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MONTHLY MINUTES FOR January 10, 2012

Opening ceremonies for a regular meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, January 10, 2012.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander Frank B. Hilliard IV	Present
Senior Vice Commander Thomas Darkus	Present
Junior Vice Commander Larry Hignight	Present
Quartermaster Norme Smith	Present
Assistant Quartermaster John Noel Kramer	Excused
Judge Advocate Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Surgeon Calvin "Sonny" Dozier	Present
Chaplain John D. "JD" Keller	Present
Trustee One Frank Thomas	Absent
Trustee Two Rhett Webber	Present
Trustee Three Eugene Smith	Absent
Appointed Positions	
Adjutant Jennings "JR" Maxey	Present
Safety Officer Larry Hignight	Present
Service Officer "Sonny" Dozier	Present
Post House Committee/FPO/Chili Cook-Off/Bingo	
Chairman Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Elementary Schools Chairman Roger Limle	Present
Mosquito Net Project Chairman Dave Pound	Absent

There are 20 members in attendance.

Commander Hilliard made the following temporary appointment for this meeting: Comrade Dozier – OOD.

Commander Hilliard recognized the following distinguished attendees. All Current and Past Seam Squirrels, All Past Post Commanders, all Past District Commanders , also present was Past Dept. Cdr, Rhett Webber.

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

Our membership now stands at 94.74%.

Comrade SGM Larry Rader, has requested transfer into our Post from Post 2485. He is a Life Member, possesses a Combat Infantry Badge, Four Bronze Stars, w/V device for valor. Motion made by QM Smith to accept. Seconded by Comrade JD Keller. Approved.

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 December 13, 2011 Minutes was made by Comrade Maxey, seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Report for December 2011 given by Quartermaster Smith. Motion by QM Smith to accept this reports as audited. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

READING OF BILLS.

None.

Report of Service Officer.

Comrade Dozier (Verbal, provided needed V.A. phone numbers)

Official Correspondence.

Commander Hilliard read a Letter from the Commander Department of Pacific Areas soliciting assistance for our fellow VFW members living in Thailand who have been devastated by months long flooding. Donations may come from Posts Relief Funds, and are to be deposited with the Department Quartermaster, for matching funds from National. SVC Darkus made a motion for the Post to donate \$250.00. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Commander Hilliard informed members we had received an annual request from Post 124 to sponsor a Golf Hole on their Golf Tournament, February 1, 2012 at Camp John Hay. Motion made by Comrade Webber to pay P2,500.00 for said support. Seconded by Comrade Dozier. Approved.

Comrade, or family of a comrade in distress:

None

Reports of Officers:

Surgeon	Verbal, offered info on walking canes, and wheel chairs, that are available for use.
Judge Advocate	None.
Chaplain	None.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Buddy Poppy P370.00.
Bingo Verbal (20000 peso made in Dec.'11.)
PHC Verbal (expected loss as predicted, developed some new prices).
FPO Verbal (currently 48 members, U.S. postal stamp increase)
Community Activities Attachment #3
Safety Attachment #4 (Observe, be careful : kids going to school.)
Elementary School Attachment #5 (Comrade Limle explained donations/ efforts done, received a standing ovation, for efforts / work done in 2011).
Mosquito Net None.
SVC new chair report. Verbal
Comrade Dozier old chair
Report Verbal
Note: CCO net amount was \$4,621.78 (did well).

Motion to accept all committee reports made by Comrade Hignight, Seconded by Comrade Dozier. Approved.

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME

Chaplain Keller said a prayer in remembrance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commander Hilliard briefed the membership on the updates regarding our MOH winner Jose Nisperos' disposition. SVC Darkus, Granddaughter Maridhel and sister, plus Commander met with San Fernando City Mayor, Pablo Ortega last Friday afternoon. He was very receptive, and even suggested a better location than that we were seeking for the monument. He will push it through the City Council and get back to me for coordination on actual building design, and specifications. He promises to have the monument completed prior to the planned Philippine Scout Reunion to be held in April of this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Hilliard has been formally asked to conduct a 30 minute audio/visual briefing during the Philippine Scout Reunion at Fort Stotsenburg, on Clark, on April 7, 2012. They have also asked us to register as a unit. Registration fee is P1,000.00. Motion made by SVC Darkus for the Post to pay the registration fee for the Philippine Scout Reunion. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Comrade Limle made a motion to help FRA Branch post 367 (San Antonio) for unexpected building damage, for \$100. Motion seconded by JD Keller. Approved

Good of the Order:

Comrade Webber presented the post with a Photo from the 389th Fighter Squadron, and a US Flag. Originally provided by Comrade David Sawyer. The flag was flown on a bombing mission over Afghanistan. It will be proudly displayed in the post canteen.

Discussion was conducted regarding our next meeting date and time, as it currently would conflict with the biggest restaurant sales date of February 14, Valentine's Day. It was agreed to move our meeting to the Monday prior at 1300, to be followed by the Pup Tent 7 Scratch. Commander will not provide a feed, due to time. Please pass the word.

50/50 DRAWING:

Comrade Smith and Comrade Dozier won a free dinners.
Comrade Hignight won the 50/50 at P1,150.00.

Meeting closed at 1430, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be February 13, 2012 at 1300.

Official

Approved

/s/JR Maxey
Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV
Commander

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