

## **Chapter 28 Veterans Memorial**

Minutes April 11, 2023 Rolland Lewis Community Center

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

Guests: None

Officer Roll Call with all officers present except Border& Tobin.

Minutes of previous meeting read by K. Gatewood; motion to approve by R. Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, motion carried.

Treasurer's report by S. Ward: Motion to approve by Gatewood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle, 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

New members: None

Communication: Commander Leneave received DAV application from National.

Committee report: S. Ward has a sample hat made in USA. No price yet. Johnson made a motion to buy 2 cases of hats if no more than \$18 each, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle, motion carried.

Leneave said Popeyes new manager will no longer provide free chicken.

Discussion on 2023 Department of IL Convention.

S. Foster gave update on donations to Stop Soldier Suicide.

Old Business: Johnson gave update on "imposter" fundraiser at Walmart.

Gatewood announced C. Whites father, William White donated 1996 GMC Savana van. Foster motioned to provide money for battery or repairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle, approved.

New Business: Gatewood said we usually donate \$135 for full page ad in Department Convention program. Motion to donate for Department ad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gatewood, approved.

Gatewood suggested buying a 2 vehicle carport for DAV vans parked at jail. Johnson discussed details of carport purchase. Motion by R. Scott to purchase carport, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle, approved.

Good of the Order: W. Pogue will be going on "Honor Flight"

American Legion having event for "This Abled Veteran"

Discussion on concealed carry.

R. Scott motioned to buy dinner for Ward & Johnson for their service, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reininger, Approved.

Following discussion, McDermott motioned to donate \$1,000 to Marion VA Food Bank on a specific month when is most needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, approved.

Minutes by K. Gatewood

C. White discussed thrift store donations to cancer patients. Motion to Adjourn by McDermott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Nesbitt, motion carried. Closing ceremony and adjourned at 1848 hours.