

MELVIN M. SMITH DET #586 MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2015

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

Roll Call of Officers: All Officers present

Recognition of Past Commandants: T.J. Morgan (NW Division), Randy Ott, Jim Stailey, and Dennis Dressler (Past Dept. Commandant and National Committee Member), Dick Jamison.

Introduction of Guests: Don Atkinson Commandant VFW Post 1435

Applications for Membership: Chuck Arthur Bodey, applicant was voted in. after motion by Bryan Smith and second by Bill Town, Motion Passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes posted online. Motion to accept as posted by Bill Bean 2nd by Louise Griffith, Motion passed.

Correspondence: \$100 Check from Washington State Cemeteries.

Report of Adjutant/Paymaster: October Paymaster report was read by Jim Staley. 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: Email from Papa Battery Gunny to attend Hockey games to Commandant. Pat Rowan Reports on Sled and VFW

Standing Committee Reports:

VAVS- Installed two Xmas wreaths at VA Hospital. Stocking Stuffer and Dinner went well.

Americanism. Nothing.

Membership: None.

Calling Tree: Meeting After meeting

Awards: None.

Young Marines. Group Class Sat.

Newsletter: None.

Coffee Stops: None

Calling Tree: Needs a Platoon Commander.

Memorial Day: Three names submitted, Col Newberry, Gen Tracy Garrett and Mark Peterson.

Audit Committee: Hank, Pat Doc new audit committee. Received the paperwork from Randy.

BSA Awards: Nothing new.

Toys For Tots: Warehouse 6200 E Main, Volunteers still needed Will be Volunteer T-shirts available for \$15. November 30 handouts will begin. Dinner will be on Dec 11th. Bryan Smith will be on KHQ at 545 am for Toys For Tots

Homeless Vets: .None.

Veterans Day: Illuminating Courage Monument Dedication went well.

By-law Review: None.

Birthday Ball: Last Saturday and it went well.

Planning Committee: will be meeting soon.

Moy Society: If you have a nominee please see Mike Taylor.

Veterans Court: Mentors always needed. Training on 1st Thursday of the month. Third Thursday is the forum. .

Gun Shows: New list going around for Jan Show. Total for last show \$410

Training: None.

Dept. of WA MCL Convention: None.

National Convention:

Hoopfest: None.

Breakfast Committee: 106 attendees, went well. 18 Volunteers

Honor Guard: Very Busy! Several upcoming funerals to participate in. May need a few more coats

Old Business: Tickets for Veterans Hockey game. Mike O'Flaherty moves for a \$200 donation to buy tickets. Second by T.J. Morgan. Motion Passed.

New Business: Motion by Mike O'Flaherty to discuss if there is interest in a move. Second by Mike Taylor. Lengthy discussion by several members. Motion by Randy to close discussion, passed. Dept. looking to see if we wish to host Dept 2016 convention.

Good of the League: Speech by VFW Commandant.

Appropriate to give Certificates of Thanks to the Goodwill for donation of Trailers.

Send Northern Quest A thank you for their Playing Cards

Bill Bean brings up Lilac Parade participation. 3rd Sat of May.

Wreaths Across America

Barnacle Bill donates a Shadow Box that will be auctioned off for Young Marines Scholarship (restricted funds)

Announcements:

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900 2nd Wed
- Breakfast will be second Saturday the 9th of January
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Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

Next Meeting: January 14th, 2015 at 1900

Present at Meeting: Members (29)

Respectfully Submitted,