

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

DATE: April 6, 2010
TIME: 1900
MEMBERS PRESENT: 23; with 1 new members in attendance
Roger Gowen, District 10 Commander; Ken Marshall, District
GUESTS: 10 Vice Commander; Janie Miller, District 10 Adjutant; Darlene
Tryon, Post 7968 Junior Vice Commander
ABSENT: NONE

1. **OPENING.** The meeting was called to order by Commander Tom Welch. Chaplain John Nelson 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 (Draves 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): Accounts are in good shape.

b. **SERVICE OFFICER** (Jeff DeWitt): Veterans assisted for the month of March: 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 and John Schneider): 5 new membership applications were received. The Post is at 99.79%. All members are asked to encourage fellow annual 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:** 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. City of Chandler Community Service provides labor for cleaning in the Post which has saved the Post a lot of money. Games are going well. Preparations have begun for the April 10th District Steak Fry.
 - w. **BUDDY POPPY:** no report
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nominations were and voting were concluded for the 2010-2011 Operating Year:

Commander -- John Schneider and Tom Welch were both were nominated and both accepted the nomination at the March meeting. UPDATE: Tom Welch has removed his name from consideration. No more nominations were made. One unanimous vote was cast for John Schneider as Commander.

Senior Vice Commander: Kurt Kurandt was nominated and accepted the nomination at the March meeting. UPDATE: No more nominations were made. One unanimous vote was cast for Kurt Kurandt as Senior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander: Pete Frazier was nominated and accepted the nomination at the March meeting. UPDATE: No more nominations were made. One unanimous vote was cast for Pete Frazer as Junior Vice Commander.

Quartermaster: Jerry Weagant was nominated and accepted the nomination at the March meeting. UPDATE: No more nominations were made. One unanimous vote was cast for Jerry Weagant as Quartermaster.

Judge Advocate: LoriAnn Siegfried was nominated and accepted the nomination at the March meeting. UPDATE: No more nominations were made. One unanimous vote was cast for LoriAnn Siegfried as Judge Advocate.

Surgeon: Fred Blevins was nominated and accepted the nomination at the March meeting. UPDATE: Fred Blevins withdrew his name from consideration. Dan Sheehan was nominated and accepted the nomination. One unanimous vote was cast for Dan Sheehan as Surgeon.

Chaplain: No nominations were made at the March meeting. UPDATE: John Nelson was nominated and accepted the nomination. One unanimous vote was cast for John Nelson for Chaplain.

3 year trustee: John Korinek was nominated and accepted the nomination. One unanimous vote was cast for John Korinek for 3 year trustee.

2 year Club Committee: Fred Blevins and Chuck Berryhill were nominated and both accepted. A vote was held and Fred Blevins won the majority vote. One unanimous vote was cast for Fred Blevins for 2 year Club Committee.

3 year Club Committee: Tom Welch was nominated and accepted the nomination. One unanimous vote was cast for Tom Welch for 3 year Club Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS: None

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

a. (Jim Draves)

- The Cooties will be going to the state nursing home for veterans on April 10th. Those wishing to volunteer can either travel themselves but need to arrive by 10:30 at the nursing home or meet at the post at 9:45 and proceed together. A barbecue will be served to the vets. The home is located at 3rd Street and Indian School.

- The Ladies Auxiliary will have an open faced pork sandwich or meat loaf sandwich sale on April 7th.

- The District Steak Fry will be held at Post 7401 on Saturday, April 10th. Cocktails at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00.

b. (Darlene Tryon; Post 7968)

- The District 10 Convention will be held April 18th at Post 3713, 328 W. Coolidge Ave. Coolidge, AZ. 1000 Meeting, 1300 Joint Installation. Ms. Tryon is running for District Judge Advocate and would appreciate your vote. She is the office manager at the Mesa Veterans Center. She is a retired Master Sergeant from the US Air Force with 26 years of service. She served the last 5 years on the Inspector General team. She feels she has the skills needed for the position.

(c) Janie Miller (D10 Adjutant)

- Announced she has been asked to preside over the Post Installation ceremony at a future date and has accepted

(d) Ken Marshall (D10, Senior Vice)

- Congratulated the Post on achieving 100% in membership. Recommended the Post not rest on that and begin working the 2010-2011 membership numbers now.

- There will be a District 10 planning meeting on May 22nd. This meeting will be the opportunity for Posts to volunteer for quarterly District Steak Fry's and quarterly District Meetings.

(e) Roger Gowen (D10, Commander)

- Thanked the Post for their hospitality.

- REPEAT from March minutes: Department of Arizona convention is June 10-12 at the Phoenix Marriott in Mesa.

- REPEAT from March minutes: 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.

e. (Tom Welch) March 14th bike run to benefit children with cancer went well.

f. (Jeff DeWitt) Introduced Mickey Myers as a volunteer for the position of Service Officer for the Post. Members Bill Tell and Mark Jordan also introduced themselves and volunteered to also help out in the Service Officer role for the Post.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 1942 hrs after the closing prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2010 at 1900 hours, in the hall of Post 7401.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jeffrey DeWitt
Post 7401 Adjutant