

MINUTES FOR DAV MEETING; March 6th 2020 6:30PM

\*Theresa Flynn-Longest serving trustee for Crestwood spoke to the group. She is running for commissioner for Metro Water District, MWRD. She talked about veteran hiring preference, 5 points on original exam for water reclamation district.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Chaplin Dan Reinhard led us in prayer.

**Opening ceremony:**-Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Byer

Chaplin, Seat of the POW & MIA and unknown soldier recognized.

John Fanning preceded over the meeting in the absence of the Commander

**Roll Call of Officers**

Terry Vorderer, Commander	EXCUSED
John J. Fanning, Treasurer	PRESENT
Mike Butler, Senior Vice Commander	PRESENT
Dan Reinhard, Chaplin	PRESENT
Mary Paul, Adjutant,	PRESENT
Joseph Bertucci, 1st. Vice Commander	EXCUSED
Ken Boor; 2 <sup>ND</sup> Vice Commander	PRESENT
Gilbert Shepard, 3rd Vice Commander	PRESENT
Frank Wayne 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice Commander	EXCUSED
Al Precher, Former Commander	ABSENT
Ben Fugate, National Service Officer	PRESENT
John Stevo, Chapter Service Officer	PRESENT

Reading of the January and February 2020 minutes were read by Mary Paul

**\*Motion** to accept the minutes was passed

**Introduction of new members & guests:**

- 1) Introduction of nine members and guests. One new member received his card. John Fanning stated that we will have a swearing in ceremony in Crestwood in April
- 2) Girl Scouts sold cookies at the meeting. Troop number 65134 Oak Lawn

**Treasure Report** read by John Fanning: Beginning balance: \$42,990.45

Deposits \$910.39; Checks paid \$500.00; ENDING BALANCE \$43,400.83

Balance Statement; Total Assets: \$42, 080.93.46; Profit & Loss \$175.00; Total income \$16,589.99

Donations \$600.00 (\$100.00)

**\*\*Motion** made to accept the Treasure Report was by John Fanning.

**\*\*MOTION** to accept the reading of the treasury report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Stevo, **PASSED**

**Sickness & Distress:** Terry Vorderer was in the emergency room at Christ Advocate

Former commander Alex Picarde is recovering at home for an illness.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None reported

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Ken Boor gave his time to Ben Fugate who reported going to Washington D.C. to address issues 1) veterans who were exposed to toxic substance 2) Enhancing veteran's survivor benefits to the spouse. Currently the spouse doesn't receive benefits if the veteran has not been 100% disabled for ten year the DAV is asking Congress to change the regulation expanding the benefit from ten years to five years. 3) He spoke of the Mission Act which is a choice program, after 28 days a veteran can go to another hospital run by community care. 4) Veterans need support for psychological issues. 5) Need legislation for women's program. 6) Help veterans who were exposed from burn pits.

**FORGET-ME-KNOT COMMITTEE:** Tony Labella will make a list for volunteers in June.

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:** Mike Butler, chairman is asking for committee members.

**Chapter Service Officers Report.** John Stevo and Ben Fugate hired another service officer and another one at the state level.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Tony Labella reported none.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None reported

**Reading of Communication:** None to report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jeanine Jaworowski a wife of a member would like to start a Women's Axillary. She needs members to start a chapter.

John Stevo will order Forget-Me-Knots for \$4000.00

**\*Motion** made by John Stevo, 1<sup>st</sup> by Ben Fugate 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Butler **PASSED\*\***

**\*Motion** made by John Stevo to replace flowers for Death Benefit \$300.00, 1<sup>st</sup> by John Fanning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Butler motion **PASSED\*\***

**\*Motion** made by Ben Fugate to attend meeting in Springfield IL, on March 28-28, 2020, Ben Fugate will represent chapter 84. 1<sup>st</sup> by John Stevo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike butler motion **PASSED\*\***

Next meeting April 10 at the Elks Club in Crestwood IL, maps were passed out.

There will be a convention in Springfield IL on June 12 -14, 2020. The meeting is open to everybody.

**Motion** to send the Commander and two others delegate. Motions by Richard Jaworowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Gulfyle, motion **PASSED\*\***

**Ending ceremony:** Led by Bill Byer played TAPS. Ending prayer by the chaplain

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Ben Fugate

**Good of the Order:**

Dave Ramirez address the chapter informing us of a Blood Drive at the VFW on March 21<sup>st</sup> in Oak Lawn.

LCT Jones, Retired was on the radio concerning women’s legislation and was recognized by DAV. She informed the chapter of an Honor Flight for women veterans and a women’s conference on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Our meeting schedule dates were given by Bob Kelper: April 10th, May 15, June 12, July no meeting, August 14, September 4<sup>th</sup>, and the first Friday of the month for the remainder of the year.

Election of Officers at the next meeting in April:

Nomination for Commander made by John Stevo	John Fanning	accepted
Nomination for Treasurer made by John Stevo	Joe Burtucci	accepted
Senior Vice-Commander made by John Fanning	Herb Bishop	accepted
Chaplin made by Ken Boor	Dan Reinhardt	accepted
Adjutant made by Bill Byer	Mary Paul	accepted
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander made by John Stevo	Ben Fugate	accepted
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Commander made by Bill Byer	Gilbert Shephard	accepted
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-Commander made by	Jim Carillo	accepted
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice Commander made by Bill Byer	Frank Wayne	accepted by John Stevo

**50/50 Raffle:** 50% goes to the winner and 50% goes to Chapter 84.

Total collected was \$318.00     \$159.00 went to the winner Bill Byer!

Pizza and beer was made available at the end of the meeting. The Service Officers continued to process claims.