



**VFW Post 7142
MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2013**

Post meeting was called to order by Commander Padgett at 1900 hours.

Officer of the Day, Jim Ferguson, verified the membership cards of all those present and confirmed such to the Commander. He then led the membership in a Salute to the Colors.

VISITORS: none

Chaplain M. Wiechman gave the opening invocation in accordance with the ritual.

Commander D. Padgett led the members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Congressional pledge.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Officers Present: Dolores Padgett, Alex Neil, Clarence Kaleta, Barry Trauger, Donald Young, Marc Gold, Mike Turner, and Mike Wiechman.

Officers Absent: Jim Carson and Kevin Keim

A total of 15 comrades attended the meeting, including the officers named above.

Membership Applications: Annual memberships were processed for comrades R. Baleanu and T. Koepke.

Balloting for Applicants: none

Mustering in of Recruits: Commander Padgett conducted the obligation ceremony for comrades Christopher Padgett and Ted Koepke. Other comrades who were absent will have their ceremonies conducted at the next, or future, meetings.

Reading of Minutes: June 2013's Minutes were emailed to all officers and hard copies were made available for review at this meeting. Upon review comrade Reyes

moved acceptance of the minutes as presented, with comrade Ignat seconding the motion and the Post membership approved.

Quartermaster's Report of Receipts and Disbursements:

June Receipts:	\$ 78.16	
Disbursements	\$ 438.15	
		Net: (\$359.99)

Yr. to date (12 mos.) Receipts:	\$ 18,105.23	
Year to date disbursement:	(\$ 34,959.27)	Net: (\$16,854.04)

Quartermaster Neil reported that the Trustees met just prior to the Post meeting on July 10th and audited the June 2013 monthly financial reports and the Quarterly Trustee Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2013. On a motion from comrade Trauger and seconded by comrade Wiechman, the reports were accepted, as audited. Neil also reported that the Federal and State Tax Returns have been filed for the year ended June 30. Future Trustee meetings will be held on the same day as the Post meeting and will convene at 6:30 PM in order to be completed by the time our Post meeting begins.

Reading of Bills: Quartermaster Neil reported that the Bonds for Commander Padgett and himself will be renewed this week at costs of \$33.00 and \$453.00, respectively.

Report of Service Officer: none

Comrades or Families in Distress: Commander Padgett reported on comrade Ed Moore being in the hospital but he still plans on participating in the Marine Unit BBQ on the 25th. She recommended that E. Moore be granted an "Excused Absence" due to his hospitalization. Her motion was seconded by comrade Young and approved by voice vote. Commander Padgett also informed the membership that comrade Kaleta's wife, Dorothy, passed away on June 28th and members offered condolences.

Committee Reports:

Buddy Poppy: Quartermaster Neil reported ordering 7,000 Buddy Poppies for the ensuing year, along with pamphlets of the "buddy poppy story". Comrade Reyes said we are all set for the Patriot's Day Poppy event but asked who should approach the City for permission to set up at the Pier. Commander Padgett said she would take care of that approval process.

Newsletter: Comrade Neil stated that members have not kept up with submitting profiles for Newsletter publication.

Post Dinners: No report.

Hospital: No report from the Post's new surgeon.

Publicity: Comrade Reyes reported he will contact Fred Swegles of the Sun Post to get coverage on the Marine BBQ and will invite him to the event. It was suggested that the City Mayor and Council be informed and invited to the event also.

Boy Scouts/ROTC: no report

V.O.D./P.P: Comrade Reyes reported that everything is in place for the program and emphasis would be placed with the schools in September. Comrade Padgett stated she has done some work with her church in getting the word out to all the parents.

Membership: Comrade Neil reported the Post ended up the June 30, 2013 year with 119 members. With the two new members above, processed on July 1, our total now stands at 121. It is anticipated that we will need a total of 9 new or reinstated members as well as keeping our membership quota maintained.

Web-site: no report

Ways & Means: Comrade Neil reported that with the new year, now underway, he will be disbursing the budget approved donations as time and cash flow permit. He noted that the Bond for the Quartermaster and Commander will be renewed this week.

Executive: No report

Remember our National Home Prayer: Chaplain M. Wiechman delivered the prayer for the National Home in accordance with the ritual.

Unfinished Business: The membership obligation ceremony for comrades C. Padgett and T. Koepke was conducted by the Commander. Comrade Mike Turner gave an update report on the progress for the Marine BBQ to be held at the Elk's Club on July 25th. He felt the main food served would be Tri-Tip, baked beans, corn on the cob, and potato salad; along with the other potluck items from the membership. Beer will be available to the Marine Unit but Post members would buy their own from the bar. Mike felt the turnout would be around sixty and that he will do the food shopping on July 20th with the assistance from the Quartermaster.

New Business: Commander Padgett discussed the need for a committee to review the members who are given free one year memberships, based on financial need. The committee was named as: Commander Dolores Padgett, Sr. Vice Comdr. Marc Gold, Jr. Vice Comdr. Mike Turner and Quartermaster Alex Neil, who will review new member applications in providing this aid. The motion was made by comrade B. Trauger, seconded by M. Wiechman and approved by voice vote. Commander Padgett announced the need for member assistance in finding someone to take over the Adjutant position, the quarterly Newsletter function and an assistant Quartermaster position. Comrade Neil who has held these positions for a number of years has stated it is just too much for one person to handle and considering his age, the Post needs to move on this and not be caught short on having these responsibilities handled for the future.

Good of the Order: Sr. Vice Commander Marc Gold informed the membership of a Flag Program involvement that he is working on through his business. The result is to find distressed real estate properties and refurbish them for wounded warriors or disabled returning veterans. He invited any concerned members wishing to get involved to contact him.

___ Commander Padgett reminded and updated the members on all the veteran related activities coming up in the near future (National Convention in Kentucky, Korean vets celebration on July 27th in Mission Viejo, Operation Baby-lift at Dana Point where she has a major role in the program, a Female Veteran Stand Down on July 19th in Long Beach where she will be recruiting for new members and that the Habitat for Humanity is looking for female veterans needing home repairs.

Quartermaster reminded the membership of District 2's School of Instruction that will be conducted in Anaheim on August 3rd (Saturday) which is required for the Commander and Quartermaster but noted that any member is welcome. Commander Padgett encouraged members attendance as a good way to learn more about the operations of the VFW.

Closing Ceremony: Officer of the Day, J. Ferguson led the members in a salute to the colors.

The Post closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Mike Wiechman, in accordance with the ritual.

Meeting was adjourned by Commander Padgett at 2004 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Alex J. Neil, Adjutant

