



**Angeles City Post 2485
District 7 (Philippines)
Department of Pacific Areas
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**

General Membership Meeting

5 July 2017

OPENING CEREMONIES: Commander Smith called the meeting to order at 1400 hours in the Post Home. Opening ceremonies were held in accordance with VFW Ritual. Twenty-two (22) members were present. Adjutant Chaplin assumed duties as Post Chaplain for this meeting.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS: Commander Smith recognized the following distinguished Members:

Past National Council Member: **Bob Zaher**
Past Department Commanders: **Joe Carsley, Bob Zaher**
Past District VII Commanders: **Bob Zaher, Carl Burke**
Past District I Commander: **Joe Carsley**
Past Post 2485 Commanders: **Joe Carsley, Bob Zaher, Carl Burke**

Commander Smith recognized a visitor from Korea – Gold Legacy Life Member Bob Parker

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander	Norman Smith	Present
Sr. Vice Commander	James Collins	Present
Jr. Vice Commander	Rossier Rogers	Present
Quartermaster	Mike Compton	Present
Adjutant	Gerald Chaplin	Present
Chaplain	Larry Martin	Absent
Judge Advocate	Gerald Chaplin	Present
Surgeon	Anthony Grimm	Present
Trustee One-Year	Tom Aldrich	Absent
Trustee Two-Year	Barry Larson	Present
Trustee Three-Year	Charles Dwyer	Absent
Service Officer	Christopher Andrejcik	Excused
Officer of the Day	Eric Zariello	Present

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Chairman Wilsey read the report; he stated there were five (5) new applications for membership for period ending 5 July 2017:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Recruiter</u>
(1) Jake Scogin	(N)	VSM	Wilsey
(2) Mark McMahan	(N)	VSM	Wilsey
(3) David Jackson	(N)	ICM	Wilsey
(4) Etoyi Windom	(LN)	ICM; KDSM	Chaplin
(5) Eduardo Morales	(N)	NEXM	Wilsey

Chairman Wilsey made a motion, seconded by Comrade Grimm, that the five (5) applicants be accepted for membership in our Post. **Motion Passed.**

READING OF MINUTES: Adjutant Chaplin made a motion, seconded by Comrade Carsley, that the 7 June 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes be accepted as posted, subject to correction. **Motion Passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None read at this meeting.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Trustee Larson reported that the Quartermaster books had been audited on 29 June 2017, and found to be in order.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT: Quartermaster Compton gave the report for the month ending 30 June 2017. He made a motion, seconded by Comrade Zaher, for the financial reconciliation be accepted as presented. **Motion Passed.**

Any Post 2485 member who wishes to see Quartermaster documents may do so with the approval of the Post Commander.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: Comrade Collins – Reported that the Post POW/MIA Observance will be held at Camp O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac, on 16 September 2017. Transportation will be provided.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER: Comrade Rogers – Gave the Community Activities. See Reports of Committees.

JUNIOR PAST POST COMMANDER: Comrade Burke – No report.

CHAPLAIN: Comrade Martin— No report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Comrade Chaplin – No report.

SURGEON: Comrade Grimm – Reported visiting two (2) Veterans at Medical City-Clark.

SERVICE OFFICER: Comrade Andrejczik – No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: Comrade Ryan – No report.

ROVING AMBASSADOR: Comrades Liebhaber – No report.

LIBRARY: Comrade Turner – No report.

HISTORIAN: Comrade Metherell – No report.

WEBMASTER: Contractor – No report. JVC Rogers working the issue of the Post website.

BUDDY POPPY: Comrade Travers – No report.

SEAM SQUIRREL: Comrade Korder – No report.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 485: Scoutmaster LaBenne – Reported the progress on the beautification of the outside area of the Post home building to include a new front door. Five (5) Scouts will be attending the National Jamboree. Sunday, 10 September, at 5pm VFW/Scout dinner with the Scouts at Post 2485.

POW/MIA Search Team: Comrade Kempski – Reported that with the arrival of the monsoon rainy season, field operations have ceased. Research continues.

