

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

William B. Pate Post 7401

District 10

Chandler, Arizona

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** February 2, 2010  
**TIME:** 1903  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 20; with 0 new members in attendance  
**GUESTS:** none  
**ABSENT:** Dick Fulton and John Nelson

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 (Schneider and Cador) 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): Accounts are in good shape. The Post finished strong in January. All bills past due have been paid.

b. **SERVICE OFFICER** (Jeff DeWitt): Veterans assisted for the month of January: 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 95.75%. 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): The official Post winner was Mary Herbert from Chandler Heights, AZ.

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:** The three official winners were Jacob Vaught from Hamilton Prep, Mia Pina from Willis Junior High and Madison DePiero from Hamilton Prep.

r. **TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** The official winner was Kristin Miller, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary.

s. **POLICEMAN/FIREMAN/PARAMEDIC:** no report

t. **NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES:** no report

u. **PAST COMMANDERS:** no report

v. **CLUB COMMITTEES** (John Bodak): Post is doing well. Equipment in good shape. A new grease trap will be installed. The back door will be locked during the late evening hours so there's only one entry point into the building. March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an event to help Banner Kids cancer fund.

w. **BUDDY POPPY:** no report

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Jim Draves made a motion to donate \$100 to the VFW National Military Service. Second from John Schneider. No discussion. Motion carried.

b. Jim Draves made a motion to donate \$150 to District 10 to support the district's hospitality room at the state convention.

**7. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

a. (Chris K) Wanted to know if anything was needed to help in the March 14<sup>th</sup> event. John Bodak explained that all food is being donated as well as toys. Concern was expressed to ensure the toys were germ free. Banner hospital takes care of that.

b. (Tom Welch) Will be attending a state level meeting to possibly introduce a lottery fundraiser to assist veterans in the state. More to come.

c. (Jim Draves) Nominations for office for officer positions in the 2010-2011 operating year will be accepted at the March meeting. If you're looking to get involved, attend the meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1933 hrs after the closing prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2010 at 1900 hours, in the hall of Post 7401.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jeffrey DeWitt  
Post 7401 Adjutant