



## Col. B.J. Smith VFW Post 9892

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### **MONTHLY MINUTES FOR March 8, 2011**

Opening ceremonies for a regular meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1343, March 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	Present
Trustee Two Frank Thomas	Excused
Trustee Three Rhett Webber	Present
Appointed Positions	
Adjutant John D. “JD” Keller	Excused
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 21 members in attendance.

Commander Hilliard made the following temporary appointment for this meeting: Comrade Dozier – OOD. Comrade Darkus – Chaplain, and Comrade Gaspard -- Adjutant.

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

### **READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

National MEMSTATS still shows us as 95.9% of our last year total of 244 members. We have new member applications to vote on today:

- Luke Long, an USAF Active Duty member, with service in Korea and Afghanistan has applied for Annual Membership in our Post.
- Steven Benoit, an USAF Active Duty member, with service in Afghanistan has applied for Annual Membership in our Post.
- Nicholas R. Mizzoni, Life Member of DPA MAL Post 15055, has applied for transfer to our Post.
- MSgt Stephen A. Zimmerman, of VFW Post 10775 has applied for transfer to our Post.

QM Smith made a motion to accept all applications, as reviewed by the membership committee for eligibility, and approved. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. 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 necessary correction to the December 2010 minutes is required to address the fact the Executive Assistant was left off the minutes as approved for the one-time Performance Bonus. A motion to accept the February 8, 2011 Minutes as corrected was made by Comrade Gaspard, seconded by Comrade Dozier. Approved.

### **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

Report for February 2011 given by Quartermaster Smith. Motion by QM Smith to accept his report as audited. Seconded by SVC Hignight. Approved.

### **READING OF BILLS.**

None.

### **Official Correspondence**

None.

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

- Darl Hogan still battling with his terminal throat cancer. Good Spirits!

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Service Officer	Attachment #1 (U.S. Embassy moving offices.)
Surgeon	Attachment #2 (Eye checkups.)
Judge Advocate	None.
Chaplain	None.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS**

Buddy Poppy	P410.00
Bingo	Verbal (Good month.)
PHC	Verbal (Better data now available.)
FPO	Verbal (Doing okay.)
Community Activities	Verbal (106 vols, 349 hrs, 3,142 mi, \$3,524.00.)
Safety	Attachment #3 (Following too close.)
Elementary School	Attachment #4 (Gave mid-way distribution of P32,213.00, 100 hrs.)
Mosquito Net	Attachment #5 (P6,000.00 purchased and distributed to 34 families, 134 mi, 5 hrs.)

Motion to accept all committee reports by Comrade Aukshun. Seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

## **REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME**

Acting Chaplain Darkus said a prayer in remembrance.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commander Hilliard notified all present that he has the pictures of our Barangay Basketball team in their new uniforms, with appropriate recognition of the VFW on same.

Ongoing efforts are still underway with regards to legal rights of survivors.

Commander Hilliard reminded all Delegates for the District VII Convention to be held at our Post Home on April 25, 2011 at 12:00 Noon. Following 11:00 observances of ANZAC Day at the Coconut Grove. Please be prompt.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Judge Advocate moved that closed ballot be used for all contested positions. Seconded by Dozier. Approved.

Nominations were opened by Commander Hilliard for the year 2011-2012; the following were nominated:

Commander Hilliard

Senior Vice Commander Darkus

Junior Vice Commander Figgs (Not present to accept, enroute via air from states.)

Quartermaster Norme Smith

Judge Advocate Gaspard

Surgeon Hignight

Trustee Three Eugene Smith

PHC Two Kramer

PHC Three Gaspard

Nominations will remain open until the next meeting when they will be finalized, and elections will take place.

Commander Hilliard received a request from the Paringao Barangay Captain Jesse Muhammed for assistance with the Barangay Fiesta later this month. Comrade Limle made a motion we support this request with P1,500.00. Seconded by Comrade Aukshun. Approved.

As the deadline for submission of membership for reaching our 100% goal is March 31, 2011, it is recommended that the Post pay for those eight (8) Annual members, at \$20.00 each, who have not yet paid, enabling the Quartermaster to be eligible for All State. Motion made by JA Gaspard to approve \$160.00 to renew members. Seconded by SVC Dozier. Approved unanimously.

### **Good of the Order**

PDC Webber briefed on Tricare in the Philippines. New office on Clark AB.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

Staff and Ken DeLong won a free dinner.  
Comrade Eugene Smith, won the 50/50 at P1,600.00.

Meeting was recessed and reopened as an Open Meeting for Memorial Service for Departed Comrade Daniel C. Ross. His widow Purita, Son Chris and his wife LeeAnne, and their son Anthony were in attendance. Commander Hilliard presented the U.S. Flag, and all were invited to remain to socialize.

Meeting closed at 1440, hours in accordance with VFW ritual. Next meeting will be April 12, 2011 at 1330.

Official

Approved

/s/John D. "JD" Keller  
Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV  
Commander

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