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MONTHLY MINUTES FOR October 20, 2009

Opening ceremonies for an open meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, October 20, 2009.

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	Present
Chaplain Paul Bensusan	Present
Trustee One John Mesaros	Excused
Trustee Two Tim Aukshun	Present
Trustee Three	Vacant

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
Chili Cook Off Chairman Arthur L. Gaspard	Present

There are 26 members in attendance

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

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

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Comrade Paul Hogle has requested transfer to our post from Post 3783 in Ramona, California.

Jerome Figgs, former USAF MSGT, with service in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972; John Rickey, retired USAF CMSGT, with service in Korea from 1983 to 1984; Donald Nixon, former USAF SSGT, with service in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969; and Randy Hudson, active duty USAF, serving in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2003; have all applied for annual membership in our post.

Kenneth Griffiths, active duty USAF, with GWOT;

John Charvet, active duty USAF, with Korean Service from 2008 to 2009; and

Edward Cutshaw, son of member Jerry Cutshaw, active duty USAF, with Korean service from 2005 to 2006; have all applied for Life Membership in our Post.

The credentials committee has verified their eligibility documents and recommends approval of all for membership. Motion made by Quartermaster Smith to accept all new applicants. Seconded by Comrade Russell. Approved.

We currently have 218 Life members, 8 reinstates, 8 continuous, 9 unpaid continuous, and 4 New, for a total of 247 members.

This is 103.78% of our last years total membership.

READING OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the last meeting have been posted and distributed.

A motion to accept the September 9, 2009 Minutes subject to any corrections 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 Dozier. Approved

READING OF BILLS.

None.

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Service Officer	Attachment #1
Surgeon	Attachment #2
Judge Advocate	None
Chaplain	Attachment #3

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Buddy Poppy	P480.00
Bingo	Verbal
Community Activities	Verbal
Safety	Verbal
Post House Committee	Verbal
Elementary School	Attachment #4
Chili Cook Off Committee	Verbal
VOD/PatPen Committee	Verbal

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME

Chaplain Bensusan said a prayer in remembrance.

READING OF OFFICIAL AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

As mentioned during the last meeting our annual inspection revealed a discrepancy in the documents submitted by one of our Trustee's. Further communications have been received from Mike Kelley resigning his position as Trustee Two. Accordingly Tim Aukshun becomes Trustee Two, and nominations are now opened for the position of Trustee Three. Comrade Rickey nominated for the position of Trustee Three. Nominations will remain open until the next meeting.

Also during our last meeting a motion was approved to rescind support to the local Orphanage. As a follow up a motion was made by Comrade Dozier to not support the Orphanage with our annual Christmas party, but rather to support Mrs. Amparo's Street Children with a Christmas party. Seconded by Comrade Pound. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

During the typhoon on the 8th all of our employees received flood damages to their homes, the Commander and the House Committee members agreed that we should provide them all with emergency assistance funding in the amount of P2,000.00 per employee, even though this was not in accordance with our by-laws. Motion made by Comrade Gaspard to approve this assistance. Seconded by Comrade Russell. Approved.

As our next regularly scheduled meeting falls on the same date as the District VII meeting at Post 2485, and the following day's Veteran's Observances, we need to reschedule our meeting to Nov. 17, 2009. Motion made by Adjutant Keller, Seconded by Comrade Dozier. Approved.

Commander Hilliard formally thanked Comrade Russell for the donation of a brand new JVC 32" TV for the canteen. This greatly enhances our audio visual enjoyment for members, the community members, and customers. Comrade Russell made a motion that we donate the old TV to Mrs. Amparo for support of her street children. Seconded by Comrade Keller. Approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commander Hilliard briefed members on fact that with John Mesaros, the quartermaster of the Pup Tent unable to attend, the post loaned the amount of P8,500.00 for monthly support to the NLAB Blind School.

Commander Hilliard briefed all members that to date two members had requested support with loans from the Relief Fund in the total amount of P15,000.00. Members were advised to contact any member of the Relief Committee, i.e., Cdr, SVC, QM, or PHC Chair of their needs and the committee would consider and approve if warranted.

Commander Hilliard presented certificate for Meritorious and Distinguished Service in furthering the aims of and ideals of the VFW to Paula M. Hall, LVN, RMC, CPC-C, CPC-H, CHE, CBCS, PMCC, of HRM Offshore Health Care in Baguio City. Miss Hall was instrumental in collecting foodstuffs, clothing and monies on three different occasions for support of our joint project with Pup Tent 7 in supporting the NLAB School for the Blind in Baguio City.

50/50 DRAWING

Comrade Nars and Comrade Guzman each won a free dinner.
Comrade Dozier won P1,300.00.

Meeting closed at 1415, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be November 17, 2009

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Approved

/s/John D. "JD" Keller
Adjutant

/s/Frank B Hilliard IV
Commander

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