

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 11 June 2019

The meeting was called to order by Ship's 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 five 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.
- The Service Officer Report involved the latest changes to VA healthcare that are now posted on our website.

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 in the month of July 2019, date to be chosen.
- **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc) (Alan Rein). The JROTC Awards banquet for Mira Mesa High School, the same unit that opens our Boys State breakfast, was attended by the Captain and Alan Rein. The VFW medal and certificate was presented.
- **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.
- Poker Tournament 15 June 2019: Members are strongly encouraged to attend and bring your friends and business associates. For those in business, this would be a good way to build comradery and reward the employees. Posters were previously provided for the members to post in their or their friends' business. Discussed tonight is that the VFW Ship is obligated to see this event successful as the money helps fund our many programs. Also, money is being expended by the Ship to host the event and purchase the prizes that donors have failed to provide. If you can volunteer, please advise.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

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 1827 hours.

/s/ Signed 12 June 2019
J. R. PORATH
Captain and Recorder