**FORT SHERMAN CHAPTER 9 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 28 MAY 2019**

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**Legislative:**

69 Letters Chapter 9 Blue Water Navy HR299/S1196

36 Letters Unit 9 Blue Water Navy HR299/S1195

Jan Almeida announced that she had set us up to sell Raffle Tickets in Bayview on 6/7 July during their summer festival. She had us a table reserved and a parking place for the truck and trailer. She had just finished selling 61 tickets at the community center in Bayview and setting us up last Saturday at the Mercantile where we sold over $500 in tickets/.

**1800 Opening Ceremonies for the 952nd Regular Chapter Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Chapter Commander Fred Margiotta

Opening Ceremony Conducted

**Roll Call of Officers**;

Commander Fred Margiotta Present

Sr. Vice Commander Bob Imle Traveling

1st Junior Vice Commander Eric Driscoll Absent

2ND Junior Vice Commander Joe Bordelon Present

3rd Junior Vice Commander Brent King Present

Chaplain Arnie Howe State DAV Convention

Treasurer Tom Swindle Present

Officer of the Day Lew Allert Present

Sgt. At Arms Seth Cole Present

Service Officer Suzanne Sestak Present

Gunnery Officer/Field Marshal Charles Till Present

Energizer Bunny Lew Allert Present

Webmaster Charles Till Present

Dental Office Brett Matteson Absent

Sports Officer Don Waddell Absent

Fish and Game Officer Dave Overman Work

Spokane VAMC/CDA CBOC Dennis Sinning Present

Gopher Don Frank Present

Social Media Bryan Bledsoe Present

Adjutant Greg Bacon State DAV Convention

Quorum of Officers and members met.

**Motion made and passed to accept the chapter minutes for April 30th, 2019 as written. Bledsoe/Frank**

**Motion made and passed to accept the May 28th, 2019 Treasurer’s Report as written. Sinning/Kindley**

$10,497.27 Checking account balance 5-28-19

$ 1,739.27 Christmas fund remaining

$16,565.40 Van Fund

$ 200.69 Commander’s Discretionary Fund

$ 200.67 Chaplain’s Discretionary Fund

The checking account balance has $1,500 earmarked for convention expenses, $500 for Kids Camp Corral, and $4,000 for the NIC DAV Ft. Sherman Scholarship Fund. $6,000 of available checking account funds are presently earmarked for the above items. The $710.31 left in the Raffle Expense Fund have been released back to the Chapter as all expected expenses have been met.

**Al and Margaret Ogram would like to have their phone number added to the list of the member’s phone numbers in the back of the Chapter Minutes. The number is: 208 762-8219. There was unanimous agreement by all present that this action should be immediately performed by the adjutant. It was further agreed that this would be prominently presented in the Chapter Minutes in size 20 font.**

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Ron Duvall #0202429341464 is transferring in to the chapter. US Army, 90% 907 980-5490

1431 W. Ashmont Way, CDA, ID, 83815

**Binnacle List – Naval list of the sick, lame, lazy and dead**

Roy Murdock Health issues

Mike Teall Health issues

Don Waddell Recovering

Jeff Broadhead Health Issues

Al/Margaret Ogram Recovering major car wreck

**No Communications to read.**

**Commanders Guidance:** Get out there and sell our raffle tickets.

**Training Officer:** An in-depth review of Blue Water Navy Issues including historical VA decisions, recent VA obstruction, the Procopio Case which opened the door for off-shore sailors to qualify for Agent Orange presumptive diseases and cancers as Congress originally intended. A quick review of the HR299 and S1195.

**Unfinished Business and committee reports:**

Raffle progress well – will be out of the hole very soon and start making money. Did very well last Saturday in Bayview. Setting up Yoke’s in Post Falls soon. Will need volunteers.

