August 26, 2025

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: None

Previous minutes were available prior to the meeting and approved

Committee Reports:

* 2026 membership renewals are at 46%
* Finance report was read and approved

Sick Call:

- George Jahn was recently released from the hospital

- Arnie Westlake is in rehab recovering from injuries

- Dave Dietz is experiencing some health issues

Post Service Officer report:

* N/A

Old Business:

* Dave Harrig is working to get the Post a defibrillator
  + We will also look into a “Stop the Bleed” kit
  + Still researching (Open)
* Jason Johnson is researching options for new Legion hats and shirts (Open)
* Post 216 100th Birthday celebration
  + Will be held on 11 October
  + There will be dinner (members & guest only) and a band 8 – 11 p.m. for everyone
  + The Offutt honor guard will perform outdoors
  + Dress code will be collared shirt and pants
  + The next planning meeting will be 9 September at 7 p.m. if anyone wants to attend
  + A motion was made and approved to use up to an additional $1000 to cover expenses (Open)
* Jeff Johnson researched Honor Guard uniform prices.
  + From the American Legion Flag & Emblem magazine, the costs are:
    - White shirt = $80
    - Blue pants = $149
    - Yellow Cord = $12
    - Yellow Dickie = $12
  + Still researching prices from other suppliers
  + This item will remain open pending a way forward (Open)
* Previously approved purchase of two $300 guitars for Hero’s Encore to present to recipients at Holland Performing Arts in Sept (Open)
* Previously approved donation of up to $500 to assist Jacob Heffer with materials for his Scout project (Open)

New Business:

* A motion was made and approved to spend up to $13,000 to purchase a new walk-in cooler for food storage (Open)
* Commander Mefford announced her appointed positions:
  + Sergeant-at-Arms – Kevin Lipinsky
  + Chaplain – Leon Bilau
  + Judge Advocate – Dave Guy (Closed)
* An update was provided on the proposed Veteran’s Memorial
  + The city of Gretna has hired a consulting firm to help develop the proposal
  + The mayor is focused on a small strip of land between Peterson Park and Hwy 6
  + Commander Mefford will meet with the mayor again in September (Closed)
* The bar will be open on Monday’s beginning September 8th (Closed)

Good of the Order:

* We still need more honor guard volunteers. Contact Cindy at (402) 310-5183 if you’re interested.

Benediction:

Meeting Adjourned: 1930