

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 9 October 2018

The meeting was called to order by Captain Jack Porath to conduct any and all business to come before the Ship. Following were conducted:

- Opening Ceremonies were held beginning 1800 hours which included the reading of Special Dates of Remembrance for this month.
- Roll call of officers was held and total attendance was eight shipmates.
- Attending District 1 Commander Steven Williams was scheduled to attend but did not.
- New and transfer applications were read and approved for processing.
- The Minutes of the last meeting will remain as published since there were no changes provided.
- Paymaster report was provided as audited and questions were answered.
- There was no Service Officer Report.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership.** The Captain provided that our youth is slow to recognize the benefits of joining. Also, he again reiterated that membership has a lot to do with keeping what we have fought for, all wars and generations. Membership is important as it retains our voice with our Nation's leaders, helps protect our earned benefits, and propels us to the future. Membership dues is \$45.00 per year. **Life Membership is strongly encouraged as it is very cost effective and ensures continuous membership.** The first payment for the 12 month pay option is \$45.00 (with 11 additional payments with the cost depending on your age). The Captain reiterated (again) that Life Membership is a much better option than maintaining Annual Membership status. If you are currently a yearly paid member, you can change to Life status and pay a monthly installment over a 12 month period or make other arrangements. The renewal date of annual pay members is the initial date of the dues payment. There is a continual fight in Congress concerning benefits, and belonging to a veterans' organization such as the VFW helps when Congress checks the membership stats. High membership=strong voice!
 - **Buddy Poppy** (Captain) – Next distribution will be scheduled for the Veterans Day weekend's Friday and Saturday, 9 and 10 Nov. Probably Vons in La Mesa and in Old Town if enough volunteers.
 - **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc) (Alan Rein). The VOD and PP 2019 themes are on the website. Have children/grandchildren from grades 6 to 12? Apply for one of the programs.
 - **Citizenship/Community Service** (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT, Lifeguards, Teacher, Community Events) (Captain). For the sacrifices and extreme high-alert of our police officers, keep them in your prayers. Teacher Award nomination forms are on the website.
 - **Student Veterans and Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans.** (Alan Rein). No report.
 - **House** (Captain). The details of events presented at the meeting are separately published and posted on the bulletin-board and web site.
 - **National Home for Children** (Captain). Captain emphasized Life Membership (\$40.00) that helps the children. Current members and those who are wanting or selected to join need not be members of the VFW to be awarded a membership.
 - **United Veterans Council** (Alan Rein). Monthly meeting of the United Veterans Council, to which anyone can attend, will be held at 0930 for the dates: 27 Oct, 24 Nov. See website: www.sduvc.org for the meeting minutes and other information. Alan Rein also attends this meeting.
 - **Legion Riders.** No interest at this time; need eight to form a Chapter. If interested, call Jack Porath at 858.366.8630.
- All prayed to remember the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS.

- In the April 2017 business meeting, motion was made, seconded and all approved to allow for the purchase of a web service that would allow the finding of persons who may have moved or passed away. Such information is needed to update the membership database. A no-cost web site was offered that will be fully researched before a paid web site is obtained. Issue is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS.

- Guest speaker discussed the upcoming Veterans Walk on 3 November. The walk starts at the Chula Vista Veterans Home (700 E Naples Court, Chula Vista, CA 91911) to VFW Post 2111; 4 miles and starts at 0700 with registration, followed by a ceremony and the 0900 walk. Per unanimous vote, membership voted to spend \$120 for four walkers (to be determined) who will be given a shirt.
- Sam Aleto was awarded a letter and Commander Commendation for his work organizing Casino Night. The letter and commendation also acknowledged the work of his wife, Auxiliary member Sue Aleto.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

- District 1 Commander Steven Williams addressed the membership
- When you change your address or email account, let us know.
- Free Legal Clinics at VFW Post 3787, 3rd Saturday each month 0900-1300. Schedule appt by calling 858.433.0525 or (helpvets@hrtroops.org): VA Claims, Family Law, Landlord-Tenant, Wills and Trusts, Criminal Record

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1826 hours.

/s/ Signed 10 Oct 2018
J. R. PORATH
Captain and Recorder