July 29, 2025

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests:

* Members from Hero’s Encore briefed the membership on their organization and mission to provide veterans with guitars, lessons, and equipment.
* Jacob Keffer from Troop 31 asked for approval to construct 4 wooden picnic tables to replace ones in gazebo. Once Jacob gets project approved by the Council, they will set a date to construct. Would appreciate an expertise from our members.
* Tye Coldiron spoke about his project to install a plaque at Peterson Park honoring the militia. He’s asking for up to $2500 and the city mayor promised the city would grant the rest of the funds needed. Members proposed joining efforts to make an ALL Veterans’ Memorial. Kevin Lipinski to reach out to Tye to take the lead. Veterans’ Memorial Committee: Kevin Lipinski, Brad Slocum, Ron Vann.

Previous minutes read and approved

Committee Reports:

* N/A

Sick Call:

 - George Jahn is in the hospital

- George McFarland passed

Post Service Officer report:

* Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy free dental work will be held 25-27 September
* Two sets of Korean and one set of WWII remains were identified and returned
* Million Dollar grant for a new building next to Vietnam Memorial in Papillion to house forensic remains identification
* 22-23 Aug – Hero Stock at Ashland Country Club
* 16 Aug – Hero Fest at Strategic Air Museum 1100 – 1500
* 14-17 Aug – last Vietnam reunion

Old Business:

* Dave Harrig is now working to get the Post a defibrillator
	+ We will also look into a “Stop the Bleed” kit
	+ Still researching (Open)
* Jason Johnson agreed to research options for new Legion hats and shirts at a future meeting (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
	+ Kevin is designing two sets of poker chips to auction off
	+ The next planning meeting will be 31 July at 7 p.m. if anyone wants to attend
	+ (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
	+ Jeff will research prices from other suppliers
	+ There was a lengthy discussion on the need to formally organize the Honor Guard before sinking a significant amount of money on new uniforms
	+ This item will remain open pending a way forward (Open)

New Business:

* A motion was made and approved to purchase two $300 guitars for Hero’s Encore to present to recipients at Holland Performing Arts in Sept (Open)
* A motion was made and approved to donate up to $500 to assist Jacob Heffer with materials for his Scout project (Open)

Good of the Order:

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

Benediction:

Meeting Adjourned: 1955