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MONTHLY MINUTES FOR February 8, 2011

Opening ceremonies for a regular meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1330, February 8, 2011.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander Frank B. Hilliard IV	Present
Senior Vice Commander Calvin “Sonny” Dozier	Present
Junior Vice Commander Thomas Darkus	Present
Quartermaster Norme Smith	Present
Assistant Quartermaster John Noel Kramer	Present
Judge Advocate Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Surgeon Larry Hignight	Present
Chaplain Jerome Figgs	Excused
Trustee One Tim Aukshun	Excused
Trustee Two Frank Thomas	Excused
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	Excused
Mosquito Net Project Chairman Dave Pound	Present

There are 20 members in attendance.

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

Commander Hilliard recognized the following distinguished attendees. All Past Seam Squirrels, All Past Post, including visiting Past Post 124 commander John LaGrew, and District Commanders.

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

National MEMSTATS still shows us as 94.26% of our last year total of 244 members. We have new member applications to vote on today:

- Maxey, Jennings Ross, Retired U.S. Army. Kuwait Liberation Medal, Bronze Star, and Combat Infantry Badge, has applied for Membership in our Post.
- DeLong, Oliver Kenneth, Former U.S. Army, Vietnam Service Medal, has applied for Life Membership in our Post.
- Evans, Charles Robert, Former U.S. Navy, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star, has applied for Membership in our Post.
- Ellingwood, Charles Marty, Retired U.S. Air Force, PSC, and current PGC of New Mexico, has applied for transfer from Post 614 Aztec, New Mexico to our Post.

QM Smith made a motion to accept all applications. Seconded by Adj. Kellar. 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 January 11, 2010 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Keller, seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

Reports for both December 2010 and January 2011 given by Quartermaster Smith. Motion to QM Smith to accept his report subject to audit. Seconded by SVC Dozier. Approved.

READING OF BILLS.

None.

Official Correspondence

VFW National has restored all privileges to Quartermaster Norme Smith.

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.
- Col. Al Frick, 92, WWII vet is in intensive care at Notre Dame in Baguio City.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Service Officer	Attachment #1 (PFCU accounts hacked.)
Surgeon	Attachment #2 (Sleep deprivation.)
Judge Advocate	Done under Unfinished Business.
Chaplain	None.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Buddy Poppy	P1,740.00
Bingo	Verbal (Very good year.)
PHC	Verbal (Very good year.)
FPO	Verbal (Doing well.)
Chili Cook Off garments.)	Verbal (Final figures—19 Teams paid—too many
Community Activities VII.)	Verbal (We are responsible for 40% within District
Safety	Attachment #3 (Home Safe Home.)
Elementary School	Attachment #4 (Still giving—P14,842.00.)
Mosquito Net	Attachment #5 (Purchased 30 nets—P6,000.00. Gave
all away.)	

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

The PHC during its December 2011 meeting voted to approve 13th month pay for our acting Canteen Manager, and Commander's Executive Assistant Gloria Salinas. As this matter couldn't be brought up in an open meeting, motion made by PHC Chair Gaspard for a vote of concurrence from members present. Approved.

Post By-Laws presented by Advocate Gaspard for members approval. Discussion: Commander Hilliard recommended the deletion Article IX Compensation. Motion to amend the By-Laws sans Article IX, renumber following articles accordingly and approve said By-Laws by Advocate Gaspard. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Unanimous vote for approval.

Post Canteen By-Laws presented by PHC Chairman Gaspard for members approval. Motion made by PHC Chair Gaspard. Seconded by Comrade Gilberto. Unanimous vote for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander Hilliard nominated the following as Delegates to the District VII Convention to be held at Post 9892 Canteen at 12:00 Noon on April 25, 2011: Commander Hilliard, SVC Dozier, JVC Darkus, QM Smith, Judge Advocate Gaspard, Chaplain Figgs, Surgeon Hignight, Trustee Aukshun; and alternates: Adjutant Kellar, Trustee Webber, Trustee Thomas, Comrade Limle, Comrade Murphy, Comrade Burnetta, Comrade Allen, and Comrade Bowling. Adjutant Keller is directed to submit

appropriate letter to District VII Adjutant Heilhecker listing the above members.

SVC Dozier present a request from the Paringao Barangay for assistance to the Barangay Basketball Team. The request is specifically for the amount of: P5,000.00. See Att # 6. Motion made by SVC Dozier for approval of this request. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Good of the Order

Commander Hilliard reminded all that the Canteen will again have a scrumptious meal especially for Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14, 2011. Encourage all members to bring their wives, girlfriends, and significant others for a great meal at very reasonable prices.

Commander Hilliard informed all that the "Post 9892" entry in the RSL's Australia Days Curry Cook Off came in first place. The trophy is mounted on the wall right under all our Chili cooking trophies.

Comrade Kramer made a motion that we seek legal advice on rights of survivors of our deceased, as service to Post. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

Commander Hilliard informed all we now have a Casket which belongs to the Post. This casket can be made available to transport remains to either the Crematorium in Baguio City, or Dagupan City, relieving the survivors of this expense.

50/50 DRAWING

Comrade Charles Evans and Commander Hilliard won a free dinner. The Staff, thanks to a generous donor, won the 50/50 at P1,300.00 .

Meeting closed at 1440, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be March 8, 2011 at 1330.

Official

Approved

/s/John D. "JD" Keller
Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV
Commander

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