

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 13 August 2019

The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Roger Rotter; Commander was absent due his being required to attend the La Mesa City Council meeting concerning the next-door apartment construction proposal. The purpose of this meeting is 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 ten shipmates.
- There was no District representative nor a Past Commander present.
- New and transfer applications were read and approved for processing.
- There were no changes to the minutes of the last meeting; thus, they are approved as written.
- Paymaster report was provided subject to audit and questions were answered.
- There was a Service Officer Report provided.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership.** The Captain has continually provided that our youth is slow to recognize the benefits of joining and that they are busy managing or starting their family and career. He reiterated also 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; the cost is age based). The Captain again reiterated 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) – Our next distribution will be held in November 2019, date to be chosen.
 - **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc) (Alan Rein). The new theme is posted on the website. No updates.
 - **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. All of the 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). Life Membership (\$50.00) 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 of 2019 yet to be published. See website: www.sduvc.org for the meeting minutes and other information. Alan Rein and/or Chuck Syktich attend the meetings.
- All prayed to remember the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED 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. Issue is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Sep 2019 meeting will be changed on a one time basis to the 4th Tuesday, 1800 hours, when we will have a presentation on the Spanish American War, the Philippine American War, and the Red Baron of World War I fame.
- It was voted for the Ship 1774 to purchase the chef table that will be placed in the poolroom and replace the warped plywood and the three old tables used to support them. This table will have wheels, is stainless steel with a bottom shelf to store items now on the floor, and will improve the ability for food serving. Cost \$486.25
- It was voted to donate \$100.00 for recovering of the pool tables with new felt and repair Gully boots.
- The District Commander will attend our meeting on 8 October 2019.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- 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 via email (helpvets@hrtroops.org): VA Claims, Family Law, Landlord-Tenant, Wills and Trusts, Criminal Record, etc..

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1835 hours.

/s/ Signed 14 Aug 2019

J. R. PORATH

Captain