



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

**General Membership Meeting**

**3 May 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-five (25) members were present. Comrade Tom Aldrich was appointed as Officer of the Day for this Meeting

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS:** Commander Smith recognized the following distinguished Members:

District VII Senior Vice Commander: **Charles Spain**  
Past Department Commanders: **Joe Carsley, Paul Gasperson**  
Past Department Commander (Alaska): **Nick Nelson** (visiting from Alaska)  
Past District VII Commander: **Carl Burke**  
Past District I Commander: **Joe Carsley**  
Past Post 2485 Commanders: **Joe Carsley, Lafayette Donaldson, Carl Burke**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

<b>Commander</b>	Norman Smith	Present
<b>Sr. Vice Commander</b>	James Collins	Present
<b>Jr. Vice Commander</b>		
<b>Quartermaster</b>	Mike Compton	Present
<b>Adjutant</b>	Gerald Chaplin	Present
<b>Chaplain</b>	Larry Martin	Present
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Lynn Travers	Absent
<b>Surgeon</b>	Anthony Grimm	Excused
<b>Trustee One-Year</b>	Charles Dwyer	Excused
<b>Trustee Two-Year</b>	Tom Aldrich	Present
<b>Trustee Three-Year</b>	Barry Larson	Excused
<b>Service Officer</b>	Christopher Andrejck	Excused
<b>Officer of the Day</b>	Eric Zarriello	Excused

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Chairman Wilsey read the report; he stated there was one (1) new application for membership for period ending 3 May 2017:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Recruiter</u>
(1) Dana Toups	N	VSM	Wilsey

Chairman Wilsey made a motion, seconded by Comrade Martin, that the one (1) applicant be accepted for membership in our Post. **Motion Passed.**

**READING OF MINUTES:** Adjutant Chaplin made a motion, seconded by Comrade Gasperson, that the 5 April 2017 General Membership Meeting Minutes be accepted as posted, subject to correction.  
**Motion Passed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Adjutant Chaplin informed Members of the American Legion Post 123 invitation letter to attend the AL Post 123 Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Clark Veterans Cemetery on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 1000 hours. Following the Ceremony, Members are invited to the AL Post 123 Home in Mountain View Subdivision for a barbeque meal.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT:** Trustee Aldrich reported that the Quartermaster books had been audited on 2 May 2017 and found to be in order.

**QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT:** Quartermaster Compton gave the report for the month ending 30 April 2017. He made a motion, seconded by Comrade Carsley, 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 – Spoke of the good showing at Capas, Tarlac, for the Post 2485/Boy Scout Troop 485 Observance of the Bataan Death March and Honoring those in captivity at the Camp O'Donnell POW Camp during World War II.

**JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:** Vacant

**JUNIOR PAST POST COMMANDER:** Comrade Burke – No report.

**CHAPLAIN:** Comrade Martin— No report.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Comrade Travers – No report.

**SURGEON:** Comrade Grimm – No report.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Comrade Andrejcik – No report.

**SAFETY OFFICER:** Comrade Ryan – Reported the monthly safety brief was sent via email to Post Officers and posted on the Post website facebook page. The flyers are posted on the bulletin board. This month's theme is National Water Safety Awareness Month and the flyers are easy lifesaving steps and swimming facts and stats.

**ROVING AMBASSADOR:** Comrades Prinz and Liebhaber -- No report.

**LIBRARY:** Comrade Turner – No report.

**HISTORIAN:** Comrade Metherell / Comrade Johnson – No report.

**WEBMASTER:** Comrade Harcourt – No report.

**BUDDY POPPY:** Comrade Travers – No report.

**SEAM SQUIRREL:** Comrade Korder – No report.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 485:** Scoutmaster LaBenne – Reported on the progress of Scout David Luau's Eagle Scout Project with the work to and around the Post 2485 Home Building.

**POW/MIA Search Team:** Comrade Kempinski reported on the progress at the Palawan search area. Also, mentioned their involvement with the 9 April "Day of Valor" activities on Bataan and Mt. Samat.

