

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Commander Jeff Edwards, and opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call of Officers noted seven members/officers present. QM Russell Farrell had a work conflict and is excused, so no financial report presented. Previous minutes had been previously mailed electronically and available on the website.

Prayer was offered for the VFW National Home.

It was noted that the audit is completed and signed.

Unfinished Business

1. The bank accounts and signature cards have yet to be updated. Coordinating schedules is an ongoing issue.
2. No other unfinished business was presented.

New Business

1. The Veterans Home Barbecue has been requested for September 30th by the Home and the District Commander. However, the Cattleman's Association has new leadership, and they were to bring it up at their next meeting. The menu is anticipated to be steak and potatoes, with salad/vegetable. Additionally, another group is prepared to provide an ice cream dessert. More to follow.
2. District 7 has made All American, and there was an email that came our way about meeting our membership goal. The post earned a membership streamer for last year.
3. Dustin reported he has a friend set to join as a life member. We want to continue to stress life membership and continue to recruit.
4. A discussion about recruiting ensued, with the essence of it being that we want a good intake process with social and service activities instead of just conducting business. Dustin agreed to coordinate an event before Apple Butter Making Days and there was a follow-on motion to provide the costs for recruiting and publicity expenses in the days ahead.

5. Apple Butter Days brings up the plans and tools we use for the year's largest fundraiser.
 - a. Along with recruiting and the setup efforts, Toby revived the idea of a trailer that can be used as advertising, customized for our needs, and make ABMD easier. He agreed to explore options for a trailer.
 - b. Commander Edwards discussed finding some camo-netting and poles that would bring attention to our setup.
 - c. Gary had a discussion with District 7 Commander David Bozarth's desire to join us with Recruiters and Veteran Service Officers from District and Department. The request for their attendance has been submitted.

6. Ralph informed the group about a WWII Veteran in the Veterans Home to celebrate his 100th birthday on 15 August. The family is not having a public celebration due to illness but appreciate our efforts to work through the Veterans Home. Lawrence Plaster served aboard a carrier during World War II. We will coordinate with the Veteran's Home and prepare a Certificate of Recognition from our Post. More to follow.

7. Further discussions about group identity and recruiting and community visibility prompted the following actions.
 - a. A motion was made by Toby and seconded by Mel to purchase the minimum number of vests in an assortment of sizes for new members. The thought is that we give them their vest after attending 3 meetings and securing their membership in our post.
 - b. Polo Shirts were discussed for individual purchase, but all of the same type; caps, too. Gary said he would explore this and come back with a recommendation. Shirts with pockets and matching caps were encouraged.

Other Items discussed for the good of the Post Included (in no particular order):

1. District 7 Meeting set for August 12th in Nevada- all welcome to attend. Expect Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy packets and information... meaning that this must become a priority to meet the due dates while we have the Veterans Home Dinner and ABMD underway. We need first, second, and third prizes... and monies were received from the Cooties for this purpose.

2. Reporting is necessary... we need training on this. New procedures use self-reporting with our member number, and All-American Reports are submitted at a different location. This needs to be developed.

3. Flag Retirement Ceremonies—we need to check with Brad's True Value Hardware to pick up flags and set a time for a retirement ceremony... with publicity!

4. The website is there and needs to be utilized. Newspaper publicity will be for special events. Facebook- we need to get control of all passwords and utilize this resource in tandem with the website.
5. The Gift Shop Lady from the Hill is still thinking about the distribution of funds.
6. The Submariner resolutions will be considered at the national convention in Phoenix next week. 5-6 departments have endorsed the resolutions.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Assignments:

Commander Edwards	Cammo Netting and Poles/ District Commander support for ABMD/Get flags from True Value Hardware
Toby	Trailer proposal
Dustin	Social Event
Russell	Vests and Caps order for Post 4541
Gary	Cattleman's Association information/Polo Shirt and Cap proposal/Certificate for WWII Vet
Ralph	Veteran's Home Party for WWII Veteran