February 28, 2023

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests:

* Alecia Stepp provided an overview of Humana products and services
* Matt Lawrence (Post 32) briefed the membership on the “Defend the Guard” legislation being considered by the Nebraska Legislature

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* Larry Cushing gave an update on recently recovered MIA remains
* Larry reminded the membership about medicare billing procedures. If medicare files a bill late outside of the qualifying period, the member is not liable for any fees.
* There’s a new VA Self-Service phone number (800) 827-1000

Sick Call: Jim Giske, 15-year member of Post 216, passed away in late January.

Old Business:

* Audio system bids were reviewed and discussed
  + No updates; item remains open pending further discussion (Open)
* Verizon wireless has presented the Post with a contract to lease a 47 x 47 foot section of our north lot to install a cell tower
  + The Post will be paid $1600 per month with a 2% increase annually
  + Verizon has requested an initial 5-year contract with another four follow on 5-year contracts
  + Legal review of the contract has been completed.
  + Dave Harrig will follow up with Verizon on our intention to enter into the contract. (Open)
* Boys State sponsorship submissions and payments are due by 15 March 2023.
  + A motion was made to sponsor up to 4 boys this year – motion passed
  + Interviews will be held at Post 216 on Monday, 6 Mar 23 at 6:00 p.m. (Open)
* Commander Harrig was approached by an outside organization with a request to provide financial assistance to a local veteran
  + The individual is a Gretna resident
  + His electric bill is in arrears for approximately $900
  + Other organizations are paying his gas bill
  + A motion was made to pay the electric bill in full – motion passed
  + The Post finance officer has paid the entire electric bill (Closed)
* Commander Harrig asked the membership if we wanted to continue our relationship with the fireworks stand
  + The new contract has been signed (Closed)

New Business:

* The Post has received 2 Junior Law Cadet applications
  + A motion was made to sponsor the applicants
  + The Post Adjutant will notify Department and District of the applications and follow up with dates and times for the interviews (Open)
* Two Burger Night Vendors have been interviewed to replace the Boujee Brown Box this summer
  + The new vendor selected is a veteran and has agreed to join the Post (Open)
* The Omaha VA has requested purchase of jackets and shoes for veterans
  + A motion was made to spend up to $1000 on jackets and shoes; motion passed
  + The Finance Officer will follow up on the purchase (Open)
* Tim Gilligan requested the Post consider purchasing heavier winter jackets for the honor guard
  + The Post Adjutant took an action to research the cost for 10 jackets (Open)

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned: 1950