**COMRADE OR FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS:** Comrade Carsley spoke of the continuing condition of Comrade Lowell Johnson. Comrade Bob Zaher is providing continuous support to Comrade Johnson in many areas.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**POST HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Adjutant Chaplin read statement from PHC Chairman Ellingwood, acknowledging the work of Scout David Luau, for his Eagle Scout Project, working on the outside grounds and areas of the Post 2485 Home Building.

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 1671 of which 1586 are Life Members. This represents 100.72% of last year end figure (1659).

**CHILDREN'S OPERATION PROGRAM:** Chairman Wilsey -- No activity this past month.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Adjutant Chaplin read the report. Chairman Zaher reported the completion of one hundred fifty-five (155) community activity projects this past month in the following categories:

Post Members assisted at Boy Scout campout

Veteran's Burials

Post hosted AA Meetings

Two Special Community Activities this past month:

Post Members attended Bataan Death March Ceremonies at Corregidor, Mt. Samat, and Camp O'Donnell

Post Members assisted at Battling Bastards of Bataan Ceremony at Camp O'Donnell on 29 Apr

Chairman Zaher 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.

Information is available on the Post 2485 website [http://www.vfwpost2485.com/cemetery\\_report.doc](http://www.vfwpost2485.com/cemetery_report.doc).

**NATIONAL HOME:** Chairman Collins – No report.

**VOD/PP:** Chairman Collins – Completed.

**POST REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Adjutant Chaplin reported the committee had reviewed the one (1) application for Membership and found the applicant to be eligible and worthy.

**POST RELIEF COMMITTEE:**

**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN:** Chaplain Martin led the prayer for the National Home for Children.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Post Election for the Junior Vice Commander officer position:

The Junior Vice Commander office had remained opened from the 5 April 2017 election. Commander Smith asked for nominations. Rossier Rogers was nominated by Comrade Wilsey. Comrade Rogers accepted his nomination. Commander ask if there were any further nominations. None made. Motion was made by Adjutant Chaplin, seconded by SVC Collins, for the Adjutant to cast one unanimous vote for Comrade Rogers for Post 2485 Junior Vice Commander. **Motion Passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Adjutant Chaplin advised of the requirement to send to the Department of Pacific Areas, a Post Delegate Letter for the Department Convention 11-15 June 2017. He read the names of Post 2485 Members who had registered for the Department Convention on the Department website. Members were asked if there were any Comrades who wished to be Post Delegates and had not registered. Motion was made by Adjutant Chaplin, seconded by Comrade Compton, for the following named Post 2485 Members be elected as Delegates to the Department Convention, 11-15 June 2017. **Motion Passed.**

Aldrich, Thomas	Malott, James
Carsley, Joseph	Melendy, Donald
Clark, Willis	Muller, Dan
Compton, Michael	Prinz, Jerry
Crist, Jonathan	Sculley, Michael
Gasperson, Paul	Smith, Norman
Gilbert, John	Wilsey, Clifton
Grimm, Anthony	Zaher, Bob

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Commander Smith advised that the Post Officer Installation/Membership Night dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 May 2017.
2. Comrade Wade spoke of the American Legion membership drive. He also advised that The American Legion would be considering the “Bells of Balangiga” Resolution that was recently passed by VFW District VII and forwarded to the Department of Pacific Areas.
3. Comrade Wilsey mentioned that if any Member needed to order the VFW garrison cap to see him any afternoon to order.
4. District VII Senior Vice Commander Spain spoke briefly and thanked Post Members for their support.

5. Adjutant Chaplin encouraged Members to sig-up for the VFW National Legislative newsletter, "Action Corps Weekly" to receive Legislative information from Washington D.C.
6. The free dinner meal drawings were won by Comrades Jesse Eredia and Jerry Chaplin. These free meals are provided by the management of the Lamp Post restaurant and bar.
7. The Post 50/50 draw winner was Comrade Aldrich with 800 Pesos for the Post and 800 Pesos for the winner. The National Home for Children 50/50 draw winner was Comrade Rossier Rogers with 800 Pesos for the National Home for Children and 800 Pesos for the winner

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Closing Ceremonies were held in accordance with VFW Ritual. The meeting was adjourned at 1436 hours. The next General Membership Meeting will be 7 June 2017, at 1400 hrs. The Officers' Call will be held 5 June 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