

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
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WINSIDE, NE
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

Vice Commander Mark Bloomfield called the meeting to order with 12 members present (Mark Bloomfield, Bud Neel, Ray Jacobsen, Daryl Mundil, Dan Jaeger, Gerald Kennedy, Rebecca Bloomfield, Dean Mann, Stan Stenwall, Butch Edwards, Dave Bloomfield and Marcus Janssen), and 3 guests: District 3 Commander Ken Hanel, District 3 Vice Commander Darrel Harrison and Sons of the American Legion member Roman Hernandez. VC Bloomfield led the salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bud Neel offered prayer. A moment of silence was observed for the POW/MIA's. All members recited The American Legion Preamble.

Commander Janssen arrived and relieved VC Bloomfield. Cmdr. Janssen asked the guests to offer words of wisdom.

-- D3 Cmdr. Hanel of West Point advised members we were the Heartbeat of The American Legion. D3 Cmdr. Hanel extended an invite to the District 3 Convention on March 11 at the Chat Center in Tekamah, NE. Registration opens at 8 AM and meeting starts at 9 AM. (Chat Center is on SO Hwy #75 on westside-if you get to Bomgaars, you went too far). D3 Cmdr. Hanel is announcing his candidacy for Area "A" Vice Commander.

--D3 Vice Commander D. Harrison came begging for members to step up to assist the District in positions needing filled. District Activities Director includes Boy's State, Jr. Law Cadet, Oratorical and Fundraising for the District and District 3 Americanism committeeman for Department with the loss of Bill Wiseman.

--Q & A-- If a member is deceased, why do we have to carry on the roster 2 yrs. before they are removed? D3 Cmdr. Hanel explained the lag time due to date of information being passed along. This has been an ongoing problem that is discussed at many meeting. It will be visited again.

--Daryl Mundil reported on Wayne County Government Day for Winside Jr. & Sr. class members. It will be on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Wayne County Courthouse at 8:30 AM. There will be about 34 kids and the County Judge is aware of the program. Lunch will be at the National Guard Armory

at 11:30 with a guest speakers from the National Guard and Nebraska State Patrol. Daryl asked if the sound system could be taken to the Armory if needed, YES. Volunteers are Marcus & Michelle Janssen, Daryl Mundil, Dan Jaeger, Dave Bloomfield and Bud is available on that date. Elected officers from the courthouse will be invited.

--Bud Neel read the minutes from the January 2017 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Dean Mann offered treasurer's report for January and February 2017 as bank statement was not available for January meeting.

--January report **Dave Bloomfield moved to approve the report, Mark Bloomfield second, motion passed.**

--February report **Stan Stenwall moved to approve the report, Dan Jaeger second, motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--Bill from Wayne Herald. No description of what the ad was for. Need to give to Daryl Mundil to verify as the Omelet Feed was not advertised.

--Dean Mann reported on building insurance from Brian Bowers. Mr. Bowers researched companies and found a cheaper rate. Renewal cost from last year company was \$2286.00. Mr. Bowers located another insurance company with a comparable coverage for a premium of \$1417.00 and Mr. Bowers will donate \$150.00 to the Legion from the premium. **Mark Bloomfield moved to accept the lower premium from Mr. Bowers, Gerald Kennedy second, motion passed.** A check for the premium was given to Mark Bloomfield to deliver to Mr. Bowers. Need to send a Thank You to Brian Bowers.

--District 3 American Citizenship nomination forms were to be turned in this meeting. One of two was turned into the Commander. The other one will be given until February 15 to complete.

--Cmdr. Janssen gave a building report. Becker's estimate for building is \$12,000.00. Dave Bloomfield had an estimate from Farm & Ranch for \$11,000.00. Need to work with the city on alley, Commissioner Jim Rabe for dirt work and check deed in safe deposit box on lot size and boundaries. Dan will check with Chuck Peters, Rod Doffin and Dick Schmidt for bids on 24' X 36' building. Cmdr. Janssen will get bid from Lowe's.

--Sons of the American Legion Gun Show will be at the Fairgrounds on July 14 & 15.

- Scholarships report by Cmdr. Janssen and what questions for essays:
 - Veteran---Who is new Secretary of Defense and what do you think?
 - Legion---How can we attract young Veterans to the Legion?

Pick up scholarships at 0800 on February 22 and send letter to parents about interviews. Interviews will be at 8:30 on Monday, March 6 and committee can bring to meeting on Tuesday night. Scholarship committee members are Daryl, Butch, Dan and Marcus.

SICK CALL—None

OLD BUSINESS:

--Husker Salute will be in October. This is the 10th Anniversary and are needing volunteers. The squadron has been donating to this program and has had volunteers assisting several times. The Squadron has had items presented to them for their assistance.

--National and Department Commander project of donating 25 cents per member for three projects was discussed. The projects are: NEF, TFA and OCW. With our membership, the total donation will be \$75.75. **Mark Bloomfield moved to make the donation to the Commander's project, Dave Bloomfield second, motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ray Jacobsen talked about the Pancake & Sausage feed at the Norfolk Veteran's Home. It will be on Monday, March 20. Early shift will leave Winside at 2:15-2:30 to fry sausage. The second shift should be there by 4:30 to sign in and serve at 5:15 PM. Need to order 28-30 lbs. of sausage.

--Daryl Mundil reported on School Talk for seniors. Volunteers so far are Daryl and Pete Keiser. Need more volunteers to help and talk for 5-8 minutes.

--Cmdr. Janssen advised Sunday, August 6 is Military Appreciation at Werner Park at 2:05 in Omaha if anyone is interested.

--Boy's State is June 4-10 and \$350.00 to send a student plus \$20.00 at registration time at Boy's State.

--Newsletter was read and compliments from guests on how well we covered it.

--**Dave Bloomfield moved to endorse District 3 Commander Ken Hanel in his candidacy for Area "A" Vice Commander and District 3**

Vice Commander Darrel Harrison for District Commander, Dan Jaeger second, motion passed.

--Cmdr. Janssen offered prayer

--Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Commander Janssen closed the meeting.