March 26, 2024

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: None

Membership Update: Currently at 104% of our 2024 membership goal

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* Larry Cushing briefed on the recent expansion of eligibility for VA healthcare. Any veteran exposed to toxic fumes while on active duty can sign up
* The Sarpy County Veteran’s Memorial opens on June 6, 2024. Tile are available for purchase now.
* Sick Call: Lloyd Lemke has been moved in Ashland Oxbow Assisted Living

Old Business:

* Installation of the new electronic lock system for the outer doors is complete (Closed)
* 30 x 40 foot garage in the far south west corner of the back yard
	+ Work has continued and will continue every weekend that weather allows until the building is complete (Open)
* Front yard landscaping project
	+ Coordination is still ongoing
	+ George Jahn donated $1500 to be used to purchase plants (Open)
* An offer was made by a local artist to paint two murals on the south east corners of the building for approximately $10,000
	+ The e-board is still researching options (Open)
* Randy McFarland has offered to donate a concrete pad for the new fire pit in the back
	+ Awaiting installation (Open)
* Flag Education Day is now Boot Camp Carnival and will be held on April 27, 2024, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	+ Please contact Commander Mefford if you’d like to volunteer (Open)
* Three Boys State candidates were interviewed on March 4, 2024
	+ All three were selected and have been approved by Department to attend (Closed)
* The Post only received 1 scholarship application this year
	+ A previous vote approved up to 4 x $1000 scholarhips
	+ A motion was made and approved to provide the lone applicant a $2000 scholarship
	+ This is a one time gesture due to the lack of other applicants (Closed)

New Business:

* Ken self is working to get the Post a defibrillator
	+ We will also look into a “Stop The Bleed” kit (Open)
* Dan Cherveny proposed a theme to honor the ladies of the WWII North Platte Canteen for this year’s Gretna Days parade float
	+ A motion was made and passed to accept the theme
	+ Please contact Dan or Jeff Johnson if you would like to be on the float committee to help with this project (Open)
* John McQueney proposed a plaque to honor deceased members who volunteered for many years during the annual fish fries
	+ John will research options and provide more details (Open)

Good of the Order:

* Dave Dietz briefed that the annual HETRA dinner will be held on April 27, 2024
	+ Post 216 and VFW Post 10725 will provide a color guard
* The District 8 Spring Whirlwind Tour will be held on April 5 & 6, 2024
	+ The entourage will be at Post 216 at 11 a.m. on April 6, 2024
	+ All members are welcome to attend the meeting
* Dave Guy briefed the membership on burial plots for veterans
	+ Plots are free for veterans and spouses at the Omaha National Cemetery
	+ Plots at private cemeteries can be expensive and prices are rising
* Dave Guy will be playing Taps at an internment ceremony for unaccompanied veterans at the Omaha National Cemetery at 9 a.m. on March 29, 2024
	+ All members are welcome to attend

Benediction:

Meeting Adjourned: 2006