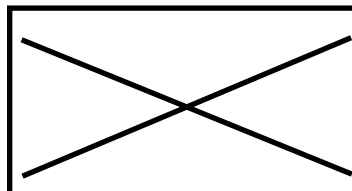


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## VFW Auxiliary Post #1347

December Meeting

President Lori Skala called the December VFW Auxiliary meeting to order after Chaplain Lyanne Kelly gave the Opening Prayer and Patriotic Instructor Melinda Klein led the Pledge of Allegiance according to Ritual.

Seventeen members were in attendance with one of them being new. Welcome Karen Schrader and Holly Chadwick as new members since the November meeting. This now has us just one short of the number of members we had in 2023/2024.

The November minutes were approved as presented. Correspondence was read from NWHCS – Grand Island for treats that were furnished and the presentation of the Flag program. The Auxiliary was assisted by members of other Veterans organizations.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file for audit.

Americanism Chair Jean Seely reported that the Flag program was presented 4 times with 2 more presentations planned for yet this month. Honor Guard members also assist by demonstrating the folding of the Flag.

Hospital Chairman Billie Herron reported that about 15 residents attended the Flag presentation and Bingo was played in November. Bingo will again be hosted on December 21. Treats will be furnished.

The State VFW and Auxiliary officers will attend a Christmas Party on December 10 for residents of the NWHCS – Grand Island facility. Refreshments will be furnished and Christmas cards will be provided by the 1347 VFW Auxiliary as well as the State officers.

Historian and Media Chair Billie Herron reported that she continues to post to Facebook.

Veterans and Family Committee Chair Melinda Klein and Youth Committee Co-Chair Sue Hailicka gave information about the Christmas party that will be held for families of Vet's Club and Military members on December 7.

Members Lyanne Kelly, Lori Skala and LaVonne Catron decorated the tree at Stuhr Museum for the Festival of Trees. An Open House will be held on December 19 for members of organizations that have Christmas trees displayed this year.

Outreach Chair Kathy Leschinsky has sent reports of activities done over the last few months.

The Wreaths Across America program and laying of Wreaths will be December 14 at the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at the corner of Webb Road and Capitol Avenue. Anyone wishing to help unload the wreaths will meet at 10:00 AM at the west side of the cemetery due to the construction. The program will be at 11:00 AM followed by the laying of the Wreaths by those attending.

Liz Gerberding told about the prescription bottle program we are supporting. Only the brown clear bottles can be used so all others are to be discarded. All labels are to be removed. The Hu-

mane Society and local Veterinary clinics can use the bottles for sending meds home with the pet patients.

Members at the meeting reviewed the Standing Rules. Some changes will be made and others will be looked at again for possible updating. If possible, Please, attend the January meeting to work on this review.

Chaplain Lyanne Kelly gave the Closing Prayer.

Those in attendance signed Christmas Cards to be presented to residents at NWHCS –Grand Island during the Christmas Party.

The next meeting of the Hall County VFW Auxiliary will be held on January 7 at 1:00 PM with anyone wishing to eat together to meet at Noon. January will also be the month for the Audit to be done.

Secretary  
 Cathy McKown

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

December 17, 2024

Meeting called to order by Commander Dan Willets. Opening prayer by Chaplain Cory Steinacher. Resolution 288 for the POW/MIA empty chair ceremony performed by SGT at Arms Todd Sinsel. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the ALR Chapter 53 Preamble. Roll call completed by Secretary Pam Sinsel. Thirteen Chapter members were present.

November meeting minutes read by Secretary Pam Sinsel. Accepted as read.

November finance report read by Financial Officer Avis Pike. Motion to approve, Rich Catron. Second, John Arias. Motion carried.

Welcomed guest, Barry Horner, the Veterans & Military Services Director at Central Community College's Grand Island Campus. He discussed with the Chapter the ability to fund an Angels Fund and be specific on who may receive funds and what it may be used for. The college would then distribute as needed according to those directives and provide a year-end report on how the funds were used. To have a scholarship fund that is managed financially by the college we would need a minimum of \$10,000. The Angels Fund would be a way for the Chapter to give funds without meeting that \$10,000 amount. This subject will be further discussed at the January meeting.

