

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

ROY REED SQUADRON #252

WINSIDE, NE

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Commander Darin Greunke called the meeting to order with 5 members present (Darin Greunke, Kevin Andersen, Bud Neel, Arlin Kittle and David Greunke) and led the salute to the flag. Arlin Kittle offered prayer. A moment of silence was observed for our comrades and forefathers. A moment of silence was observed for the POW/MIA. Cmdr. Greunke led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SONS preamble.

Bud Neel read the minutes of the January meeting. **Kevin Andersen moved to approve, David Greunke second, motion passed.**

Kevin Andersen offered the treasurer's report as of February 27, 2024:

General checking **David Greunke moved to approve the report, Arlin Kittle second, motion passed.**

Benevolent checking account

Benevolent saving account **Arlin Kittle moved to approve the benevolent account reports, David Greunke second, motion passed.**

Committee reports:

--Kevin Andersen reported on the trial survey he conducted. The trial worked, and needed to expand as a work in progress.

--Gift baskets were well received with verbal and written Thank You's. Several members assisted in delivering the baskets. Arlin Kittle obtained the Thrivent card and ordered the baskets.

--Cmdr. Greunke advised Mrs. Kathy Hansen to work on the April 7 spaghetti feed fundraiser for the Washington, D.C. trip. Not available to attend the meeting.

--Cmdr. Greunke reported on the Wayne County Sharpshooter invitational in Carroll in February. It went over very well. There were 44 participants involved in multiple events. April is the State shoot in Grand Island.

Sick Call:

--Joe Mundil is home.

Unfinished business:

--Raffles need to be discussed. Suggested the Walleye Guys 8 hr. guided fishing tour, no tackle or poles needed. Discussion on a future 52 gun raffle or 26 gun raffle with early bird special prize. A raffle of cash prizes was discussed. No decisions were made. *Need more to attend for more ideas from the members.*

--The Winside Legion does have a Boys State applicant, Dane Behmer and a possible Jr. Law applicant.

--Correspondence-Dennis VanHouten Thank You for gift basket.

--The Norfolk Veterans Home invite to Volunteer Appreciation is April 11 at 5:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Any member is invited to attend but needs to RSVP by March 31 to NVH.

New business:

--Legion Pitch tournament is Saturday, March 16, 1 pm at the Legion Hall. Flyers are out but say 2 pm, need corrections if anyone asks. Hotdogs and tavern meat, chips and potato salad. Desserts will be available.

--Monday, March 18, is pancake and sausage at the Norfolk Veterans Home. Early shift will leave Winside Legion at 2

pm to fry sausage, clean griddle and start pancakes. We will serve about 4:45-5 pm. Any help is appreciated. NVH has also asked if we will do the PLUNKO (PLINKO) game after clean-up. Need prizes for each game. Volunteers are welcome to assist.

--Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 am is registration for District 3 Convention at the Lyons Community Center on Main Street. Meeting starts at 9 am. Coffee and donuts will be available and the meeting should only be ½ day.

--Detachment Newsletter

--June 20-23 is Detachment Convention in Kearney at Holiday Inn

--Squadron Data report needs to be sent in.

--Consolidated Squadron Report annual information is needed (blood donor, help a vet (hours, mileage and donations), any donations to veterans or children and youth, volunteer hours for Fire Department meeting, training and calls, mileage (to and from), assistance with volunteers handing out Christmas present, Valentine boxes, volunteering anything locally. If you are not sure, send it to me and I can put it in a category with your description of what you did.

--Children & Youth committee reported the goal is \$10,000, running out of time on donations. Our donation is sent on May 1 or thereabouts. We donate \$3.00/paid up member

as a donation. It helps if you pay early in more ways than one. You can pay your dues online, just let me know if you did.

---Membership-We are 103% of membership. We have had some 2 & 3 years members pay their past dues. The Adjutant will be asking for dues payment before August 1, 2024. We should not collect dues after Veteran's Day, November 11. We should be looking for and signing up new members at that time. **Everyone is a recruiter or dues collector.** Just let the Adjutant know if you collected or deposited any dues.

Next meeting will be March 26, 2024 @ 7 pm

Arlin Kittle offered benediction.

Cmdr. Greunke closed the meeting.

Late information:

--Saturday & Sunday April 12 & 13 are Clean-up/repair days at the Dreamer's Ranch northwest of Wayne. Volunteers are welcome. Several Veterans & children have been visiting the ranch. Our mission is Veterans and Children. Might look into this as a project.

--We have 2 whole hogs donated. Need to plan a raffle of 4--1/2 hog raffles. Still waiting on processing decisions, whether it is included or not in the donation. Hogs will be processed on June 14, in Winside. Need ideas on tickets, costs, who will help sell tickets, and flyers or advertising. The donor is a member of Winside SONS.