

VFW SILVER STATE POST 3396
Minutes of Post Regular Meeting

Date Meeting Held: August 11th, 2020

Location of Meeting: Teleconference/ In-Person meeting

Members Present: 06 Members In-Person and 11 Members on-line

Guests present: 01

State/District Officers Present:

- Department Chaplain Jerome Washington

OPENING CEREMONIES:

- Conducted in accordance with VFW Ritual
- Prayer conducted by Edward Holler
- Meeting declared open at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS:

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

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

Roll Call of all members on conference call:

- Joe Henle
- Jim Stewart
- Ed Holler
- Felipe Gutierrez
- Vince Beall
- Candace Lopez
- Jess Tiffany
- Ryan Coverdell
- Richard Gammick

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A quorum was established and present throughout the meeting.

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

- NONE Reported

READING OF MINUTES:

- Minutes was distributed by Adjutant Sousa - No addition or Corrections were made or suggested

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER; DISBURSEMENTS; RECEIPTS:

- QM report by Jim Stewart
- Post insurance documents - due in August
- Post Audit completed in July

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:

- Compensation and Pension and Nevada Advocate course thru the Nevada Department of Veterans Services
- Missions Act for caregivers compensation - 1 Oct approve WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Wars are now being compensated. Applies to all families members the meet the requirements.
- Post Service Officer training is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6pm.

COMRADE OR FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?

- Sam from VFW Post 9211 wife passed away we will update members on any arraignments.

REPORT ON ALL COMMITTEES:

- **Membership (Gammick):**
 - Current total 205 members as of August 4th, 2021; Life 173, 32 Annual Members. Of the 32 members we have 21 that are due to expire on/ or Prior to June 30, 2021.
 - Department Goal is 100% and All American Goal is 115% Post will need 46 members to renew, new or reinstate to meet this goal.
 - VFW National membership conducts training check out calendar for day and times. All Training is available online.
 - We will need some volunteers to conduct buddy checks on our members. If interested contact Chairman Gammick for details.
- **Voice of Democracy (Washington):** The VOD theme will be "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"
- **Patriot Pen (Washington):** The Patriot's Pen theme will be "What is Patriotism to Me?"
- **Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award (Washington):** The post will need a submission from each level Elementary, Middle, and High school.
- **Community Service Reporting (Aragon):** If you perform community service please report online or to Aragon for submission.
- **Buddy Poppy (Snider):**
 - 2 boxes of Buddy Poppies ordered for this year

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- **Newsletter/PAO/Webmaster (Sousa):** If anyone want to help out updating the website and creating a newsletter notify David Sousa. Starting fundraiser for Youth Programs thru GOFUNDME

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Reading of Communications.
2. **Update:** Last Out: Elegy of a Green Beret - Cancelled/Postponed until February 2021
3. **Update:** Donation to VFW National Home for Children for \$100.00 - posted
4. **Update:** Donation to Veterans and Military Service for \$100.00 - posted
5. **Update:** Support the Nevada Memorial Plaza Golf tournament for \$1,000.00. Participants will reimburse the post for their own Golf for \$800.00 the post will pay \$200.00 for hole sponsorship - competed, we will need volunteer to man booth during event.
6. **Information:** VFW Post 3396 Jerry Lazzari Scholarship Dinner planned for December 5th, 2020 will take place at the Nugget Casino. We will award our VOD, PP, Teacher Awards, and VA Nursing Students Scholarships. We are in need of a planning committee
7. **Information:** VFW Post 3396 80th Birthday Celebration for May 2021 need of a planning committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reading of Communication
2. **Information:** VFW General Order No. 1 2020-2021 series.
3. **Information:** The post hiking/waking group will have a hike to Mt. Rose on September 5, all are encouraged to join. Eventbrite link set up and volunteers are needed get with David Sousa.
4. **Information:** The Auxiliary is looking for some assistance at the VA Hospital to pay for CLC Birthday and Bingo. We are not allowed to enter the facility but we can pay and the staff will host on our behalf. Approximate cost is \$90.00.
5. **Training Opportunity:** We will host on Free Conference Call for assisting our Service Officer class to go over what documents a veteran may need and how to get them. The training is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6pm. It will be online and will have a moderator to ensure all questions are addressed.
6. **Motion:** Jose Aragon made a motion for the post to buy Department Ways and Means refill tickets in the amount of \$100.00, Second by Richard Perez. **Motion Carried.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. **Missing in Action funeral:** 2d LT Lowell Tewdt WWII veterans laid to rest on Augu 8 - several members attended all services. The family were very appreciate of the support from VFW Post 3396.
2. ROTC Scholarship: Our member Christopher Schroeder worked with Post chaplain holler to award a JROTC graduate a 4 year full scholarship to UNR ROTC program.
3. Nevada Memorial Plaza Golf tournament August 30, 2020 at Red Hawk Golf at 8am.
4. Department Commander Beltran Homecoming and COA on September 19 at VFW post 10047 Las Vegas
5. VA Annual Veteran Stand down for homeless veterans will take place week of September 25, 2020
6. District 3 meeting - VFW Post 9211 on October 17 at 1pm
7. Nevada Day Parade - Cancelled
8. Veterans Day Parade in Reno - Cancelled

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9. VFW Western Conference: Cheyenne, Wyoming on November 5-8, 2020
10. January 15-16, 2021 Department Mid-Winter Conference in Mesquite
11. District 3 meeting - VFW Post 9211 on January 23, 2021 at 1pm
12. VOD/PP Legislative Conference in Washington DC on Feb 27-Mar 4, 2021
13. VFW Post 3396 Birthday Celebration on May 11, 2021 location TBD
14. District 3 Convention - VFW post 9211 on May 15, 2021 at 1pm
15. Department Convention in Hawthorne Nevada on June 16-19, 2021
16. National Convention in Baltimore on July 31-AUG 4, 2021

NEXT POST MEETING:

- The next meeting of VFW Post 3396 will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at the American Legion Post 30.

- Meeting concluded at 7:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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By: _____

David Sousa

Adjutant