VFW Post 7142
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016

Post meeting was called to order by Commander Padgett at 1858.

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.

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

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

Visitors: Boy Scout Pack 876 Scoutmaster Rick Farrell, active duty USMC – 14 years.

Comrade Reyes made a motion to undrape the Charter, and then re-drape it in memory of Comrade Jay Johnson. It was seconded and approved. Upon the direction of Commander Padgett, Comrade Ferguson draped the Charter in memory of Comrade Johnson.

| ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS | | P/A/Ex. |
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| Commander | Dolores Padgett | P |
| Sr. Vice-Commander & Adjutant | Wayne Greenleaf | P |
| Jr. Vice-Commander & Surgeon | Terrell DeVoe | P |
| Quartermaster | Alex Neil | P |
| Chaplain & Service Officer | Mike Wiechman | P |
| Trustee No. 1 | Barry Trauger | P |
| Trustee No. 2 | Francis Reyes | P |
| Trustee No. 3 | James Ferguson | P |
| Judge Advocate | Chris Bostwick | P |

A total of 12 comrades attended the meeting, including the officers named above.

Membership Applications: None turned in. The Commander pointed out our continuing need to recruit new members, especially women. The VFW is losing 2,000 – 3,000 members per year and they are not being replaced.

Balloting for Applicants: none

Mustering in of Recruits: none

**Reading of Minutes:** Reading of Minutes January 13, 2016 meeting was waived since they were posted on the website. Motion to accept was made by Comrade Reyes, seconded by Comrade Bostwick and approved by members on a voice vote.

**Quartermaster's Report of Receipts and Disbursements:**

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| January Receipts | $ | 572.28 |
| January Disbursements | | 181.68 |
| Net: | $ | 390.60 |
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| Yr. to date Receipts: | $ | 9,409.85 |
| Year to date disbursement: | $ | 28,155.45 |
| 7 months Yr. to Date Net: | $ | (18,745.60) |

Quartermaster Neil reported the Trustees and Commander Padgett met on Wednesday, February 10th, just prior to the Post meeting, and audited the Financial Reports for the month of January. Motion was made to accept the Financial Reports, as audited, by Comrade Reyes and seconded by Comrade Trauger. Quartermaster Neil stated that the Budget Committee would meet in April to prepare the budget for presentation to the membership in June.

**Reading of Bills:** $139.70 to D. Padgett as reimbursement for hotel costs in attending District #2 Official Visit meetings.

**Report of Service Officer:** No one known to be in need.

**Committee Reports:**

**Buddy Poppy:** The Commander urged the members to sign up for the next Buddy Poppy weekend, May 28 & 29 for Memorial Day. Comrades should try to sign-up at those stores and times that so far are without a volunteer, until all locations and times have at least one comrade in place. The Sea Cadets will again be supporting us - one or two Cadets at a store at a time. We look to work all four stores this time.

**Newsletter:** Migrating the newsletter to the website was discussed. The Commander made a motion to do so; Comrade Trauger seconded it and it was approved. The Newsletter Committee was announced as including Comrades Gold, Neil, DeVoe, and Bostwick.

**Hospital:** We will be supporting the Orange County Stand-Down for homeless vets again this year, in Tustin. Such articles as socks and reading glasses are in real need. In addition, the Post will be providing financial support to the Long Beach VA Hospital BBQ in April.

**Publicity:** No report

**Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts/Naval Sea Cadets:** The Commander made a presentation of $100 to Scoutmaster Rick Farrell for Boy Scout Pack 876. The Scoutmaster pointed out that the Pack has doubled its members over the last year and has been active in collecting food for the needy. The Blue & Gold banquet is planned for March in a location TBA, and the Rain Gutter Regatta planned for April.

Comrade Bostick listed a number of the Sea Cadets' activities, including winter training during the Christmas week, training on Camp Pendleton, Talega, San Diego and Port Hueneme, winter survival training in Colorado Springs, and an annual inspection in February. The Cadets have now acquired a Quonset hut on Camp Talega for their use. He confirmed he would arrange for Sea Cadet support during our Memorial Day Buddy Poppy weekend in May.

Membership: 125 total members; includes no new members. 17 members have renewed, 18 members are unpaid (11 of which have expired memberships), and three members deceased. We lost one member on a "transfer out" (Comrade Wm. McGuire). Comrade Jay Johnson, 97 years old passed away on Feb 1st. Rick Farrell, USMC, our guest at the meeting, asked for a membership application indicating he wants to be part of our Post.

Web-site: No report

Ways & Means: No report.

Executive: Nominations for officer positions are due in March, with elections in April. The Commander asked the members to consider an officer position.

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order:
The Commander announced the Post is looking to schedule a viewing of "The Lioness," perhaps for Loyalty Day or Patriot's Day, for which we will need publicity. Further, the LBVA Hospital nurses are asking for support for spinal unit – visitations for patients, for playing board games or talking, just to create some diversion for the patients.

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 M. Wiechman, in accordance with the ritual.

The Post meeting was closed by Commander Padgett at 1951 hours; noting the next meeting will be held on March 9, 2016 at 1900 hours, with Trustees' meeting at 1830.

Respectfully submitted:

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