Mike Frank shared a membership update. He has 6 or 7 members that have not paid their dues.

Discussed the Veterans food bank drive progress. It is not going over as well as the personal items drive. After the first of the year Dan Willets will put the collection tote close to the UVC bar door.

Mid-Year Conference is being held in Norfolk, January 17th through the 19th. General meeting is Saturday, January 18th beginning at 8:00 am. American Legion Riders meeting is at 4:00 pm Saturday, January 18th.

Avis Pike read a thank you card from the VFW Auxiliary for the Chapter's donation to the Children's Christmas Party. She

also read a thank you card for our donations to Gifts for Yanks & Dollar Days.

Rich Catron motioned to approve a \$100 donation to The Salvation Army. Second, David Morrison. Motion carried.

Dan Willets said thank you to the members that helped with Wreaths Across America, Dave, Avis, Kent and Todd.

Mike Frank motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second, Todd Sinsel. Motion carried.

Closing prayer by Chaplain Cory Steinacher.  
 SGT at Arms Todd Sinsel retired the POW/MIA chair covering.  
 Meeting adjourned by Commander Dan Willets.

Secretary,  
 Pamela Sinsel



## VFW Post #1347

The meeting of VFW Post 1347 was conducted December 3rd, 2024. With 11 members present. Opening ceremonies were conducted by Commander Larson, and Chaplin Pebeck.

Roll Call: 7 Officers present and 0 absent.

Minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report was read. Motion was made by comrade Catron and seconded by comrade Halverson to accept the November financial report. Motion carried.

Membership Report

a. Membership stands at 344 with a goal of 366 for 95.98%

Service Officer Report

a. Comrade McAhren reported business as usual.

b. Comrade Pointe advised that the city was undecided on the land north of the Cemetery.

Hospital Report

a. None.

Youth Report

a. Comrade Klimek reported that the youth scholarship with the GIPS Foundation were due at the end of February.

Board Report

a. UVC Board will return to regular meetings. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

b. Considering redoing the Dance floor in the Lounge.

c. Flag Fund \$518.15

d. UVC will be closed Christmas Day. Opening at 3:00 pm for New Years Eve. Burgers and Fries will be available for purchase. VOD/Patriot Pen

a. Judging was done for VOD/Patriots Pen. Patriots Pen winner Corbin Harphan whom received \$25.00. VOD winners were Grace Watson and Jameson Rein whom received \$100.00 each.

b. Comrade Klimek personally delivered the awards to the kids.

c. Comrade Klimek delivered the packets to the District Chairman for judging on or by December 15th.

We Recognized the National Home. Unfinished Business.

a. Quartermaster Bartz reported he had not yet deposited the \$94.00 from the Poppy sales.

b. Raffle tickets from the State Commander for replacing the signage and the awning at the State VFW Headquarters have been sold and sent to State Headquarters.

c. 2025 Calendar sales done. \$400.00 collected and the ticket stubs sent into State Headquarters.

New Business.

a. Comrade Callihan reported that Honor Guard didn't need money for their Christmas Party. JBS Donated STEAKS to them.

Communications

a. We received 2 thank you letters for Patriot Pen Corbin Harphan. VOD. Jameson Rein

b. Motion was made by Comrade Catron to donate \$100.00 for Grand Island Central Catholic Post Prom Party. Seconded by Comrade Schlichter. Motion carried.

c. Reminder. December 14th 11:00 am. for the laying of the Wreaths at the Old Cemetery. Enter off Webb Road only.

d. Tammie Dimmitt @ Grand Island is our contact. Chaplin Contacting for dates.

Comrade in distress.

a. Commander Larson got engaged. Closing Ceremony was conducted.

Respectably submitted,  
 Quartermaster, Tim Bartz

## Sons of the American Legion Post #53

Our December 4, 2024 meetings was held to celebrate the Holiday Season.

The Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary held their annual Holiday Season potluck. After the outside UVC Christmas Tree lighting everyone proceeded inside to begin the feast on all the delicious foods and desserts that were brought in. Everyone enjoyed themselves eating, drinking, visiting while listening to Christmas music. Thanks to all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Next meeting January 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Paul Barker, Adjutant

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