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MONTHLY MINUTES FOR December 14, 2010

Opening ceremonies for a meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, December 14, 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
Pro Tempore Quartermaster John Noel Kramer	Present
Judge Advocate Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Surgeon Larry Hignight	Present
Chaplain Jerome Figgs	Excused
Trustee One Tim Aukshun	Present
Trustee Two Frank Thomas	Present
Trustee Three Rhett Webber	Excused

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
Mosquito Net Project Chairman Dave Pound	Present

There are 17 members in attendance

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

Commander Hilliard read Special Order #1 of 2010 Series hereby appointing John Noel Kramer as Pro Tempore Quartermaster to fill the vacancy left by the temporary loss of Norman Smith as Quartermaster.

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.

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 November 8, 2010 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Keller, seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Given in detail by the Quartermaster. Motion to accept the previous month's report, and for this month as audited by QM Kramer. Second by Comrade Aukshun. Approved.

READING OF BILLS.

None.

Official Correspondence

Commander Hilliard read a letter from VFW National appointing Tom Darkus, our JVC, as National Aide-de-Camp for the year 2010-2011.

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

- Darl Hogan is still dealing with end stage cancer. Our prayers are with him.
- Harley Charlie remains end stage ALS. He is taking visitors.
- Both Comrades have been rated 100% service connected by the VA.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Service Officer	Attachment #1 (No pay increases for two years.)
Surgeon	Attachment #2 (Second hand smoke considerations.)
Judge Advocate	Verbal update on By-Law revision.
Chaplain	None

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Buddy Poppy	P470.00
Bingo	Verbal (On par and healthy in spite of 3 jackpots.)
PHC	Verbal (Below average in comparison to past years.)

FPO	Verbal (Retired U.S. Military, or VA 100% to be eligible.)
Chili Cook Off	Verbal (Bad year 19 paid 18 cooked. Lengthy report.)
Community Activities	Verbal (95 vols 324 hrs 3,700 mi \$4,051.00.)
VOD/Patriot's Pen	Attachment #3 (Given by Commander...presentations to take place this Thursday at the two schools with winners.)
Safety	Attachment #4 (Worn tire tread.)
Elementary School	Attachment #5 (Finished deliveries to all schools last month for 3,176 students. Total worth P77,753.00.)
Mosquito Net	Attachment #6 (25 nets given in Bauang 5,000.00.)

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

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME

Acting Chaplain Darkus said a prayer in remembrance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Commander Hilliard appointed Chaplain Jerome Figgs to fill the vacant PHC seat of Departed Comrade Dan Ross in accordance with Post By-Laws.

Children's Christmas Party is December 18, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

PHC Chairman Gaspard entered a motion from the Post House Committee to award the Canteen Employees a one-time P10,000.00 performance bonus each, except for Roma who has not worked the entire year, for their overall participation in the Canteen, Bingo and Chili Cook Off. The bottom line including all of these programs was positive for the year. The House Committee feels they are no less deserving than Philippine Government employees who were all afforded a P10,000.00 bonus this month. No second required as is motion from a committee. Approved.

The computer in the office for use of the Commander and Quartermaster, and other officers of the post is very old. It was assembled by members who are no longer present to verify its actual age. The Commander requested authorization from the PHC to purchase a new system. Yesterday the Commander and Quartermaster picked out a system which will be able to handle our calculations, and process data at a speed consistent with today's needs. This system cost a total of P22,000.00. The old system will be given to the Elementary Schools Chairman after which it will be donated to a school for a total of

P12,000.00 credit. Quartermaster Kramer made a motion to approve this purchase. Seconded by JVC Darkus. Approved.

Commander Hilliard advised members about the Department Fund Raiser calendars. They have 49 chances to win your money back. Also each calendar sold brings \$2.00 back to the Post for our Relief Fund. Motion made by Quartermaster Kramer to allow Post to purchase 10 of these calendars in the name of the Post, and all winnings accrued, plus the \$20.00 will be applied to our Post Relief Fund. Motion to purchase by SVC Dozier. Second by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Good of the Order

Commander Hilliard presented a 20 Year Cross of Malta to Quartermaster Kramer.

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

Comrade Limle passed out listings of new Concession items received and will allow purchasing from him in the Service Officer's Office. (There isn't room at present to display the items in the display case.)

Adjutant Keller spoke regarding China Post 1 American Legion's new Memorial Division in Baguio at the Red Lion.

50/50 DRAWING

Comrade Barnett and Comrade Staff won a free dinner.
Comrade Worley won the 50/50 at P1,000.00 .

Meeting closed at 1430, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be January 11, 2011 at 1330.

Official

Approved

/s/John D. "JD" Keller
Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV
Commander

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