September 30, 2025

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: Chad Been introduced as a new member

Previous minutes were available prior to the meeting and approved

Committee Reports:

* 2026 membership renewals are at 51%
* Finance report was read and approved

Sick Call:

- Mel Peterson’s husband Michael is in the hospital

- Dave Dietz is doing much better, was in attendance, and thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers

Post Service Officer report:

* 2 sets of WWII remains and 1 set of Korean War remains have been identified

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)
* 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
  + Dave Guy presented some options from a local uniform store. After some discussion, a decision was made to go with white button-down shirts, black pants, yellow cord, and white gloves
  + We still need to determine how many sets we need
  + 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
  + We never heard back from the POC. (Closed)
* Previously approved donation of up to $500 to assist Jacob Keffer with materials for his Scout project was paid and the project is complete
  + 4 new wooden picnic tables are in the backyard (Closed)
* The new walk-in cooler for food storage has been purchased
  + Expecting delivery in early October (Closed)

New Business:

* Steve Berry was installed as Vice Commander (Closed)
* Dave Guy briefed that there will be an audit in early 2026.
  + We need to have DD214s for all members, especially officers
  + Jeff Johnson will work on this (Open)

Good of the Order:

* We still need more honor guard volunteers. Contact Cindy at (402) 310-5183 if you’re interested.
* The District 8 Oratorical contest is coming up on October
* The 2025 Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year nominations are due by December 15, 2025. Let Jeff Johnson know if you’d like to nominate someone
* Dave Dietz provided an update on the veteran that he took on a dive trip using money we donated. Pictures to follow in the near future.

Benediction:

Meeting Adjourned: 1948