):

4. Please visit our website vfw3393.org and Facebook site for updated information
5. Every member on the Conference call had opportunity to brief members.
6. State Commander Yarbrough updated post and commended them during this tuff time
7. Post Commander appreciated all that the members have done for his time

NEXT POST MEETING:

- The next meeting of VFW Post 3396 will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the American Legion Post 30 or telephone conference call.

- Meeting concluded at 7:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
VFW POST 3396

By: _____
David Sousa
Adjutant

Minutes approved: _____