

AMVETS POST 25 MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2009

PROCEEDINGS:

- Call to order at: 19:15
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call of officers:

P	Commander (Sam Pierce)	P	Judge Advocate (Al Pristera)
P	1 st Vice (Buck Boetticher)	V	Chaplain (_____)
P	2 nd Vice (Tom Doughman)	E	Service Officer (Grant Wells)
P	3 rd Vice (Alan Lower)	P	1-Year Trustee (Dave Williams)
P	Adjutant (Dana Kapp)	E	2-Year Trustee (Bob Kapp)
P	Finance Officer (Rob Svendson)	P	3-Year Trustee (John Massie)
V	Provost Marshall (_____)		

- Minutes from October meeting reviewed and approved.

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Wagner From American Income Life to speak about the \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit that we have as a result of membership in AMVETS as well as other insurance benefits products offered by AIL. Copy of folder materials passed out is available in the office.

REPORTS:

New Membership Report:

- James Gary (Post) – Motion to approve made and carried.
- Two social member renewals: Ginger Rogers and Wanda Adams. Motion to renew made and carried.
- Social memberships: Currently have 17 members. Discussion on the percentage of membership can be social members. Motion made to set the social membership at 15% (33 members) was made, seconded, and carried. The 15% will be effective January 1, 2010.

First Vice:

- Annual Membership Dues is \$25.00.
- Life membership goes up to \$180.00 on Jan 1, 2010, \$200 on Jan 1, 2011 and \$250.00 on Jan 1, 2012. We need to get any new Life Memberships to the State by December 7 so it can be to the National Office by December 31. Right now Life Membership here will be \$112.50, which is what goes to State and National.
- All renewals are due not later than December 31, 2009. After that all annual post, ladies, sons, and social memberships must make a new application and go across the floor again.

Second Vice:

- Thanksgiving: Adopted 10 low-income families from Horace Mann Elementary School to receive all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Day dinner. The Post is sponsoring five and the Auxiliary is sponsoring five. Can goods donation are due by Nov. 20 for assembly and will be delivered on Nov. 21. at 9am.
- Will adopt 10 more families for Christmas.
- School is tracking families selected for donations so there is no duplication.

Judge Advocate:

- Working on revising canteen rules will go across the floor in December to be posted by January 1.

Correspondence:

- Request for donation from the AMVETS Department of Ohio for the Phone Cards for Troops Campaign. Part of the new phone solicitation effort. Goal is 5,000 30-minute phone cards to send to troops serving overseas or wounded and recovering in military hospitals. Cost to department is \$2.45 a card. Motion to donate \$500 was made, seconded, and carried.
- Request for donation to the Joseph House for Veterans (AMVETS homeless veterans shelters in Cincinnati). Sponsor a golf outing annually to fund raise. Motion made to NOT donated was carried.
- Motion to accept correspondence report, second and motion carried.

Finance Reports: (Available in Post office for review)

- Motion to accept financial reports, second and motion carried.

Career Center:

- Attended two events: Veteran Friendly Employers Luncheon in Dayton to speak on the Career Center and Ohio Vets Can website and Wright-Pat Job Fair.
- Career Center building is in need of an awning for the front entrance and porch. Motion made, seconded and carried to get bids on the cost of installing an awning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Scanning of DD214s to a computer file. Discuss on security of. Will remain on local computer for Post use only. Can also clean up so readable. Will not scan if a member does not want it scanned.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Renovate and a 6'x10' expansion kitchen area for about \$20,000. Bid sheets will made available to membership to review before a vote next meeting. Motion made and carried to table until next meeting.
- Need to but up large screen TV and two small ones for closed bid auction, as there will not be room for it once kitchen expanded. Will buy a new flat screen for the wall in the same location. Cost about \$3,000.
- Request to remove the wall between bar area and pool area once all the electrical and plumbing has been moved from old heating unit and old water heater. Motion made and carried to table until next meeting and after bid reviews.
- Old ice machines, someone asked to buy them. Motion made and carried to let him buy them.
- Will refinish the surface shuffleboard table (\$250.00 cost) after removing the wall between bar area and pool area.
- Motion made to pay entering fees for two teams for the upcoming District Bowling Tournament at a cost of \$475. Motion made, seconded, and carried.
- Air conditioner needs replaced. Bid for \$2700 to install. Motion made, seconded, and carried.
- Sprinkler system for whole building. Bid for \$36,000 estimated cost without building addition. This would bring the building up to current code for use. Tabled for further discussion.

- American Flags: We have flags on hand at Post to replace flags that we find around town that are faded and torn. Let Sam know if you find one. Done as a community service.
- Toys for Tots: request by member to support. No letter will get for December meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Veterans Day. Steak Stew in canteen.
- Thanksgiving Dinner – Nov. 26, 7pm
- District 1 Bowling Tournament hosted by Post at Shamrock Lanes, Dec. 5 & 6.

ADJOURN:

- Colors retired
- Meeting adjourned at 8:27.