



Chapter 28 Veterans Memorial

Minutes

October 10, 2023

Rolland Lewis Community Center

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

Guest introduced: None

Officer Roll Call with officers present: Commander Leneave, Senior Vice Commander Border, Jr. Vice Commander Schlag, 2nd Vice Commander Tobin and Chaplain Mathis.

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

Treasurer's report by D. Nesbit: Motion to approve by T. Buck, 2nd by R. Scott, motion carried.

Received \$1,000.00 from hay ride.

Received \$1,730.00 from Sheriff Jeff Bullard for conceal carry class donation.

Received \$100.00 from C. White's friend Audrey Crafton in Texas.

Bills: S. Ward has depleted the gas cards previously provided by the chapter. Commander Leneave and Treasurer Ward got \$200 of gas cards. K. Johnson made motion to approve; 2nd by R. Scott; motion approved.

Sickness and Distress:

Jerry Osborne started with pneumonia and has been to the hospital three times with stroke(s); he is unable to talk.

Dennis Hale fell and broke ribs.

Jim McDermott needs liver transplant; has started on liver re-generation drug, but not very hopeful; younger brother John has liver problems, too.

George Lopez died 6 or 7 days ago.

Kevin Gatewood had knee surgery for meniscus and clean-up and doing well.

Steve Ward had hole drilled in his head to lessen/alleviate tremors; procedure was successful and will get generator on 18th.

Applications for new members: None

New members: None

Communication: Meeting in Belleville October 21 at Turkey Hill Grange (Green Mountain Road & Route 15. 9am for coffee and doughnuts. Meeting starts at 10am. Van will leave from Sheriff's office at 7am.

Committee report: Commander Leneave: Hay ride was great turnout; parking was jam packed. G. Tindle: CBOC can only accept dry goods, no funds. Volunteer services will coordinate. C. White, R. Scott, G. Tindle & D. Nesbit to shop for products. \$1,000.00 worth of goods motion by W. Border, 2nd T. Buck, motion carried. D. Nesbit will contact manager of Kroger and K. Johnson will contact manager of Walmart to see if they can assist with the shop. Want to stick with these two stores as they support "forget-me-not".

Minutes by C. White

T. Buck motion: food gift cards for Marion VA to include in food baskets totaling \$1,000.00; 2nd P. Schlag; motion carried. Cards need to be in Marion VA before 2nd week of November distribution. R. Scott to spearhead.

T. Buck: widows and children of veterans are covered and we need to make a list of those we can locate and get the list to Marion VA volunteer services.

Old Business: K. Johnson was contacted by MTV Walmart to arrange some type of ceremony for Veterans Day November 10. Possibly contact Sheriff Jeff Bullard to include to thank for the money he donated being used for pantry.

New Business: Chapter Christmas part will be December 12 (5pm) at MTV Elks. Fried chicken, roast beef and fish to be served. Elks will allow chapter to bring our own desserts for the dinner. They are not charging chapter for use of the facility.

C. White brought if we want to donate the blankets that had been provided to veterans in nursing homes in years past. Discussion was unanimous that we should not do blankets this year.

Good of the Order: T. Buck: K. Johnson does tremendous job of PR for the chapter. He has participated in the Fall Fest and 9/11 parades. Currently scheduled to participate in the Waltonville Veterans parade and Christmas parade. He is planning to decorate the van with lights for the Christmas parade and would appreciate any help.

S. Ward was talking to a veteran that needs special shoes that he cannot afford. S. Ward will get some more information and bring up in meeting to see if we can help.

Motion to Adjourn by R. Scott; 2nd by K. Johnson, motion carried.

Closing ceremony and adjourned at 1856 hours.