

VFW SILVER STATE POST 3396
Minutes of Post Regular Meeting

Date Meeting Held: April 09, 2019

Location of Meeting: American Legion Post 30 Sparks, Nevada

Members Present: 9 Members

Guests present: 1

State/District Officers Present:

- **Tony Marshall - Commander Post 10047**

OPENING CEREMONIES:

- Sr. Vice Commander Tiffany conducted the opening ceremonies in due form. Charise Washington delivered the opening prayer.
- Draping the Charter for Past Commander and Life Member Ralph Christie conducted in due form. Ralph was instrumental in creating a Korean memorial at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley Nevada and was dedicated to all veterans.
- Meeting declared open at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL OF POST OFFICERS:

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

A quorum was established and present throughout the meeting.

Commander Jose Aragon	E
Sr. Vice Commander Jessie Tiffany	P
Jr. Vice Commander Jerome Washington	P
Quartermaster Jim Stewart	P
Chaplain Charise Washington	P
Trustee (1 year) Robert Snider	A
Trustee (2 year) Vincent Bell	P
Trustee (3 year) Marian Davis	E
Surgeon Frank Greenwood	A
Judge Advocate Charles Seifers	A
Adjutant David Sousa	E
Service Officer Robert Snider	A
Officer of the Day Ed Holler	P

READING AND REFERRING OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- NONE

MUSTERING IN OF RECRUITS:

- None to Report

READING OF MINUTES:

- Minutes will stand as posted and distributed

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER; DISBURSEMENTS; RECEIPTS:

- See Attached Report provided by Jim Stewart
- The quartermaster report stands as presented, subject to audit - Motion: Jerome Washington, Second by Richard Perez, Motion Passed

READING OF BILLS:

- No Bills

REPORT OF SERVICE OFFICER:

- No Report

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:

- None to report.

BALLOTING FOR CANDIDATES:

- No Report

COMRADE OR FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?

- Ralph Christie Passed Away
- Sheldon Biegel visited the ER last week
- Bob Page in the CLC (visited by Chaplain and several members)

REPORTS OF ALL COMMITTEES:

- A. Membership: Chairman Jess Tiffany
 - Congratulation Post membership is at 105.63%
- B. Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen (November 1)
 - Jerome Washington Chairman
- C. VFW Teacher of the Year (November 1)
 - Jerome Washington Chairman

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- D. VFW Safety Awards (Firemen, Police, and Paramedics) (Jan 1 Due)
 - Visiting locations in September
- E. Poppy Program Jessie Tiffany Chairman
 - Dominic Smith at SAMs Club - April 2019
- F. Fundraiser: David Sousa Chairman
 - National Grant received for two Programs
 - \$5,000.00 March 4 Heroes - July 6, 2019
 - \$3,000.00 Operation Battle Born March - May 17-27, 2019
- G. Newsletter/PAO/webmaster: Chairman David Sousa
 - Website update and Ads - need sponsors
 - Donald Stockton created Instagram page

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN:

- Conducted in due form.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Reading of Communications.
 - (1) 2019 Priority Goals for Legislative session distributed
2. **Update:** Bataan Memorial Death March final update. Our sponsored team in Las Vegas came in second place
3. **Information:** a \$5,000.00 VFW National Grant was approved/awarded and the post is awaiting the deposit. The Post will compete a contract with Orange Sky Events for \$1,000.00. Orange Sky Events will be the promoter and timer for the event. The run "March 4 Heroes" will take place on July 6, 2019 and will be published on the itsyourrace platform.
4. **Information:** a \$3,000.00 National Grant was approved/awarded toward the Operation Battle Born March in May 2019. The Truckee Meadows Community College Veterans Center will do this march simulate to last year's. The support from Nation office will assist the Operation Battle Born be successful. Any unused portions will be used for our VFW Post 3396 team to attend the event in Hawthorn Nevada on May 19.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion: Ballot for new Officers:** All positions were passed in according with bylaws and ritual
 - A. Commander: Jose Aragon
 - B. Senior Vice Commander: Jess Tiffany
 - C. Junior Vice Commander: Jerome Washington
 - D. Quartermaster: Jim Stewart
 - E. Chaplain: Charise Washington
 - F. Judge Advocate: Donald Stockton
 - G. Surgeon: Larry Dawson

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- H. 1 year Trustee: Vincent Beall
- I. 2 year Trustee: Ed Holler
- J. 3 year Trustee: Richard Perez
- K. Adjutant: David Sousa
- L. Service Officer: David Sousa
- M. Officer of the Day: Ed Holler

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. April 17 - Easter Celebration at the VA Hospital
2. May 14 - VFW Post 3396 will have a Joint Installation Dinner and no meeting for the month of May
3. May 26 - VFW Post will participate in the Chevy Car Classic Military Support - Buddy Poppy and Membership drive

Commander Aragon Report to Members

Welcome to our new members and Thank You to all members and families volunteering on behalf of the post.

NEXT POST MEETING:

- The next meeting of VFW Post 3396 will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the American Legion Post 30.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

- Conducted in due form. Charise Washington delivered the closing prayer. Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
VFW POST 3396

By: David Sousa
David Sousa
Adjutant

Minutes approved: _____