

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 12 May 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1800 hrs by Ship's Captain Jack Porath to conduct any and all business to come before the Ship. The meeting consisted of:

- The **Opening Ceremony** consisted of membership verification, salute to the colors, Chaplain's opening prayer, POW/MIA Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, reading of Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter, and the announcement of the special dates of remembrance for the month.
- The **Charter** was not draped at this meeting since we received no report of a deceased member.
- **Roll call** of officers was held; total attendance of officers and shipmates was seven.
- There was not a **Past Commander** nor a **District 1 representative** present at the meeting.
- **All new and transfer applications** were read and approved for processing.
- The **Minutes** of the last meeting, previously distributed, are without correction. Accordingly, the minutes stand as published.
- **Paymaster report** was provided as audited and questions were answered.
- **Service Officer**. No issues of note.

Committee Reports:

- **House** (Captain). Separately published. See website or the bulletin board for meeting minutes.
 - **Membership**. Saving money and ensuring continuous membership, all are encouraged to join or obtain Life Membership. Dues will be raised to \$60/year eff 1 July per January 2022 meeting vote. For renewals during this month, the VFW will grant two years of membership for the price of one.
 - **Buddy Poppy** (Captain) – No status.
 - **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc.). See website for nomination forms which have all been updated.
 - **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 our website.
 - **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. Know anyone who is worthy? Notify the Captain.
 - **United Veterans Council**. Monthly meeting of the United Veterans Council, to which anyone can attend, are held at the Veterans Museum, Balboa Park. See website: www.sduvc.org for the meeting minutes, times and dates and meetings.
- All prayed to remember the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Renovation of the Recreation Room has been completed that included relocation, removing trophy case and closing the wall, painting, new entry door, and addition of a table for the salad and desserts. An accordion door will be considered to allow for meetings and which would help with County tax administration when they survey for Veterans Club exempt areas.
- It was found that the resurfacing of the parking lot will occur in a couple of months.
- We are getting bids for flooring of the facility to include the entire lower areas with vinyl planking, stairs and landings, stage, and resurfacing of the large floor of the upper hall. The grant should cover the funding.
- A discussion ensued about changing our meeting night to another. No Motion was made for change; accordingly, the second Thursday of each month will remain.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: When you change your address or email account, let us know.

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1840 hours.

/s/ Signed 13 May 2022
J. R. PORATH
Ship's Captain and Recorder