



**VFW Post 7142  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2013**

Post meeting was called to order by Commander Padgett at 1902 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

Comrade Young, in place of the absent 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, and Mike Turner.

**Officers Absent:** Mike Wiechman, Jim Carson and Kevin Klein

A total of 18 comrades attended the meeting, including the officers named above.

**Membership Applications:** none

**Balloting for Applicants:** none

**Mustering in of Recruits:** Commander Padgett conducted the Obligation Ceremony for comrade Greenleaf inducting him into Post. Kevin Keim and Tony Medina were absent and will be administered at a future meeting.

**Reading of Minutes:** Minutes had been distributed by e-mail and on a motion by comrade Gold, seconded by comrade Trauger, they were accepted as written by the membership.

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

July Receipts:	\$ 882.69	
Disbursements:	\$ 6,810.20	Net: (\$5,927.57)

Yr. to date (1 mo.) Receipts:	\$ 882.69	
Year to date disbursement:	\$ 6,810.20	Net: (\$5,927.57)

Quartermaster Neil reported that the Trustees met just prior to the Post meeting on August 14th and audited the July 2013 monthly financial. On a motion from comrade Kaleta and seconded by comrade Gold, the reports were accepted, as audited.. 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:** none

**Report of Service Officer:** none

**Comrades or Families in Distress:** visits will be scheduled for C. Gullett, D. Reineman, B. Higgins and F. Dennison.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Buddy Poppy:** Chairman Reyes reported he is seeking volunteer sign-ups for the Patriot's Day Poppy Drive. The date was set for Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pier. Member shifts will be two hours each beginning at 9 AM and going to 6 PM.

**Newsletter:** Comrade Neil stated that members have not kept up with submitting profiles for Newsletter publication. Commander Padgett urged members to forward articles for the Newsletter if they felt they were pertinent.

**Post Dinners:** The planned BBQ for our adopted Marine unit on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's Lodge ran into a few snags. The change of dates of this event, in such short notice, caught some members off guard, and they were unable to attend. Then the advent of the Alpha Raiders platoon not showing up was a real disappointment. The Post intends to voice their concern to the Marine brass that adjusted the Raiders schedule in a manner that made it very difficult to meet the scheduled time frame. Kudos go out to Mike Turner for all his work in setting up this event and to the party skit planned by Ed Moore. The Post will look into doing something for the Raiders when they return from their deployment. The next semi-annual dinner for the Post will be in December at the Elk's Lodge.

**Hospital:** No report from the Post's new surgeon. Commander Padgett stated she will be putting together an Orientation Package and repeated her plea for seeking volunteers for the program.

**Publicity:** Commander Padgett asked comrade Reyes to be sure to secure some Sun Post coverage on our Patriot's Day Poppy Drive.

**Boy Scouts/ROTC:** Comrade Gold was asked to begin the work on the Post sponsoring of an Eagle Scout. This is important for our All State Status. There appears to be no progress at all regarding the Post's sponsorship of a Scout Pack at Camp Pendleton.

**Teacher Award:** Commander Padgett announced she has a possible candidate for the Outstanding Teacher Award, which be a first for the Post on submitting such an entry. This is also important for our All State Status.

**V.O.D./P.P:** no report. Committee members will meet with the high school in September to get the program rolling.

**Membership:** The Post's goal is 9 new or reinstated members to qualify for All State recognition. At present we have 2 new members and 1 reinstated member.

**Web-site:** no report

**Ways & Means:** Quartermaster Neil reported he transferred \$3,500 from the T.D. Ameritrade MMDA account to our Union Bank checking account to cover operational needs. Neil also reported that he will likely be selling one of the Post's investments (Dominion Resources) next month, which was budgeted for, to provide available cash to continue the Post's budgeted donations.

**Executive:** No report

**Remember our National Home Prayer:** Comrade Young, filling in for Chaplain M. Wiechman delivered the prayer for the National Home in accordance with the ritual.

**Unfinished Business:** Commander Padgett announced her plans to appoint comrade F. Reyes as Post Adjutant in October, once the Post's Inspection is completed. Current Adjutant, Neil, has begun training comrade Reyes and will have additional training sessions scheduled in the coming weeks.

**New Business:** The Post has been notified that District Inspector, Manes, will attend our meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> to conduct the inspection. The Post is ready and all records are in order.

Commander Padgett updated the Post on her recent District 2's first meeting of the year; noting that it is now official that National Headquarters will be raising membership dues by \$10.00 beginning January 2014; therefore the Post's dues for annual members will increase from \$30.00 to \$40.00. Current members whose renewal is coming due before December 31<sup>st</sup> will still pay \$30.00 and those members were encouraged to complete their renewals on time. This directly affects the Post's position on earning All-State status.

Padgett also informed the Post that District #2, VFW will be expanded in size by the consolidation of other Posts being merged in.

**Good of the Order** Commander Padgett and Quartermaster Neil attended the District's School of Instruction on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>; a requirement for all Posts. Commander Padgett also highlighted numerous activities being held that members may be interested in attending.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned by Commander Padgett at 2015 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Alex J. Neil, Adjutant