Standdown – Possibly 400 veterans showed up….figures still being processed. Bryan Bledsoe is on the Board and was in charge of equipment (porta potties, golf carts, etc). Told story of one veteran will ill fitting shoes that were crippling him and how he was headed north because CDA did not allow him to “hang cardboard”(put up a sign on the street corner, begging). Overall the standdown appeared to be successful and our contribution of canned goods went over very well. Chapter member Dale Stamper was given a special award.

Newby-Ginnings Sotelo and Till got over $1,100 of product from Walmart for $965.44 including 8 microwaves, coffee makers, cleaning supplies, etc.

Commander Margiotta presented Chapter Uniform Caps to Margaret Ogram and Ron Duvall.

**Chapter Recess from 1900 to 1912**

Ralph Shrigley won the 50-50 Raffle and donated the $51 share back to the chapter.

**New Business:**

**Motion made and passed to spend up to $50 for food and coffee for the MSO Van on 5 June 2019. Hunt/Allert**

Bryan Bledsoe reported on the Honor Flight he went on last month. Dan Morgan went for his second time as a Guardian. Lew Allert had done once trip as a Guardian and Margaret Ogram has gone as a veteran. It was a mix of WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans primarily with a heathy number of wheel chairs. The Guardian worked very hard. The welcome back at the airport was enthusiastic and had numerous people greeting them.

Parade Shedule was discussed.

CDA 4TH of July 10 AM Start 8 AM assembly

Bayview 6 July Sell raffle ticket afterwards

Post Falls 14 July

Rathdrum 20 July

Spirit Lake 4TH July and Labor Day

Saint Maries Labor Day

Athol 2 August 208 683-2101

**Motion made and passed to spend up to $500 for the Commander’s Picnic. Hunt/Frank**

Date is yet to be determined-depends on state commanders- Commander will check with Skip Allert on the availability of the river lot.

**Motion made and passed to put $1,000 in the Chapter Van Fund to match the DAVA Unit 9 Matching Grant. Hunt/Cole.** DAVA Unit 9 donated a $1,000 to the van fund if the Chapter match it.

**Motion made and passed to spend up to an addition $400 for Chapter Caps and Embroidery as required. Hunt/Till** This should buy ten $24 caps and pay for ten $14 approx. embroider fees. This added to the previous $400 allocation should give the Chapter a stock of 20 caps. It is expected that one of each size will be on hand and that the most common sizes will be increased accordingly.

**Motion made and failed to pass to donate $2,000 to the NIC DAV Chapter Scholarship Fund. Hunt/Till**

The VN half size moving wall will be in Medical Lake on 13 to `17 June 2019. The PVA has invited us to share their tent and do outreach if we so desire.

**Motion made and passed to spend up to $300 for the Fairchild Air Force Base Feed the Troops event. Bledsoe/Shrigley**  Chapter member Dave Overman, a ranking national grill master will use the funds to purchase meet to cook for the troops as a treat.

The National Convention of the Vietnam Veterans of America will be held in Spokane July 15th to 20th. Life membership costs $50. The hotels are the Davenport and the Double Tree with 1,200 delegates expected at the downtown convention center.

**Good of the Order:**

A short discussion on veteran suicide, methods, actions and resources was held.

The Veterans Council noted that the Mission Program is replacing the Choice Program and is in progress.

The DAR has a fund raiser at Applebee’s Restaurant June 1st in the morning for $10 and breakfast.

Bryan Bledsoe reported on the Veterans Chronicles. Veterans and Memorial Day Issues are 24 pages and other are 6 pages. Content is needed to help make the publication meaningful.

Raffle Chairman showed the Honrady Gun Safe as a raffle point of sale aid.

Sam Soleto brought up the Salvation Army Kroc Center entering into the homeless veterans field.

**Closing ceremonies**

**Motion to adjourn. Till/Soleto**

**Adjourned at 2010**

**Acting Adjutant**

**Robert B. Hunt**

**PDC**

**Chapter caps needed:**

**CRYSTAL JOHNSON 7 ¼**

**CHRIS BONNER 7 3/8**

**SAM SOTETO 7 3/8**

**ERIC DRISCOLL 7 1/8**