

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

William B. Pate Post 7401

District 10

Chandler, Arizona

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** January 5, 2010  
**TIME:** 1903  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 17; with 0 new members in attendance  
**GUESTS:** D10 Senior Vice Commander Ken Marshall  
**ABSENT:** John Schneider, Jim Draves, Dick Fulton, John Bodak (all excused)

1. **OPENING.** The meeting was called to order by Commander Tom Welch. The Chaplain delivered the opening prayer, Salute to the Colors was rendered, and the Pledge of Allegiance and Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter were recited.

2. **MINUTES.** Motion was made and seconded (Elley and McBroom) to dispense with the reading of the minutes of last month's meeting since they had been passed out to attendees. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **DRAPING OF THE CHARTER:** N/A

4. **REPORTS:**

a. **QUARTERMASTER** (Jerry Weagant): Business has been good. All bills are paid. Motion was made and seconded (Cador and Kurandt) to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

b. **SERVICE OFFICER** (Jeff DeWitt): Veterans assisted for the month of December: 1

NOTE: Members were reminded that the Service Officer position exists to assist veterans with Department of Veterans Affairs paperwork and to spread the word in the event someone approaches the Post in need of assistance.

c. **CHAPLAIN** (John Nelson): no report

d. **MEMBERS IN DISTRESS:** None

e. **MEMBERSHIP** (Jerry Weagant for John Schneider): 5 new membership applications were received. The Post is at 92.01%. All members are asked to encourage members to pay dues that might not be current and to solicit new membership where possible.

f. **AMERICANISM (CITIZENSHIP & EDUCATION):** no report

- g. **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY** (John Schneider): no report
  - h. **YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** no report
  - i. **POW/MIA:** no report
  - j. **HOSPITAL:** no report
  - j. **SAFETY:** no report
  - l. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** no report
  - m. **PUBLICITY:** no report
  - m. **SCOUTING:** no report
  - o. **NATIONAL HOME:** no report
  - p. **DIVERSITY:** no report
  - q. **PATRIOT'S PEN:** no report
  - r. **TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** no report
  - s. **POLICEMAN/FIREMAN/PARAMEDIC:** no report
  - t. **NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES:** no report
  - u. **PAST COMMANDERS:** no report
  - v. **CLUB COMMITTEES** (John Bodak): no report
  - w. **BUDDY POPPY:** no report
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** none
7. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**
- a. (Ken Marshall) Jan 9<sup>th</sup> is the next district steak fry at Post 3713 in Coolidge.
  - b. (Ken Marshall) Jan 17<sup>th</sup> is the next District meeting at 9:00 with lunch served around noon in Post 7401.
  - c. (Ken Marshall) Jan 16<sup>th</sup> is the Department of Arizona Voice of Democracy banquet at Post

1720 in Phoenix.

d. (Commander Tom Welch) The Ladies Auxiliary is looking to hold an Americanism related Buddy Poppy drive soon. Stay tuned for more details.

e. (Member Byron Weston) The home for homeless veterans is doing well with their volunteer list but is still in need of clothes, shoes and hygiene items.

f. (Commander Tom Welch) Has 800+ self watering plants to donate. Once seeds are obtained, delivery will be made.

g. (Member Chris K\_\_\_\_) Recommended putting together a letter with VFW letterhead to solicit donations to the post from local businesses such as WalMart who may have a community involvement fund to help offset the costs of some of the maintenance and repair of the facilities, etc.

h. (Member Byron Weston) Operation Stand Down in Phoenix will next be held in February at the Memorial Coliseum.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1923 hrs after the closing prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2010 at 1900 hours, in the hall of Post 7401.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jeffrey DeWitt  
Post 7401 Adjutant