COMRADE OR FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS: None reported at this meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

POST HOUSE COMMITTEE: Sr. Vice Commander Collins will be the new PHC Chairman. He briefed that items will be presented under “New Business”.

The PHC Minutes for 1 May 2017 are posted on the Member bulletin board and may be viewed at: <http://www.vfwpost2485.com/VFWPHCMinutes.html>

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Wilsey reported that total membership currently stands at 1599 of which 1586 are Life Members. VFW National is currently shut down for end of year close-out. Post 2485 goal of reaching 1,700 Members this coming year 2017-2018.

CHILDREN’S OPERATION PROGRAM: Chairman Wilsey reported three (3) operations completed with \$1,016.12 expended.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Chairman Rogers reported the completion of one hundred twenty-seven (127) community activity projects this past month in the following categories:

- Post Members donated to Wounded Warrior Program
- Post hosted AA meetings
- Post Members assisted at Boy Scout campout
- Veteran’s Burials
- Post Member donated to Veteran’s Library

Chairman Rogers thanks all Comrades for your generous donations and to please keep up all the good work in the Community.

HOSPITAL: Chairman Grimm – No report.

CEMETERY/GRAVE DIGGERS: Chairman Smith gave a verbal report for the past month.

Information is available on the Post 2485 website http://www.vfwpost2485.com/cemetery_report.doc.

NATIONAL HOME: Chairman Rogers – No report.

VOD/PP: Chairman Rogers – No report. Changes to the Programs forthcoming.

POST REVIEW COMMITTEE: Adjutant Chaplin reported the committee had reviewed the five (5) application for Membership and found the applicant to be eligible and worthy.

POST RELIEF COMMITTEE: No report.

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN: Adjutant Chaplin led the prayer for the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None reported.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Comrade Zarriello briefed the proposals for the designated smoking area. This is to comply with the Philippine President Executive Order # 26 (Anti-Smoking Policy). Commander Smith briefed his Anti-Smoking Policy Letter which has been posted on the bulletin boards for the past two (2) months. Much spirited discussion ensued about the proposals, the merits of each, associated projected costs, and the covering of the designated smoking areas.

Motion was made and seconded, to fund the construction project of the designated smoking area for \$2,000. **Motion Passed.**

2. Comrade Larson briefed a requirement for the Post to file IRS Form 990 to comply with "tax exempt status". He spoke of the 19 page application and the yearly requirement for filing the form 990. He made a motion, seconded by Comrade Grimm, to file this application and pay the associated fee of \$850 with IRS. Following discussion; **Motion Passed.**

3. Past District VII Commander Burke conducted the Officer's Obligation Oath for; SVC Collins, PHC Member Grubbs, and POW/MIA Search Team Member Kempski.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Surgeon Grimm advised names of contacts for Veterans Support Committee. He advised Members to notify him or JVC Rogers if they know of a Veteran admitted to any Hospital. He spoke of the need for Veterans to accomplished a special power of attorney if admitted to hospital when there is no immediate next of kin.

2. Comrade Larson spoke of the need for additional volunteers for the Clark Veterans Cemetery Honor Guard Team.

3. The free dinner meal drawings were won by Comrades Paul Harlan and Jesse Eredia. These free meals are provided by the management of the Lamp Post restaurant and bar.

4. The Post 50/50 draw winner was Comrade Grimm with 550 Pesos for the Post and 550 Pesos for the winner. The National Home for Children 50/50 draw winner was Comrade Larson with 550 Pesos for the National Home for Children and 550 Pesos for the winner

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Closing Ceremonies were held in accordance with VFW Ritual. The meeting was adjourned at 1459 hours. The next General Membership Meeting will be 2 August 2017, at 1400 hrs. The Officers' Call will be held 31 July 2017, at 1100 hours.

OFFICIAL:

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Gerald Chaplin
Adjutant

APPROVED:

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Norman Smith
Commander

DISTRIBUTION:

File
Bulletin Board
District Adjutant
Webmaster