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VFW Auxiliary Post #1347

September 3, 2019 Meeting — August 6, 2019 Minutes.
Fifteen Auxiliary members attended the September 3rd meeting of VFW Auxiliary Post 1347. President Karen called the meeting to order. The Pledge was recited and Prayer was given.

The minutes were approved after a correction was made. There were no new membership applications. We now have 150 Life memberships and 40 Annual Memberships. We are needing 29 more memberships to have 100%. Memberships are due December 31, 2019. The Treasurer's Report was given and there was one bill for \$153.42 for decorations for the Float at the Nebraska State Fair that was approved for payment.

Ron Hitch attended the meeting to give information about the Flag procedures for Holiday displays. He also presented the Auxiliary a check for \$500 from proceeds received during the Traveling Viet Nam Wall display over Memorial Day weekend.

FRIG Family day was discussed. La Vonne made a motion seconded by Linda to donate \$100 to the Car Show with the monies being given to the Central Nebraska Veteran's Home in Kearney for the Staff for Santa Program.

The t-shirts are still on back order. La Vonne will watch to see when they become available and order accordingly.

Lori Skala found a 1975 VFW postage stamp in a package of canceled stamps that had been donated. It was decided to frame and display the stamp with the other VFW Auxiliary displays.

La Vonne Catron took entry information for "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" to all the local schools. The theme for this year's contests is "What Makes America Great?" These are National Contest with monetary prizes given at several levels.

Due to the moving of the Senior Vice President, David Jewett volunteered to hold both the Senior and Junior Vice offices. Motion made and seconded, with vote approval.

Jean Seely will donate 2'x2' "Barn Quilt" displays that will be taken to upcoming Conventions for raffles.

Billie Herron reported about Veteran's Day at the State Fair activities. There were over 750 in attendance at the morning program featuring Justin Kane with a special Veterans Musical program. Nine recruits took the Oath offici-

ated by General Bohack. The Hall County Convention and Visitors Bureau had 150th Nebraska State Fair postcards with Anniversary Postage Stamps and special Anniversary Post Marks available for attendees. The Auxiliary had several members as well as family members of the Mule Skinners Troop ride on the Float in the Parade. Coffee and water were donated by Hy-Vee and Pepsi.

"Remember Our Military" bracelets were sold at the Viet Nam Veteran's Reunion in Omaha. Bracelets will also be offered at the "Veteran's Appreciation" at Grace Abbott Park on Saturday, September 14th, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sharon Harper and Leyanne Kelly will be there.

Gold Star Family day is the last Sunday of September. A \$25 Gift Certificate to the Vet's Club will be given to our Gold Star Mother, Irene Klein.

The "Wreaths Across America" program was discussed. Donations to purchase wreaths are to be made on-line at wreathscrossamerica.org and go to "Donate". Look for Grand Island Express, Central Nebraska. "Wreaths Across America Day" is December 14th.

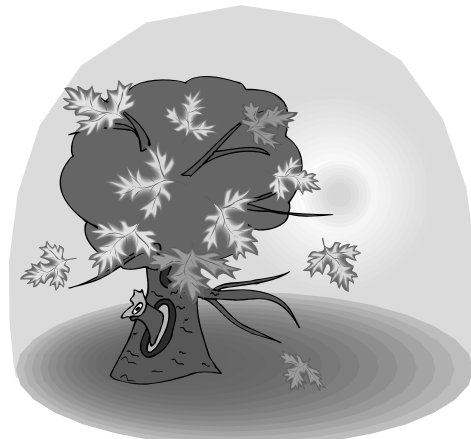
The Bingo schedule was completed.

Coffee Hour at the NWIMC (Nebraska Western Iowa Medical Center) Vet's Med. Center, Grand Island, will be Saturday, September 14th.

The Charter was draped for Ina Haney.

The next meeting will be at the Vet's Club October 1st at 1:00 p.m. with lunch at Noon for those wishing to eat together.

*Cathy McKown
Secretary*



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Sons of the American Legion Post #53

Regular meeting of the Sons of the American Legion was held on September 4, 2019. Thirteen members were present.

Minutes and treasurer's report were presented and approved as read.

SAL dues run from July 1 through June 30. 2020 dues start July 1, 2019. They are now due.

Discussed State dues increase for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Discussed Military Vehicle Preservation Association Transcontinental Motor Convoy. Hamburger Night went well. Great turn out. Chairman for Convoy said this was largest reception they have received since leaving Washington D.C.

Discussed Bingo at the Vets Hospital. Dennis stated everything going real well and having great participation. Members love the donuts.

Approved donations for Gifts for Yanks for VA Hospital and Central Nebraska Vets Home.

Approved ordering more flag pins for the local flag etiquette programs at the local schools. Dennis said programs going very well. Children love receiving the flag pins and participating in the program.

Approved ordering more SAL shirts and sweat shirts.

Discussed November 11 Veterans Breakfast. Breakfast to run from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. More details to follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul Barker, Adjutant*

American Legion Post #53

The September 2019 meeting was called to order by First Vice Commander Ponte at 1930 hours.

The August minutes were approved. The financial report was approved.

The Board reported that they had received a \$200 donation from the Morotcade and looking at a possible \$10,000 from the County Board to be used for new flag poles.

There were two guests at the Post meeting. John Arais from Gibbon and Coral Selden from Dannebrog.

Membership was announced at 54%.

Joe Sokolick announced his resignation from the Baseball Committee. Thanks was given for his many years service. Post will now be seeking a replacement member.

Deceased veterans were honored.

The October 2019 meeting will be on the 8th at 1930 hours.

*Respectfully submitted
Richard L. Simpson, Adjutant*

VFW Post #1347

The September meeting was held on the third. We had a total of 11 members present.

The Board reported that they received a \$200 donation from the motorcade to be used for new flag poles in the Park. Also, they received \$10,000 from the County for replacing the park flag poles. It was also reported that the motorcade received the best response at our Club than any on their route. A new impulse sprinkler system has been installed. The open Board meeting will be on the 11th at 7:00 PM at which time voting will take place on the By-Law amendments.

Voice of America and Patriot Pen program had a positive response from the school counselors.

As mentioned above, we had a great turnout for the motorcade

A discussion was held, at the request of the Quartermaster, regarding the need for the distribution of copies of the monthly financial report at each meeting. It was decided not to change at this time.

The next meeting will be on October 1st at 7:30 PM.

*Respectively submitted,
Richard L. Simpson, Quartermaster*

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