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**MONTHLY MINUTES FOR March 9, 2010**

Opening ceremonies for an open meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, March 9, 2010.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Commander Frank B. Hilliard IV	Present
Senior Vice Commander Calvin "Sonny" Dozier	Present
Junior Vice Commander Thomas Darkus	Present
Quartermaster Norman Smith	Present
Judge Advocate Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Surgeon David Pound	Excused
Chaplain Paul Bensusan	Excused
Trustee One John Mesaros	Absent
Trustee Two Tim Aukshun	Excused
Trustee Three Frank Thomas	Present

**Appointed Positions**

Adjutant John D. "JD" Keller	Present
Safety Officer Larry Hignight	Present
Service Officer "Sonny" Dozier	Present
Post House Committee Chairman Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Elementary Schools Chairman Roger Limle	Present

There are 20 members in attendance

Commander Hilliard made the following temporary appointment for this meeting: Comrade Dozier – OOD, JVC Darkus will act as Chaplain.

Commander Hilliard recognized the following distinguished attendees. All Past Seam Squirrels, All Past Post, District and Department Commanders.

**READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

James Proctor has requested transfer of his Life Membership to our post from Post 11447. Motion to accept made by QM Smith. Seconded by Comrade Dozier.

Approved. Our current membership on National Statistics stands at: 246 members, or 103.36%. We are still trying to increase.

### **READING OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the last meeting have been posted and distributed. A motion to accept the February 9, 2010 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Keller, seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

### **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

Given in detail by the Quartermaster. Motion to accept as audited by QM Smith. Second by Comrade Russell. Approved

### **READING OF BILLS.**

None.

### **IS THERE A COMRADE OR THE FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?**

Comrade Harley Charlie Sicurella has received the results of his evaluation by St. Lukes Hospital in Manila. His prognosis is poor. Commander Hilliard is working with him on his Living Will, and has helped him set up bank accounts with BPI to receive his Social Security Benefits.

Tim Aukshun, is getting ready for surgery in St. Lukes, in Manila. More details under New Business.

Ric McQueen had his leg amputated. The post has loaned a wheelchair and crutches. Some members donated Blood.

PDC Rhett Webber is in Korea awaiting decision on Angio Plasty in either Korea or States.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Service Officer	Attachment #1 (Overseas Voting updates.)
Surgeon	None
Judge Advocate	None
Chaplain	None

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

Buddy Poppy	P340.00
Bingo	Verbal (Good month, inspite of Jackpot hit.)
PHC	Verbal (Canteen doing great, inspite of all permits paid (P70,000.00) during the month.)

Community Activities	Verbal
Safety	Attachment #2 (Disaster Preparedness.)
Elementary School	Attachment #3 (Still very busy giving assistance.)

### **REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME**

Acting Chaplain Darkus said a prayer in remembrance.

### **READING OF OFFICIAL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commander Hilliard informed the members that Comrade Lawrence Crane, a post member, won the Digital Camcorder drawn during the last meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The post must elect Delegates and Alternates for the District VII meeting and elections to be held at our Post on April 25, 2010. Accordingly the following members were nominated:

Delegate(s):

Commander Hilliard, SVC Dozier, JVC Darkus, QM Smith, Adjutant Keller, Chaplain Bensusan, Surgeon Pound, JA Gaspard, Trustee Mesaros, Trustee Aukshun, Trustee Thomas, PDC Russell, PDC Webber, Comrade Limle, Comrade Ross, Comrade Murphy, and Comrade Hignight.

Alternate(s):

Comrades: Cabrerros, Adcox, Looker, Phillips, Drager, Drazkowski, Calangan, DeGuzman, Domondon, Rogers, Ludwigsen, Hill, Upton, Massie, Clark, Figgs, and Nixon.

The adjutant was directed to prepare a letter of Delegates for the District VII adjutant, and to submit same via email.

JA Gaspard moved that all contested positions be done by closed written ballot. SVC Dozier seconded the motion. Approved.

Nominations for Post Officers for the term 2010-2011 were opened; the following Comrades have been nominated for respective offices:

Commander: Hilliard; SVC: Dozier; JVC: Darkus; QM: Smith; Chaplain: Figgs; Judge Advocate: Gaspard; Surgeon: Pound; Trustee Three: Mesaros; Post Home Committee Three: Gaspard

Nominations will remain open until the next regular meeting on April 13, 2010, at which time nominations will be closed and officers elected.

Comrade Tim Aukshun, is in Manila and is scheduled for surgery at St. Lukes Hospital in April. He is asking for a loan from the Relief Fund in the amount of P30,000.00 to assist with his medical expenses. Motion made by QM Smith for approval. Seconded by PDC Russell. Approved.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comrade Limle looking for another computer system for Pagudpud.

Mr. Bob Clarke visited the canteen and donated \$50.00 to the NLAB Blind School. Bob has contributed to the Grace Mountain Mission Project in the past and continues to offer his support to our community efforts.

Chaplain Bensusan donated a HP 7280 All-In-One printer to the post. Plans are for it to replace the current HP OfficeJet R65 used in the Commander's office. The R65 will be given to the Elementary Schools Chairman for donation as part of our computer upgrades of our four sponsored Elementary Schools. Comrade Russell made motion to donate the R65. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Comrade Bowling donated a monitor for the Elementary School program.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

The Staff and Comrade Smith each won a free dinner. Comrade Ross won the 50/50 at P1,200.00 which was donated to the Elementary Schools program.

Meeting closed at 1430, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be April 13, 2010

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Approved

/s/John D. "JD" Keller  
Adjutant

/s/Frank B Hilliard IV  
Commander

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