

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
William B. Pate Post 7401
District 10
Chandler, Arizona

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

DATE: March 2, 2010
TIME: 1903
MEMBERS PRESENT: 24; with 0 new members in attendance
GUESTS: Roger Gowen, District 10 Commander
ABSENT: John Nelson

1. **OPENING.** The meeting was called to order by Commander Tom Welch. The Jim Draves filled in for the Chaplain and 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 Kurandt) 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 February. All bills past due have been paid. Many events coming.

b. **SERVICE OFFICER** (Jeff DeWitt): Veterans assisted for the month of February: 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): 4 new membership applications were received. The Post is at 97.45%. 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): Closed

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:** closed

r. **TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** closed

s. **POLICEMAN/FIREMAN/PARAMEDIC:** closed

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 was installed. The back door will be locked during the late evening hours so there's only one entry point into the building. If members need a key to the back door because they need to enter for some reason, see the Club Committee members. New panic hardware was installed. Termites have been taken care of. March 15th there will be an event to help Banner Kids cancer fund.

w. **BUDDY POPPY:** no report

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Nominations were received and accepted for the 2010-2011 Operating Year:

Commander -- John Schneider and Tom Welch

Senior Vice Commander: Kurt Kurandt

Junior Vice Commander: Pete Frazier

Quartermaster: Jerry Weagant

Judge Advocate: LoriAnn Siegfried

Surgeon: Fred Blevins

Chaplain: None

1 year trustee: to be decided

NOTE: Additional nominations will be accepted at the April meeting. Elections will take place at the April meeting as well.

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

a. (Chris Kryskowiak) Addressed situation in the Post where he felt castigated. Commander noted the concern.

b. (Roger Gowen)

- District 10 Steak Fry is April 10 at Post 7401. There will also be a Past District Commander / President Dinner: 1700 Cocktails and 1800 dinner.

- District 10 convention is April 18 at Post 3713, 328 W. Coolidge Ave. Coolidge, AZ. 1000 Meeting, 1300 Joint Installation.

- Department of Arizona convention is June 10-12 at the Phoenix Marriott in Mesa.

- Loyalty Day is May 1st. Posts are encouraged to have a flag raising event at a minimum. Loyalty Day is observed on May 1 in the United States. It is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

c. (Tom Welch) March 14th bike run at 10:00 to benefit children with cancer. \$10.00 admission with toy or \$15.00 without toy. Members are welcome. There will be food, live band, auctions, raffles etc. The Post building will still be open to membership.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1927 hrs after the closing prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2010 at 1900 hours, in the hall of Post 7401.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jeffrey DeWitt
Post 7401 Adjutant