



**VFW Post 7142
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018**

The Sr. Vice-Commander called the Post meeting to order at 1900.

The Officer of the Day verified the membership cards of all present, and confirmed such to the Sr. Vice-Commander, then led comrades in a salute to the colors.

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

Comrade Greenleaf led the members in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Congressional Pledge to the membership.

A motion to drape the Charter in memory of Comrade John Meiling was made by Comrade Neil, seconded by Comrade Middleton, and approved. Upon the direction of the Acting Commander, Comrade Ferguson draped the Charter.

Visitors:

- Andrew (Andy) Groo, U.S. Army, Viet Nam. II Corps
- Robert Spence, USMC

Applications were offered to each and Andy Groo supplied a copy of his DD 214; we are awaiting payment of dues.

Roll Call of Officers

		<u>P/A/Ex.</u>
Commander	Dolores Padgett	A
Sr. Vice-Commander & Adjutant	Wayne Greenleaf	P
Jr. Vice-Commander	Rowell Nueva	P
Quartermaster & Judge Advocate	Alex Neil	P
Chaplain & Service Officer	Mike Wiechman	P
Surgeon	Terrell DeVoe	P
Trustee No. 1	Francis Reyes	P
Trustee No. 2	Keith Middleton	P
Trustee No. 3 & OOD/Guard	James Ferguson	P

Eight comrades attended the meeting, including eight officers.

Membership Applications: James Hussey (active duty, USMC) inquired about membership through the website. QM Neil sent an application and gave him instructions on what we need.

Reading of the Minutes: Reading of the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting was waived since Post minutes were emailed and posted on the website. Comrade Wiechman made a motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Comrade Middleton and approved by members on a voice vote.

Quartermaster's Report of Receipts and Disbursements:

October receipts	\$ 2,172.46
October disbursements	\$ 2,000.00
October Monthly Net:	\$ 172.46
4 month year-to-date receipts:	\$ 7,208.07
4 month year-to-date disbursements	\$ 20,001.75
4 months year-to-date net:	\$ (12,793.68)

Quartermaster Neil reported the Trustees and Sr. Vice-Commander Greenleaf met on Wednesday, November 14th, just prior to the Post meeting, and audited the financial reports for the month of October 2018. Motion was made to accept the monthly reports as audited, by Comrade Trustee #2 K. Middleton and seconded by Comrade Trustee #1, F. Reyes and approved by a vote by the Post members.

Quartermaster Neil also reported that one of our major benefactors, Julia Anne Warner, has established a monthly recurring donation through Pay-Pal of \$250.00. To date her donations have totaled \$1,450.00.

The Quartermaster distributed a report of the Post's charitable donations, year-to-date, compared to our budget, indicating 93.3% of the budgeted amount has been paid within the first five months.

Reading of Bills: None

Membership: 84 net total members. Six renewed members: (F. Carter, C. Hall, K. Middleton, R. Hayden, K. Meyers and F. Reyes(renewed as Life Member).

One deceased member: John B. Meiling. Over the past four years, the Post has acquired only six new members and one of those has had his membership expire.

Members in Distress: George Key is at Silverado Memory Center SJC, and is now in hospice. Clarence Kaleta is at the Villas Retirement Camino de Los Mares.

Committee Reports

Buddy Poppy: Acting Commander Greenleaf thanked all Buddy Poppy volunteers and Cadets, but expressed some dismay regarding a lack of enthusiasm of some of the Cadets and their leadership. QM Neil produced an Excel spreadsheet showing the revenue collected by market, shifts and individual volunteers with the Sea Cadets. Total revenue for the weekend was \$4,962, \$1,565 below last year's Veterans Day drive.

Ways and Means: No report

Executive:

Newsletter: No report

Hospital: Quartermaster Neil reported he disbursed the budgeted donation amount of \$2,000 to the Spinal Injury Ward of the Long Beach VA Hospital. Comrade DeVoe reported he would plan a hospital visit for early December.

Discussion ensued as to addressing District #2's request for donations for the Christmas program they hold at the VA Hospital. Quartermaster Neil pointed out that our Post is not obligated to do this, even though we had participated in some past years. He also noted the Post has already made a donation of \$2,000, as budgeted. He expressed concern that District #2 published a report showing which Posts have contributed and how much, and which have not. He stated that since it's their program rather than the Post's, it is our membership that decides on our charitable donations. Support of Neil's position was voiced by the members, the feeling being that the donation already made was sufficient.

The next visit to the Tibor Ruben Medical Center (LB VA Hospital) Spinal Unit is tentatively scheduled for December.

Website: No report.

Social Committee

Thank you all for making a great time October 27th at our VFW BBQ. Our newest recruit, Russ Donaldson, Marine 1stSgt and our oldest member (101) Bob Hayden, had a wonderful time. Thanks to our Master BBQ Griller, Keith Middleton for the great hamburgers and hot dogs, and providing all the condiments and meat and rolls. A special thank you to our baker wives: Helene Thole for the decadent chocolate cake and Judy Ferguson for the yummy brownies. For those who could not make it, don't dismay: Terrell and Wendy DeVoe offered their home for a pot luck for the next social. Comrades Middleton and DeVoe will be coordinating it for 1st quarter 2019.

Scouts and Sea Cadets: The Sea Cadets supported the Post's Poppy campaign on Veterans Day weekend.

Chaplain Wiechman offered the prayer for the National Home for Children.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Quartermaster Neil offered a motion to sell our four shares of RMR Group, Inc., a business & property management service. The small number of shares was acquired as a spin-off from a health care REIT the Post owned. The small number of shares will show a profit on sale of about \$230. Motion was made by Comrade Middleton, seconded by Comrade Reyes and passed by the members. Report of the actual sale will be made in December's minutes.

Good of the Order The Commander and Comrade Middleton attended the Welcome Home Event for Officers and some high ranking enlisted from the 2nd BN 4th Division Marines at Casa Romantica.

On November 9th, the Commander and Comrades Middleton and Veale rode in the Veterans Day parade in a 1956 Buick Convertible with banners on both sides with the Post's name. We were honored as sponsors of the parade at both the reception and the Park Semper Fi tribute after the parade. The Commander met the Major General who is

2nd in Command at Pendleton; he is a lifetime member of the VFW and encouraged his men and women to join.

The District #2 School of Instruction on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Anaheim Post, was attended by Commander Padgett. Quartermaster Neil attended the make-up session in Rancho Cucamonga on October 20. Though required, no Trustees attended the meetings. Quartermaster Neil reported that no Trustees attending would dis-qualify the Post from some awards. Both Comrades Middleton and Reyes stated they would attend the next make-up class for the SOI.

The District #2 meeting (official visit) is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Ehlers Community Center in Buena Park. It is a required meeting for the Commander and Quartermaster; others are encouraged to attend.

Closing Ceremony: Officer of the Day led the members in a salute to the colors. Chaplain Wiechman delivered the closing prayer.

The Sr. Vice-Commander closed the meeting at 1945. The Post's next meeting is on December 12, 2018 at 1900, with the Trustee meeting starting at 1845.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wayne K. Greenleaf

Sr. Vice-Commander and Adjutant (with the Quartermaster's support...!)

