



Chapter 28 Veterans Memorial

Minutes

March 14, 2023

Rolland Lewis Community Center

1800 hours called to order with opening ceremony by Commander Leneave.

Guest introduced: None

Officer Roll Call with all officers present except Gatewood.

Minutes of previous meeting read by C. White; motion to approve by B. Dillon, 2nd by G. Tindle, motion carried.

Treasurer's report by S. Ward: Motion to approve by J. McDermott, 2nd by B. Dillon, motion carried.

Bills: None

Sickness and Distress:

E. Rogers to have a hernia operation.

S. Foster has cyst to be followed up with OB/GYN.

J. Tobin had a cyst on eye and sent to Express Care for VA treatment.

Dr. Neely promoted to Medical Director at Marion VA.

Applications for new members: None

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Communication: H. Leneave said that it took about 10 days to get the letter for tax exemption. Can call or visit VA registrar to get the letter. Said it was nearly impossible to get to records in the county courthouse if you are disabled.

G. Tindle: American Legion is looking for donations to provide flag case with flag at funerals. They would like to spend less than \$85 and have them made in the USA.

W. Border: PAC ACT to help provide eligibility information. Website or 1-877-261-9782. J.

McDermott: Marion VA also provides the information when requested.

H. Leneave was contacted for support for "Run for the Wall". He told them that it was unlikely to get any money from the chapter, but he would bring it up in case anyone wanted to make a personal donation.

J. McDermott said that he has gotten several calls for "Disabled Veterans of American" for donations. Note: DAV does not call for donations.

Committee report: S. Ward found a company in NJ that makes hats in the USA. He will send a hat for them to try to design for us.

Old Business: T. Buck stated that we still need an NSO. K. Gatewood was unable to complete as previously planned.

R. White stated that he had no date scheduled for Mike Bost event.

S. Foster collected \$215 at our previous meeting for her fundraiser "Stop Soldier Suicide". She collected a total of \$355 and rode 64.21 miles.

New Business: T. Buck is appointed to board that meets every two months that is to help veterans and family members with VA issues.

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H. Leneave told him that an issue that is constant is calling Marion VA and no one answering the phone.

G. Tindle said that if you leave a message they will call back.

Good of the Order: "Doc" Reininger's honor ceremony is March 29. Will meet at 11:00 to ride the van. Let K. Johnson know if you are planning on going so he can plan the ride.

Sign-up sheet for military museum trip (April 22) is available.

K. Johnson said he was contacted by his brother about a fund raiser being done in front of Walmart. The people were using items and projecting themselves as being part of St. Louis VA, "Your Hometown Heroes". When K. Johnson and the store manager talked to them, they kept getting conflicting information. They tried calling the contact number several times, and got "Frontier Communications". No documentation was provided as to their charter, etc. Mount Vernon police were called and only one person was left to talk to. It was estimated that several thousand dollars had been collected. He had no items with him that was illegal, so nothing was done. An informational report was filed. Call the police if you see anything suspicious like this. New officers were sworn in by J. McDermott. Harry Leneave-Commander; William Border-Senior Vice Commander; Philip Schlag-Junior Vice Commander; Jerome Tobin-2nd Vice Commander; Dale Mathis-Chaplain; Doug Reininger-Sergeant of Arms; Dennis Hale-Officer of Day; Sudie Foster-Judge Advocate; Steve Ward-Treasurer; and Kevin Gatewood (represented by Kevin Johnson)-Adjutant.

Motion to Adjourn by G. Tindle; 2nd by D. Nesbitt, motion carried.

Closing ceremony and adjourned at 1903 hours.

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