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**MONTHLY MINUTES FOR November 8, 2010**

Opening ceremonies for a meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, November 8, 2010.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: bu**

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	Excused
Chaplain Jerome Figgs	Present
Trustee One Tim Aukshun	Absent
Trustee Two Frank Thomas	Present
Trustee Three Rhett Webber	Excused

Appointed Positions

Adjutant John D. “JD” Keller	Present
Safety Officer Larry Hignight	Excused
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.

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

**READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

National MEMSTATS still shows us as 91.8% of our last year total of 244 members. We currently have Three Life and One Reinstatement pending submission to National.

U.S. Army retiree Gilberto Diaz-Castro has applied for membership. He is a veteran of Iraq, and Afghanistan. His eligibility records have been submitted. QM Smith made a motion to accept this comrade. Seconded by Adjutant 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 October 12, 2010 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Keller, seconded by Comrade JVC Darkus. Approved.

### **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

Given in detail by the Quartermaster. Motion to accept the previous month's audited report, and pending completion of audit for this month by QM Smith. Second by Comrade SVC Dozier. Approved.

### **READING OF BILLS.**

None.

### **Official Correspondence**

**None.**

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

Steve Massie and Dan Ross both succumbed to their cancers this past month. Our charter will remain draped until November 25 in memory. Darl Hogan is still dealing with end stage cancer. Our prayers are with him. Harley Charlie remains end stage ALS. He is taking visitors. We are working his claim with VA for 100% Service Connected. Comrade PDC Webber has returned from his bypass surgery.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Service Officer	Attachment #1 (IRS Tax Forms.)
Surgeon	Attachment #2 (High Blood Pressure.)
Judge Advocate	None
Chaplain	None

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

Buddy Poppy	P340.00
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Bingo	Verbal (Jackpot hit, but we made profit.)
PHC	Verbal (Canteen was good.)
FPO	Verbal (No problems.)
Chili Cook Off	Verbal (It will happen on the 27 <sup>th</sup> .)
Community Activities	Verbal (92 Vols, 210 hours, 524 miles, credit \$1,248.86.)
VOD/Patriot's Pen	Attachment #3 (7 schools/17 essays mission accomplished. Winner to go to District VII for judging tomorrow.)
Safety	Attachment #4 (Electrical Storm Spikes.)
Elementary School	Attachment #5 (We will deliver on Nov. 18.)
Mosquito Net	Attachment #6 (Ongoing distributed 13 nets at almost P3,000.00 this month.)

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

### **REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME**

Chaplain Figgs said a prayer in remembrance.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review of the Post By-Laws by the Judge Advocate is ongoing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commander Hilliard nominated Chaplain Jerome Figgs to fill the vacant PHC #3 seat of Departed Comrade Dan Ross. Chaplain Figgs accepted. Nomination will remain open until next meeting, when actual vote will be taken.

Recommended date for our Children's Christmas Party is December 18, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Amparo has submitted the names of 24 children for the party. Motion made to schedule accordingly by Adjutant Keller. Seconded by Smith. Approved.

### **Good of the Order**

Commander reminded all present that if they are bringing their own children during the Children's Christmas Party, that they should bring their own gifts to give them, as all gifts are previously identified for our invited children by name.

Commander informed all that Grand of Pacific Commander Orville Humfleet and Past Supreme Commander Marty Ellingwood are both coming up and attending the Chili Cook Off and will remain to attend a special Pup Tent 7 Scratch on November 30, 2010. There will be a

special social for all comrades and cooties after the scratch at Cheerleader's.

Also, Commander informed members that Pete Scalzo, VSO for the Department will also attend the Chili Cook Off and make himself available for those who need help with VA matters.

Thanksgiving Dinner will again be held at Bali Hai as we have for more than the past six years. There is a discount for all VFW members. We want all members to enjoy.

The post now has Post VFW embroidered emblems, and VFW emblems for sale at P150.00 each.

U.S. Embassy Outreach in Baguio on Nov. 9, 2010.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

Comrade Staff and Comrade Gaspard won a free dinner.  
Comrade Smith won the 50/50 at P1,000.00 .

Meeting closed at 1410, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be December 14, 2010 at 1330.

Official

Approved

/s/John D. "JD" Keller  
Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV  
Commander

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