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MONTHLY MINUTES FOR May 11, 2010

Opening ceremonies for a meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, May 11, 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	Resigned
Chaplain Paul Bensusan	Excused
Trustee One John Mesaros	Absent
Trustee Two Tim Aukshun	Absent
Trustee Three Frank Thomas	Absent

Appointed Positions

Adjutant John D. “JD” Keller	Excused
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 16 members in attendance

Commander Hilliard made the following temporary appointment for this meeting: Comrade Dozier – OOD; Comrade Darkus – Chaplain; Comrade Gaspard – Adjutant.

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

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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 April 13, 2010 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Gaspard, seconded by Comrade Dozier. Approved.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Given in detail by the Quartermaster. Motion to accept subject to audit by QM Smith. Second by Comrade Hignight. Approved

READING OF BILLS.

None.

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

Comrade Harley Charlie Sicurella is resting at home on life support with end stage Lou Gehrig's Disease. He turned 62 on May 1, and Commander, Senior Vice, and Quartermaster joined him in cheers. Chaplain will remember him in our prayers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Service Officer	Attachment #1 (Health Care Revisions—Tricare)
Surgeon	Vacant
Judge Advocate	None
Chaplain	None

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Buddy Poppy	P470.00
Bingo	Verbal (Good month got hit for 4 th April in a row.)
PHC	Verbal (Great month again, in the black.)
Community Activities	By JVC Darkus: (901 Volunteers, 2,877 Hours, 20,154 Miles for a total value of \$37,072.00 reported.)
Safety	Attachment #2 (Home protection.)
Elementary School	Attachment #3 (Busy assembling... delivery on June 7, 2010 for all schools.)

Motion to accept all committee reports by Comrade Nielsen. Seconded by Comrade Dozier. Approved.

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME

Chaplain Darkus said a prayer in remembrance.

READING OF OFFICIAL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Commander Hilliard read the following email:

“Commander Hilliard,

Shipmate Frank, it is with significant pleasure I announce your selection as All-State Post Commander.

I know how hard you worked and dedicated yourself to the fine ideals of our organization.

Yours in Comradeship,

Jim Malott
Commander”

Congratulations to all members for their efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Aukshun has sent several questioning, and misinformed emails to many of the members. Commander Hilliard prepared a two page briefing page on FPO Facts, and a two page briefing page on Canteen Matters, to answer these accusations and misunderstandings.

(Attachments #4 & 5.) Commander Hilliard asked all Post House Committee members to stand and be recognized. All seven members of the PHC were present. Motion made by Comrade Dozier to ratify all actions taken by the Post House Committee. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Comrade Gaspard advised all members on the distribution of the books, (given to GreenLight), and book shelves (all sold) from the former RAO area.

NEW BUSINESS

In accordance with VFW Manual of Procedure, Sec. 222: The following members are hereby nominated as Delegates to the Department Convention: Commander Hilliard, SVC Dozier, JVC Darkus, QM Smith, Chaplain Figg, Surgeon Hignight, PDC Webber, PPC Ransom. The following members are hereby nominated as Alternates to the Department Convention: Comrades Mesaros, Murphy, Thomas, Gaspard, Keller, Limle, and Pound.

Motion made to elect these members by SVC Dozier. Seconded by Comrade Smith. Approved.

QM Smith introduced the final Budget figures for year 2009-2010. (Actual Budget data is Confidential and can't be emailed. Data is available to any member for perusal by seeing the Quartermaster.)

QM Smith made a motion that the final adjustments to the budget be approved. Seconded by SVC Dozier. Approved.

Commander Hilliard informed the members that there were several members of the Department Council who had suggested we put in a bid for the Department Convention to be held here in Bauang, in June 2011. This included the incoming National Commander Richard Eubank, who states he would break protocol and attend if it is held here. Motion made by Comrade Dozier to submit a bid. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Good of the Order

In accordance with the VFW Manual of Procedure, Sec. 223: The following members will conduct Memorial Day Ceremonies at designated Cemeteries:

American Cemetery Manila; Commander Hilliard (Representing the Department of Pacific Areas Commander)
Baguio; Comrades Gaspard and Darkus
San Juan; Comrade Pound
Bauang; Comrades Dozier and Smith
Lingsat; Comrade Limle and Murphy
Luna; Comrade Calanan

Post ball caps are once again on sale in the Concession. Price P250.00.

Comrade Gaspard gave further briefing on new operations.

50/50 DRAWING

Comrade Hill and Comrade Figgs won a free dinner.
Comrade Nielsen won the 50/50 at P800.00

Meeting closed at 1430, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be June 8, 2010

Official

Approved

/s/Arthur Gaspard
Acting Adjutant

/s/Frank B Hilliard IV
Commander

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