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MONTHLY MINUTES FOR September 13, 2011

Opening ceremonies for a regular meeting conducted in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual; meeting opened at 1345, September 13, 2011.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander Frank B. Hilliard IV	Present
Senior Vice Commander Thomas Darkus	Present
Junior Vice Commander Larry Hignight	Present
Quartermaster Norme Smith	Present
Assistant Quartermaster John Noel Kramer	Excused
Judge Advocate Arthur L. Gaspard	Present
Surgeon Calvin “Sonny” Dozier	Present
Chaplain John D. “JD” Keller	Excused
Trustee One Frank Thomas	Absent
Trustee Two Rhett Webber	Present
Trustee Three Eugene Smith	Present
Appointed Positions	
Adjutant Jennings “JR” Maxey	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 21 members in attendance on this Sunny, two Monday night football game day.

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

Commander Hilliard recognized the following distinguished attendees. All Current and Past Seam Squirrels, All Past Post Commanders, All Past District Commanders, and our very own Past AA Department Commander Rhett Webber. (It should also be noted that Rhett is our only Post 9892 Legacy Life Member.)

READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

Our membership now stands at 91%.

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 August 9, 2011 Minutes was made by Comrade Maxey, seconded by Comrade Hignight. Approved.

QUARTERMASTER’S REPORT.

Report for August 2011 given by Quartermaster Smith. Motion by QM Smith to accept his report as audited. Seconded by Comrade Looker. Approved.

READING OF BILLS.

None.

Report of Service Officer.

(Comrade Dozier explained DFAS retirement pay changes.) Attachment #1

Official Correspondence.

Commander Hilliard verbally apologized to the membership for causing confusion regarding the leadership of the Post. He unfortunately allowed his personal family problems to carry over and cause angst unnecessarily. All concerns have been eliminated. There will be no changes in the Post leadership.

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

Our charter remains draped in honor of our two departed comrades, Dennis Daily and Daryl Hogan. Semper Fi Marines! God bless their families and those left behind.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Surgeon	Attachment #2 (Mosquito prevention / repellants.)
Judge Advocate	None.
Chaplain	None.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN REPORTS

Buddy Poppy	P570.00
Bingo	Verbal (Not so good funds.)
PHC	Verbal (lost big.)
FPO	Verbal (doing ok.)

CCO	Verbal (still on track.)
Community Activities	Good efforts. (August reports submitted.)
Safety	Attachment #4 (Good, briefed on avoiding potholes.)
Elementary School provided.)	Attachment #5 (Badminton sets, snacks, and school supplies
Mosquito Net	Attachment #6 (4 local families given nets.)
Motion to accept all committee reports by Comrade Hignight, Seconded by Comrade Looker . Approved.	

REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME

Acting Chaplain Darkus said a prayer in remembrance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

We have finally made contact with the descendants of our local MOH Winner, PVT Jose B. Nisperos. Post Service Officer Sonny Dozier and I traversed the Lingsat Public Cemetery with the 3 Granddaughters, and found the grave, grossly overgrown, and without any marker, as the Bronze grave marker had been stolen previously. In discussions with the family we are working to have an appropriate gravesite for the proper honoring of this veteran, who was the first non-American, only Asian, and only Filipino to be awarded this high honor. More information will be provided members as time and events go by. VFW Post 9892 has taken the lead to make all of this possible, and liaison is ongoing with the VA, Graves Registration, La Union Provincial Governor, San Fernando City Mayor, and the City Council, as well of course the family.

Comrade Smith made a motion for the post to support the MOH winner Jose Nisperos's grave and provide care for that site. Motion was seconded by Comrade Hignight. A 100% positive vote occurred. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Good of the Order:

The Post did a Tribute to POW/MIA in accordance with the National Ritual.

As the Post has the old AFN decoder, and a new HD model, it has been decided to offer the old one for sealed bid amongst eligible Post members. To be eligible, you have to be retired U.S. military, or have a 100% VA disability. Bids will be drawn on Sept. 20, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Submit your bids to either Post Quartermaster Smith, or Commander Hilliard.

A General Order Three was issued this date to establish a Post Reviewing Committee, in accordance with National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Art. 103, was in error left off the General Order One.

Comrade Junior Past District Commander James Correll has this date completed the annual inspection of Post 9892. All minor administrative errors were corrected on the spot, and no major discrepancies were noted. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend the meeting and address the members.

Comrade Webber explained VA issues about recent members that have died.

Comrade Smith explained about procedures to transfer VFW membership.

Comrade Limle reminded all about the Monday Night Football pools weekly. Get signed up early.

50/50 DRAWING

Comrade Comrade Pounds and the Staff won a free dinner.
Comrade Maxey won the 50/50 at P1,250.00.

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

Official

Approved

/s/Jennings "JR" Maxey
Adjutant

/s/Frank B. Hilliard IV
Commander

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