

MELVIN M. SMITH DET #586 MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

The meeting was brought to order by Commandant Morgan at 1900. Opening Ceremony was held.

Roll Call of Officers: Sr. Vice Excused

Recognition of Past Commandants: Randy Ott, Dennis Dressler (Past Dept. Commandant and National Committee Member), and Dick Jamison present.

Introduction of Guests: Rudy Lopez, Director Veterans Cemetery. Carol Nettles, Ladies and Gentleman Washington State Cemetery. John Passe.

Applications for Membership: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes posted online Dennis Dressler motioned to accept as posted, Jim Brown 2nd. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Letter from Hillyard Post invited us to a dedication for a Mexican American War Veteran at Hillyard Evergreen Association

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster: November Paymaster Report was read by Randy Ott. A motion was made by Bryan Smith and seconded by Mike O'Flaherty to accept report as read. Motion passed.

Report of the Chaplin: Chaplin Town gave a report on members' health, then read list of the recently deceased.

Report of Officers: T.J Attended Quinn at Camp Pendleton. Jim Brown reports that he has completed leadership course.

Standing Committee Reports:

VAVS- Coffee Shop still under construction, hopes to be open by end of month. Cancer treatment are given in Seattle or Portland, VA will pay for Vet to travel. The VSVO will raise funds to help transport Family with hardship. It is a 50 dollar gas card, see Mike O;Flaherty for details.

Americanism. None.

Membership: None.

Awards: None.

Newsletter: March April entries must be in by 20 Feb

Coffee Stops: None.

Calling Tree:

Memorial Day: Received Confirmation Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos will be our guest speaker for Memorial Day ceremony..

Audit Committee: None

BSA Awards: Anyone want to go to a code of honor on Sunday March 1st in Millwood.

Toys For Tots: Pat received an email from Papa battery for a luncheon

Homeless Vets: .Teams are being formed to help the Vets. Need landlord willing to help out.

Veterans Day: None.

By-law Review: Met at 1745 today. Got about 1/3 through the by-laws.

Special Committee Reports:

Birthday Ball: None.

Planning Committee: Met January 27 1930 at Eagles

Moy Society: Mike Taylor, T. J. Morgan were the Nominees for MOY. Renea Raidt read the nominations for each of the applicants. Voting was tallied, announcement will be in May.

Breakfast: Breakfast this weekend, will also sell raffle tickets for rifle. 63 served \$143 as our cut \$248 total raised.

Honor Guard: One service, Several services.

Veterans Court: Forum on Thursday still need volunteers. Training for mentors next Tuesday the 17th

Gun Shows: March 19th -27th Big Horn April 3-5 Lewis and Clark trader. Signup sheets for shows passed around.

Training: None.

Dept. of WA MCL Convention: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: March 12 at Community Living Center, Renae Raidt organized the Womens Veterans Recognition Event Mike O'Flaherty motions for \$50 for flowers. 2nd, passed.

Good of the League: Rudy Lopez and Carol Nettles spoke on the status and upcoming events and expectations.

DAV supplies the vans to transport Vets around the northwest for treatment. The local DAV is Raffling a rifle to raise money to buy new vans.

Announcements:

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900
- No real meeting as we are at White Elephant with Auxillary.
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Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2015 at 1900

Present at Meeting: Members (24)

Respectfully Submitted,
Bryan Smith