

VFW SILVER STATE POST 3396
Minutes of Post Regular Meeting

Date Meeting Held: July 14th, 2020

Location of Meeting: Teleconference/ In-Person meeting

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

Guests present: 00

State/District Officers Present:

- None in Attendance

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

Roll Call of all members on conference call:

- Richard Gammick
- Peggy Bohn
- Ed Holler
- Jeremy Sumner
- Richard Hamilton
- Candace Lopez
- Christopher Schroeder

A quorum was established and present throughout the meeting.

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READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

- Carmelita Perez, Maria Ruvalcaba, Roger Mendez updated in OMS

READING OF MINUTES:

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

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER; DISBURSEMENTS; RECEIPTS:

- QM report delayed due to Jim Stewart illness
- QM Bond in the amount of \$45.00 was paid by David Sousa and forwarded on the Dept QM for processing
- Post insurance documents will be sent out this week - due in August
- Post Audit delayed due to Jim Stewart Illness

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:

- Assisted 4 Family Members in the community with access to death gratuity and service arrangements
- Assisted 2 Veterans with Gi Bill Issues - referred to VA Gi bill in Oklahoma
- Assisted 1 Veterans with access to Reno VA Hospital
- Benefit call will be in the next week

Membership and Buddy Check:

- Calls were made to update members contact members
- Reach out to Veterans during this difficult time

COMRADE OR FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?

- Jose Aragon Godmother passed away
- Jim Stewart illness is limiting his abilities
- Dennis Schoonover wife is home battling cancer and encourages prayer support
- Carl Fishel - is doing good

REPORT ON ALL COMMITTEES:

- **Membership (Gammick):**
 - Current total 201 members for 2021; Life 174, 24 Annual Members
 - Department Goal is 100% and All American Goal is 115% Post will need 56 members to renew, new or reinstate to meet this goal.
- **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): 29 Reports submitted:** Need a chair person to coordinate with members to submit CSR. If members cannot report on own the chair will consolidate and report CSR.
- **Buddy Poppy (Snider):**
 - Virtual Drive on gofundme currently at \$655.00. We need to set up other fundraisers for the post.

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- **Newsletter/PAO/Webmaster (Sousa):** If anyone want to help out updating the website and creating a newsletter notify David Sousa.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Reading of Communications.
2. **Update:** Last Out: Elegy of a Green Beret - Cancelled/Postponed until February 2021
3. **Update:** Irreverent Warriors - Reno Silkie hike will take place Saturday, July 18, 2020. This hike will have Service Members, Veterans, and our Post will have several people hiking. We need some volunteers to coordinate and facilitate one of the check points on the hike. VFW Post 9211 will have a party at their post after the hike. Contact the POC: Kristina Sharrada at 808-265-4880. VFW Post 9211 will have a party at their post after the hike.
4. **Update:** Flag day - The post is injuring for participants assisting in a Flag Retirement ceremony June 14, 2020.
5. **Update:** VFW Post 3396 80th Birthday Celebration for May 11, 2021 Planning committee.
6. **Update:** T-shirt order arrived on July 14.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reading of Communication
2. **Motion:** Sousa motioned to donate to VFW National Home for Children for \$100.00. Second by Daniel Walker. **Motion Carried**
3. **Motion:** Sousa Motioned to donate to Veterans and Military Service for \$100.00. Second by Daniel Walker. **Motion Carried**
4. **Motion:** Sousa Motioned to Support the Nevada Memorial Plaza Golf tournament on Aug 30 for \$1,000.00. Second by Daniel Walker. Participants will reimburse the post for their own Golf for \$800.00 the post will pay \$200.00 for hole sponsorship. **Motion Carried**
5. **Motion:** Sousa Motioned to support the Jerry Lazzari VA Nursing Student and Post Youth Awards night on Saturday, December 5. Second by Jose Aragon. Moving our Nursing dinner from October to include our Youth awards night for the post and move it to another venue in Sparks. **Motion Carries**
6. **Motion:** Aragon Motioned to purchase 4 wreaths not to exceed \$60.00 from the Northern Nevada Veteran's Coalition. Second By David Sousa. Discussion was on future purchasing wreaths for the Sparks area to place on memorials in town. **Motion Carries**
7. **Motion:** Aragon Motioned to purchase 2 Boxes for Buddy Poppies from the Department Quartermaster. Second By David Sousa. **Motion Carries**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. **Information:** Scholarships for ROTC Students - contact Christopher Schroeder
2. **Information:** Sewer rebate program for city of reno and sparks sent to members - discussion mail/email to city hall. Washington will provide VA award letters if needed
3. Veterans Stand Down for homeless Veterans at VA outreach office on September 21st. The post will serve coffee and we will need some volunteers to assist a safe time.
4. VFW Western Conference: Cheyenne, Wyoming on November 5-8, 2020 - Our Auxiliary President Shirley Sousa will be elected Western Conference President

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5. VFW Members will meet to clean up parks in Sparks - date time TBD
6. Washoe County Health Department looking for volunteers for sites - POC Daniel Walker
7. VFW Still Serving Celebration July 20-24, 2020
8. Please visit our website vfw3393.org and Facebook site for updated information
9. Every member on the Conference call had opportunity to brief members.
10. 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, August 11th, 2020 at the American Legion Post 30.
- Meeting concluded at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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By: _____

David Sousa

Adjutant