

MELVIN M. SMITH DET #586 MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

The meeting was brought to order by Commandant Brown at 1905. Opening Ceremony was held.

Roll Call of Officers: All Officers present

Recognition of Past Commandants: T.J. Morgan (NW Division), Hank Melansen, Jim Bennett, Randy Ott, Doug Shurtleff, Jim Stailey, and Dennis Dressler (Past Dept. Commandant and National Committee Member), present

Introduction of Guests: Spokane County Young Marines, Jeremy Jones Unit Commander, Joyce Durrant Of Wreaths Across America, Rudy Lopez VA Memorial Cemetery

Applications for Membership: Jeremy Jones Transfer from San Diego, Walter Lindgren. Both applicants were voted in. after motion by Mike O'Flaherty and second by Mike Taylor. Motion Passed

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes posted online. Motion to accept as posted by Mike Taylor, 2nd by Mike O'Flaherty. Motion passed

Correspondence: Betty Bundy donated \$35 for Toys For Tots fund.

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster: June Paymaster report was read by Jim Staley. A motion was made by Bryan Smith and seconded by Dennis Dressler 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: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

VAVS- Many ceremonies for 9/11. Saturday the 12th Native American Ceremony. Fri 11th ground breaking ceremony for New Memorial at Veterans Arena. Mental Health Summit at WSU river point Campus 8-430, on 18 Sept.

Americanism. Book is Complete, Received Honorable Mention

Membership: None.

Awards: Mike Taylor received MOY Plaque. Distinguished Citizen Award (Dept) Silver. Hank Melanson, Certificate for completion of Leadership Program.

Newsletter: None.

Coffee Stops: \$811 deposit for last stop. \$2365 net to bank, for the year.

Calling Tree: None.

Memorial Day: Request for ideas for next year Guest Speaker.

Audit Committee: None

BSA Awards: Nothing new.

Toys For Tots: First meeting is scheduled for 16 Sept.

Homeless Vets: .None.

Veterans Day: None.

By-law Review:

Birthday Ball: See online site for information as to prices and times.

Planning Committee: None.

Moy Society: None.

Veterans Court: Mentors always needed. Training on 1st Thursday of the month. The Court is now a 501.3c.

Gun Shows: Sept 26-27 are the next shows. July Sales totaled \$475.00. Lincoln County Fair made \$345. Attendance participation is lacking please help more.

Training: None.

Dept. of WA MCL Convention: None.

National Convention:

Hoopfest: None

Breakfast Committee: Sat. 12th 1st breakfast this year. The Aug 1st total to Honor flight was roughly \$1000. Due to conflict of Dept Convention, Will attempt to move Breakfast for Oct to the 3rd .Moved by Pat Rowan, second by Manny Esparza. Motion Passed

Honor Guard: Very Busy! They also received their new coats. Also performed at the Highland Games.

Old Business: Purchased new canopy.

New Business: The web master will add a calendar to web site it will include volunteer listing.

Letter from Marine Corps League Foundation Thanking us for our \$100 Donation.

Illuminating Courage is taking donations for Favor Motion by Randy Ott for \$100 for 3 line favor on new monument 2nd by many, passed.

Saturday 12th Legion Riders are taking a run in support of 9/11. Around 1300 they will transfer to VA Cemetery for a small Ceremony.

March for the Fallen 8am until done, a run and/or ruck march. 7 Mile Trailhead. Randy Ott Moves for a \$100 donation to the cause 2nd by Dennis Dressler.

Good of the League: Rudy Lopez from VA Memorial Cemetery gave an update on status of cemetery. Joyce Durrant Spoke on Wreaths Across America, and presented MCL with Award. Randy Ott makes a Motion to purchase \$225 worth of Wreaths 2nd by Louise Griffeth, motion passed.

Spokane County Young Marines, Jeremy Jones Unit Commander, Spoke on the new unit being formed and what their purpose is.

T.J Morgan has NW Div Patches for Sale.

Viet Nam Vets only BBQ 25th 10-3

Sat the 19th is the Aux turn for BBQ at VA Hospital 1115 am

Announcements:

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900
- MODD 19th Kibbles and bits begin at 8am
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Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

Next Meeting: Oct 08, 2015 at 1900

Present at Meeting: Members (28)

Respectfully Submitted,
Bryan Smith