



MEETING MINUTES — POST 70

The meeting was held 09/09/2024. Eleven (11) members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the Commander. Opening ceremonial tasks were done followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation of the Preamble was done by all present.

Roll Call of Officers: All Officers were present.

Minutes: Being that there was no August meeting, the Minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted.

Membership: There were four new applications to review. Christian Bosse, James Wallace, Dana Gray, Donald Hughes, and a transfer Roy O'Brien from FL. They were accepted.

Financial Officer Reports: The reports were read. A discussion between the Commander and the Historian took place. Wayne stated his opinion that people were being paid that were not employed by the Post. The Commander countered that was not true and he was welcome to check the Lounge checkbook any time he wished. Discussion ended. The reports were accepted and filed for audit. .

Website Report: Cathie's report was distributed to the members present. Her invoice for the 3-month period October, November, and December was accepted. She also performed extra work on the Dept. of Defense's Weapons Report, which must now be done online and required much back and forth interaction before our report was accepted and deeds on each weapon were issued to us. We now have a thick file of this work so in 3 years when we must again report, we will have good records. This file is now located in the safe for fire protection.

Post Service Officer's Report: Phil reported about the primary election tomorrow. One candidate for Rep for District 30, Matt Sabourin, has visited here and is a Veteran. Also candidate Bill Gannon, who is very supportive of the Post, asked Phil to hold a sign and he agreed to do that for a couple of hours. Separate discussion of veterans' benefits if you are admitted to a local hospital, you must notify the VA within 72 hours and the cost will be covered. Phil left a bunch of literature in the Canteen.



Old Business:

Bar Mats: Mats are now on order. As soon as they arrive, they will be installed.

Drainage: We are waiting on bids for the bathroom and we have a problem with pipes in the wall, which will be fixed when we re-do the bathrooms. We plan to make both bathrooms handicap-accessible.

New Business:

Paving Back-Lot: The Commander is planning to pave the grassy area out back, sometime in October, at his own expense.

Queen of Hearts: People have been asking the Commander about removing the cap off the Jackpot amount. Discussion ensued, all present had an opportunity to voice their opinions. A motion was made to take a vote on removing the cap. The vote was taken and it passed. The cap is therefore removed, effective immediately.

Leo Eaton: The Commander advised that Post 70 made a \$500 donation to the family. This is in addition to other drawings, raffles, and Town assistance that the family has received. They are greatly relieved.

Our new Chaplain: Our long-vacant Chaplain role has now been filled by Mike Malioneck. The swearing-in by the Commander was conducted.

Our new Chaplain made his first closing prayer.

The Commander made a closing statement and then adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Henry, Adjutant