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**MONTHLY MINUTES FOR September 14, 2010**

Opening ceremonies for a meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, September 14, 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 Larry Hignight	Present
Chaplain Jerome Figgs	Present
Trustee One Tim Aukshun	Absent
Trustee Two Frank Thomas	Absent
Trustee Three Rhett Webber	Excused

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 19 members in attendance

Commander Hilliard made the following temporary appointment for this meeting: Comrade Dozier – OOD; JVC Darkus as Acting Adjutant.

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

**READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

National MEMSTATS are now posted: 214 Life; 1 Reinstate; 8 Continuous, for a total of 223 members. This is 91.39% of our last year total of 244 members.

We need 21 new or reinstated members to achieve 100%. We have a total of 8 non-paid reinstates, and 17 non-paid continuous who could be paid and achieve 100%. Motion made by QM Smith to encourage all unpaid annual members to pay their dues and become current, and that the Post not pay those arrears just to achieve membership percentages. Seconded by Comrade Darkus. Carried.

### **READING OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the last meeting have been posted on the Post website, in the VFW office, and distributed via email. A motion to accept the August 10, 2010 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Darkus, seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

### **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

Given in detail by the Quartermaster. Motion to accepted pending completion of audit by QM Smith. Second by Comrade Dozier. Approved

### **READING OF BILLS.**

\$384.00 to Rhett Webber for Concession sales.

### **Official Correspondence**

Congratulations to Pup Tent 7, Seam Squirrel Sonny Dozier and all Cooties for achieving "All Star" status for 2009-2010 year.

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

Steve Massy and Darl Hogan are both dealing with end stage cancer. Our prayers are with them. Harley Charlie is improving slightly, but remains end stage... eight Cooties from Pup Tent 7 visited him yesterday. He is taking visitors. Comrade PDC Webber is awaiting open-heart surgery today at Tripler in Hawaii. More information when received.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Service Officer	Attachment # 1. (Postal rate increase Jan. 2011.)
Surgeon	Attachment #2 (Fatigue.)
Judge Advocate	Verbal... By Laws revision ongoing.
Chaplain	None

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

Buddy Poppy	P830.00
Bingo	Verbal
PHC	Verbal

FPO	Verbal (\$36.00 annual dues are due on your due date. We will only hold mail for one month, thence return.)
Chili Cook Off	Verbal
Community Activities	Verbal ontime and we are up-to-date.
VOD/Patriot's Pen	Verbal by Commander.
Safety	Attachment #3 (Cell Phone while driving.)
Elementary School	Attachment #4 (We are amassing supplies in office.)

Motion to accept all committee reports by Comrade Hignight. Seconded by Comrade Looker. Approved.

### **REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME**

Chaplain Figgs said a prayer in remembrance.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **Good of the Order**

QM Smith advised all on raffle tickets from Post 2485, and our Chili Cook Off.

Comrade English repaid half of his Relief fund loan.

Commander Hilliard advised all members to read the September issue of "Around the Pacific" newsletter. Two articles were published highlighting the Community Service work we do.

Commander Hilliard advised members present regarding recent changes affecting Tricare in our area. Lorma Hospital no longer will act as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party biller for outpatient care, nor will they file claims with Tricare for prescriptions. Lorma will still provide Tricare assistance for Inpatient care. La Union Medical is starting a new Tricare office next month. LUMed currently has two members in training in Korea, and they will follow up with further training in Illinois. More from them next month. We are all covered now by [Tricare-Overseas.com](http://Tricare-Overseas.com), vice [Tricare4U.com](http://Tricare4U.com).

Comrade Hill advised that our CR project is being restricted to only one classroom for use. Commander will follow up.

SVC Dozier advised about increased in Electric Bills.

Comrade PPC Noel Kramer gave a presentation on our Post Inspection.

**50/50 DRAWING**

Comrade Hill and Comrade Adcox won a free dinner.  
Comrade Kramer won the 50/50 at P1,300.00.

Meeting closed at 1330, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be October 12, 2010

Official

Approved

/s/Thomas Darkus  
Acting Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV  
Commander

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