

Minutes of Post 4108

General Meeting

July 06, 2017

Post meeting commenced at 1900 hours with 16 members present. Opening ceremonies include the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer by the Post Chaplin. Commander Guthrie recited Section 3 of the Congressional Charter and opened the meeting to transact business.

I. POW/MIA was honored at this time.

II. The draping of the Charter was accomplished in memory of Comrade Don E. Adams.

III. Roll Call of Officers: All present except absentees and excused officers which have been noted.

IV. Membership applications for:

Jeff Ruthardt, Transfer from Post 1643 Bend Oregon

Todd Berliner, Transfer from Post 15038 "Member at Large."

Motion was made by John Wrinkle and seconded by Martin Baltazar to approve membership applications. Motion passed.

V. The attending post comrades reviewed copies of the previous post meeting. Motion was made by Don DeLand and seconded by Judith Burger to approve the June minutes. Motion passed.

VI. Quartermaster report was given by Dan Tureck. The Comrades present asked questions, which were answered by the Quartermaster. It was decided to stay with the existing broker for finances.

VII. Service Officer report was given by Comrade Steller.

A. Helped several Veterans find information on different programs offered in the area.

B. The VFW State Service Office, Michael Miller is leaving in October. The office is in the process of hiring a replacement.

C. 695 service hours were performed.

VIII. Comrade/Family in distress?

IX. Committees:

A. Chaplin: visited Hal Robbins.

B. House Committee: Comrade John Wrinkle was elected House Committee Chairman

- Comrade Brock has received Home Depot Gift Cards as part of the \$3600 grant he worked on. The Post will include work on the Art Horsell and Auxiliary meeting room. In addition, the bathrooms will be tiled. He will be working with Home depot to schedule work. The grant also includes providing us with the paint to repaint the Hall. This will require a work party by the post.
- The three swamp coolers have been worked on. The work included replacing the pads, floats and belts. During installing new belts, a pulley bearing has gone out on the kitchen's swamp cooler. We are looking at replacing it. This may be a problem because of the age our swamp coolers. In the meantime the house Committee apologizes for the inconvenience this will cause the kitchen staff.
- Comrade Jeff Chappell is working on replacing damaged horseshoe pit backstops.
- Comrade Jason Brock is looking at replenishing the Canteen's hat supplies. He has been authorized to spend up to \$300 to purchase 20 hats. We are anticipating an increase in recruiting events and the hats attract veterans and sell.
- Comrade Jason Brock is looking at a company to replace existing light bulbs with free energy efficient bulbs.
- Comrade Jason Brock is researching the best option for the Post to offer a phone messaging system that will allow the Post and Auxiliary members to access messages that directly affect their programs, such as Canteen/Hall rental, Post/Commander, Service Officer, Honor Guard, Quartermaster, House Committee, Auxiliary/President, Auxiliary Kitchen, Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support and Auxiliary Treasurer.
- The roofing contractor has been contacted and we are working on scheduling the Post for a roof inspection for leaks that persisted after the new roofing material was installed.
- We are looking at restriping the parking lot and will need a work party to help us get this work done.
- The House Committee appreciates the work parties that have been helping with the patio cleanup.

C. Community Service Committee:

- A total of 347 hours were performed.

D. Safety Committee:

- A total of 11 hours were performed.

E. Americanism Committee:

- A total of 330 hours were performed.
- Redmond 4th. of July parade had 25 Veterans from Post 4108.

F. Youth Committee:

- A total of 7 hours were performed.

G. Surgeon: Blood drive on July 31.

H. National Legislative: Meeting in a couple of weeks..

I. Bylaws: David Pete committee to meet.

J. Honor Guard:

- June 2, 2017, George Addington, USA, Redmond Memorial Cemetery.
- June 3, 2017, Robert Bersagel, USA, WWII, Redmond Christian Church.
- June 10, 2017, William Garrett, USA, Redmond Oregon
- July 1, 2017 Comrades DeLand and Newcomb marched in the Crooked River Ranch 4th. of July Parade. Recommends that the Post consider this parade as an annual event.
- July 8, 2017 Gene "Cowboy" Williamson, USA, Memorial at Post 4108 at 1300
- July 15, 2017, William Joe Newton Jr. USMC, Military honors at American Post 44 at 1300.
- August 2, 2017, Performing color Guard duties for opening ceremonies of the Deschutes County Fair.
- August 5, 2017, Demonstration of rifle volleys, Taps and 13 folds of flag for the Philanthropic Education Organization by several Honor Guard members.

K. Website Committee:

- Averaging 650 visits per month. Send upcoming events to vfw4108@gmail.com or use the Contact Us form on the website.

L. Teacher of the Year Committee:

- Sent introductory e-mail to superintendent McIntosh providing information and goals.

X. New Business:

- A. Horse riders are needed for the Pendleton Roundup Parade
- B. VFW Motorcycle riders is starting and wants to purchase approx. 12 patches up front for up to \$650 and will be refunded by sales of the patches. Motion was made by Judith Burger. Motion was seconded by Bill Pieters. Motion passed.
- C. A discussion was held concerning the Change of Address letter from the Post Office.

XI. Good of the Order:

- A. Vietnam Veterans Dinner on July 15, 2017.
- B. Ridgeview High School will be honoring Vietnam Veterans on November 7, 2017.
- C. Comrades were notified of the Veteran Benefit Expo 2017 held on July 15, 2017
- D. Music on the Green, Countryfield, July 12. July 26 is The Notables at Sam Jackson Park.
- E. Ridgeview High Military Signing Assembly, May 15, 2017. Request for VFW support,

XII. The Post Chaplin led the comrades in the closing prayer.

XIII. Salute to the Flag was conducted.

XIX. Commander Guthrie closed the meeting at 2030 hours. The next Post meeting will be August 3, 2017 at 1900 hours.

Submitted by: Kevin Johnson, 7/06/2017