

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 14 October 2021

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:

- **Opening Ceremonies** that included the reading of Special Dates of Remembrance for this month.
- **Roll call** of officers was held; total attendance of officers and shipmates was eight.
- 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 subject to audit and questions were answered. **Paymaster issues:**
 1. Our last meeting approved \$339.40 for a new printer but the funds were not needed due to the fixing of the old printer.
 2. Membership unanimously approved the concept of bequeathed or specifically earmarked funds be placed in a facility designated account and dedicated to the facility needs, at the location we call "home", provided sufficient funds exist for our operating Programs and goals. Expenditures from the account, when existing, shall be approved by the membership of VFW Ship 1774 and American Legion Post 282 (the two major organizations of the facility). For the record, facility issues are also discussed and approved at the monthly House Committee meetings whose membership is comprised of one voting representative from each resident organization.
 3. Membership unanimously approved all of the funds bequeathed to us by Anna Lombard be transferred to the American Legion facility account. Membership approved the purchase of the now leased solar panels and the remainder of the funds be used for specifically identified facility issues as approved and announced by Post 282 and per their operating budget.
- **Service Officer.** The approved cost of living for 2022 will be 5.9% that will positively impact those who are receiving social security and VA payments. All agreed this adjustment is needed since prices are steadily increasing in all areas.

Committee Reports:

- **House** (Captain). The details of events presented at the House meetings are separately published and posted on the bulletin-board and website for all to see.
 - **Membership.** Members are always strongly encouraged to join and renew, especially as **Life Members. Life Membership is strongly encouraged because it is very cost effective and it ensures continuous membership.**
 - **Buddy Poppy** (Captain) – We will attempt our next distribution date to be in the month of November. The locations will be determined based on participation and Covid restrictions, if any.
 - **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc.). The new theme for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs are on the website. Inputs are due not later than 1 Dec 2022. Award nomination forms are on our website.
 - **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 0930 for the dates as announced. See website: www.sduvc.org for the meeting minutes and other information.
- All prayed to remember the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

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

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1832 hours.

/s/ Signed 16 October 2021

J. R. PORATH

Captain and Recorder