

VFW SILVER STATE POST 3396
Minutes of Post Regular Meeting

Date Meeting Held: June 9th, 2020

Location of Meeting: Teleconference/ In-Person meeting

Members Present: 12 Members In-Person and 10 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	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	A
Surgeon Jess Tiffany	P
Judge Advocate Donald Stockton	A
Adjutant David Sousa	P
Service Officer Donald Stockton	A
Officer of the Day Edward Holler	P

Roll Call of all members on conference call:

- Jim Stewart
- Richard Gammick
- Jesse Tiffany

A quorum was established and present throughout the meeting.

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

- Refereed from Committee for approval: Carmelita Perez earned eligibility in Afghanistan
- Second by David Sousa - Motion to accept approved.

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READING OF MINUTES:

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

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER; DISBURSEMENTS; RECEIPTS:

- QM Jim Stewart provided QM report in detail
- Two outstanding transactions Irreverent Warrior Silkie Hike donation and District 3 Dues
- Robert Snider made a motion to accept the QM report subject to audit, Second by Jesse Tiffany; Motion Carried

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:

- Post members reached out to several veterans in the community
- We visited a 97 year old WWII veteran at Brookdale Nursing home to wish him a Happy Birthday
- We visited our WWII Members at the Nevada State Veterans home thru social distancing Calls

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 advised of wife surgery later this month
- Dennis Schoonover wife is home battling cancer and encourages prayer support
- Carl Fishel - will have another surgery in California - is doing good

REPORT ON ALL COMMITTEES:

- **Membership:**
 - Current total 200 or 91.32%, Expiring by June 30 a total of 11 members - if they renew the post will have 96% in membership for the year.
 - Expiring members: Annis, Gunnar; Azare, Collier; Breuer, Christopher; Coverdale, Warren; David, Zatic; Dawson, David; Franco, Edward; Gantar, Justin; Littlejohn, Martin; Magana-Villanueva, Jorge; Remschner, Dan
- **Voice of Democracy:** The VOD theme will be "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"
- **Patriot Pen:** The Patriot's Pen theme will be "What is Patriotism to Me?"
- **Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award:** The post will need a submission from each level Elementary, Middle, and High school.
- **Community Service Reporting:** 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: JOSE ARAGON Chairman**
 - Virtual Drive on gofundme currently at \$745.00. We need to set up other fundraisers for the post.
- **Newsletter/PAO/Webmaster:** Chairman David Sousa - If anyone want to help out updating the website and creating a newsletter notify David

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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. Contact the POC: Kristina Sharrada at 808-265-4880. VFW Post 9211 will have a party at their post after the hike.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Flag Day: The post is hosting a Flag Retirement ceremony June 14, 2020 at 12pm at the American Legion Hall Post 30. We will conduct an honorable ceremony to dispose unserviceable flags with the ashes sent to the Fernley Veterans Cemetery for proper disposal. Contact David Sousa at 775-544-8786
2. Flag Day: The VA Hospital will have a drive by Flag Ceremony on Sunday, June 14 from 10:30am to 11:30am. If you want participate please show up at 10am in the parking lot on the corner of Kirman ave and E. Taylor Street. Contact David Sousa at 775-544-8786
3. VFW Post 3396 80th Birthday Celebration for May 2021 Planning committee. Contact David Sousa at 775-544-8786

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Nevada National Guard Army's 245 Birthday, Friday June 12 at 10:30am at the JFHQ complex. Live facebook broadcast with guest speaker 1st LT (ret) Andy LePeilbet.
2. World War II Marine Veterans Bane Stevens Memorial on June 19th at 11am at the East Side Memorial Park, 1600 Buckeye rd, Minden, Nevada
3. Veterans Stand down September we will need some volunteers
4. VFW Western Conference: Cheyenne, Wyoming on November 5-8, 2020 - Our Auxiliary President Shirley Sousa will be elected Western Conference President
5. Please visit our website vfw3393.org and Facebook site for updated information
6. Every member on the Conference call had opportunity to brief members.
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, July 14th, 2020 at the American Legion Post 30.
- Meeting concluded at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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By: _____

David Sousa
Adjutant