

MELVIN M. SMITH DET #586 MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2016

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

Roll Call of Officers: Bill Towne, Chaplin, Absent.

Recognition of Past Commandants: Dennis Dressler (Past Dept. Commandant and National Committee Member), Randy Ott. T.J. Morgan, Hank Melansen

Introduction of Guests: Sara and Robert Lee, From Spokane Voiture 96.

Applications for Membership: Sgt Steven Ward, Lcpl Christopher MacIntosh, Pfc Tyler Werrmann. John Brown. Motion by Dennis Dressler, 2nd by Mike O'Flaherty. Motion Passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: October Minutes read by Bryan Smith, motion by Mike O'Flaherty 2nd by Norm Sanborn. Motion Passed

Correspondence: Thank you from Vetrans cemetary

Report of Paymaster: Jim Stailey read Paymasters report, Motion by Bryan Smith to accept as read and corrected, 2nd by Bill Bean. Motion passed

Report of the Chaplin: Acting Chaplin Dennis Dressler gave a report on members' health. Dave Tutwiler passed away, also reported that Marine John Glenn had Passed today.

Report of Officers: None at this time.

Standing Committee Reports:

VAVS- Mike O'Flaherty strongly suggests that all members get registered with the VA hospital. This assist all members whether the service is used or not. Wreath across America will be at Memorial Cemetary and Pines Cemetary Dec 17th 1300.

Americanism. None.

Membership: None.

Calling Tree: None.

Awards:

Young Marines: Have recruit training start February 18 doing WAA color guard

Newsletter: Deadline 12/16 for all entries.

Coffee Stops: Done for the year.

Memorial Day: Rudy has requested our support for assistance.

Audit Committee: None.

Rifle Audit Committe: New ideas and the baggie system is working well.

BSA Awards: Some awards from troop 430 coming up.

Toys For Tots: Warehouse is running well. Barnes and Noble is helping with the books for Tots.

Everything is running electronically about 6300 current orders. Teddy Bear Toss is Friday December 9.

Homeless Vets: Homeless Vets Center on 2nd is moving. Only currently accepting winter clothing.

Take everything to New Beginnings as they are accepting donations while it is moving.

Veterans Day: Nothing.

By-law Review: None.

Birthdays Ball: None

Planning Committee: None

Moy Society: Nominations are open and need to be to TJ By January

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

Gun Shows: November \$850 profit, December \$819 profit. Next Show January 7-8th

Training: None.

Dept. of WA MCL Convention: Committee met and decided on the Ramada Inn at the Airport. 2nd weekend of June. The Menu is still being worked on, (three different Choices) tentative fee for 2 meals is \$50, contract being inked at this time. Lt Col Fitzgerald is our guest Speaker.

National Convention: In Overland Park Kansas in August.

Hoopfest: Nothing.

Breakfast Committee: Bill Bean reports that November made Profit, approximate 79 attendees, next one January 14th. **1826.51 total for year**

Honor Guard: Did Dave Tutweiller funeral. Have Coats finally, Maybe need a new cover?

Lilac Parade: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Need to buy new tickets for VA Bingo, Mike O'Flaherty States that it is our turn for tickets. January 21st we and the Aux buy Tickets for the Hockey game this night. Our part is \$200 for the tickets motion by Mike O'Flaherty 2nd by Mike Taylor. Motion Passed.

Membership is changing to a single renewal date. 9/17 is the new renewal for all members.

Motion by Pat Rowan to make the Hockey game a yearly line item. 2nd by Mike O'Flaherty, Motion passes.

Randy Ott motions for a Gold Star Fathers Paver of \$200, multiple seconds. Motion passes.

Bill Bean has found three signs to add to front of VFW to let people know we meet here

Good of the League: Our guests spoke on The Eyes of Freedom. They are wanting to bring the display to Spokane. This will cost about \$5,000 for transportation and many man hours to do set up and take down of the display. Additionally hotel room and days need to be set up and scheduled. They are asking for support monetarily and location. Commandant asked for a proposed budget, and discussion will be continued from there.

Commandant received an email from Dept Commandant, that all is fixed.

Announcements:

- Bingo @ VA Hospital at 1900 2nd Wed.
- Growl will be January 21st at timber creel
- Spaghetti Dinner next day December 9, 2016.
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Closing Ceremony: Appropriate.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2017 at 1900.

Present at Meeting: Members (26)

Respectfully Submitted,