

Eddie Roberts VFW Post 6291	
Minutes for:	11 Dec 08
Meeting Called to Order:	1955 hrs
Members / Visitors in Attendance:	Not recorded

Officers Present						
X	Commander:	David Foley		X	Senior Vice-Cmdr:	Larry Stone
X	Adjutant:	Loretta Woods		X	Quarter Master:	Kristine E Warren
X	Service Officer:	Tom Atherton		X	Chaplin:	Belinda Johnson
	Web Manager:	Terence Little				

REPORTS

<u>Adjutant Report for:</u>		<u>October 2008</u>	
There was no meeting for November 08. Loretta read the minutes from October 08.			
_____ moved to accept the minutes with corrections.			
Second:		For:	
		Against:	
			Accepted:

<u>QM Report for:</u>		<u>November 08</u>	
Cash Balance Last Report:		\$ 21195.41	
Receipts for this period:		\$ 1770.49	
Disbursements for this period:		\$ 1457.80	
Balance for this period:		\$ 21508.10	

- The balance includes \$1896.39 in checking, and \$4000 in the building fund (just coming due from a 6-month CD).
- Receipts include a deposit of:
- Disbursements include \$290.84 for the annual VFW Breakfast, \$160 for printing posters, \$300 for protective coating on Veteran cutout, \$151.96 for Veteran's Day expenses, and \$550 transferred to the Poppy fund,.
- Pending December expenses include an estimated \$800 to help with rent and utilities for two Veteran's suffering personal and financial hardships, the Post Christmas Party at Mugsy's, and annual dues for returning members of the 438th MP Co.
- December activity also includes transferring \$2000 to the building fund (raising the fund to \$6000) and placing it in an 8-month CD.
- Sales from the Scooter Raffle provided \$1600.00 in profit.

A discussion ensued during the QM report asking for greater transparency in regards to spending and better accounting of ticket sales for future raffles and fundraisers.

Further discussion also asked that a system be established that would allow for the requested greater transparency as well as providing for the safeguarding of privacy and dignity of veterans

with hardships who receive Post Relief Funds.

Dave Howe moved to accept the QM report as read and for greater transparency in QM's report.

Second:	Brian	For: All	Against: None	Accepted: Yes
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Service Officer Report

Service School in Louisville will be held on 10Jan and in March which will be attended by our service officer, Tom Atherton

Bob reported on recent updates regarding ALS and presumptive service issues, Agent Orange and increases for DAV travel reimbursements. The DAV provides transportation for veterans to the VA Hospital, however, there is no DAV vehicle in this community.

Correction: The DAV does have a van for this area. It leaves each weekday enroute to the Nashville VA Hospital from the Sirloin Stockade. The POC is Dave Duty, 753.2544 at the American Legion

Tom recommended that veterans try to coordinate their appointments in Nashville with one another to reduce individual travel expenses.

OLD BUSSINESS:

Veterans' Day Parade & Other Events: After Action Report

- A Military Fly-Over is a great public draw, but could not be secured for this year
 - Discussion concluded that securing a flyover needs to be a priority for next year. Dave Howe said he would make calls to the state level, and bypass the Ft Campbell PAO which seems no longer an effective avenue.
 - As an alternative, Dan suggested we try non-military aviation groups/clubs.
- Some auxiliary members and veterans mentioned to post members that they didn't know there was a Chili Supper provided at the First United Methodist Church.
- While the turnout was good the First United Methodist Church had a great deal of chili leftover.
 - Discussion concluded that we can do a better job to get the word out about the dinner.
- Immediately after the parade passed by the Square the Murray Streets Department removed the road barricades on Hwy 94 and began to let the traffic resume across the square even though we still had 3/4 of our Veterans Day Ceremony remaining. Loretta caught up to the new director, Ron Albritton, and he re-closed the Hwy 94 in front of the square.
 - Ron Albritton apologized for not understanding that we still had a program following the parade and said he will know better next year
 - He also asked that we submit a request approximately 6 weeks out. He is required to give KDOT 4 weeks notice to obtain a state permit before closing a state highway

for more than a few minutes.

- First Luminary Walk at Veterans Park
 - Discussion concluded that the event was a good idea although turnout was less than anticipated. During next year's planning we will revisit ways to increase attendance and community awareness.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gold Star Plates: David is beginning the process to obtain a Gold Star plate for Mrs. Cletus Colson and Mrs. James.

Flatbed Trailer: The trailer, we borrowed to transport the scooters, is for sale for \$450. The owner has made the offer to us first, and will hold it for us till spring. We will revisit this and ask the members for a decision after the New Year.

Fundraiser: The post needs an ongoing fundraiser to increase and insure regular revenue as we look toward securing a permanent building for the Post. Dene Walters reported on the idea of opening a military surplus shop. Details and further discussion will occur after the new year.

Gambling: A question was asked about the Texas Hold'Em Nite. David Foley reported that the licensing for the Post has been temporarily put on hold.

Post Meeting and Web Page: Questions arose regarding the correct meeting time and date. The Post meeting will be called to order on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm. David will ask Terrance Little to update and correct the dates and times on the webpage.

2009 Planning: Within the first quarter of 2009, the post officers will provide a detailed calendar of the Post's events to our members so that planning and participation may be better realized.

Christmas Party: All Post members and their family are invited to the Christmas Party this Saturday at 8pm at Mugsy's on the square.

Tom moved to accept the new business.

Second:	David F.	For: All	Against: None	Accepted: Yes
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Meeting Adjourned: 2030 hours

Minutes of this meeting respectfully submitted by Loretta Woods, phone: 227.5198.
