

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 13 January 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:

- **Opening Ceremonies** that included the reading of Special Dates of Remembrance for this 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 subject to audit and questions were answered.
- **Service Officer.** No issues of note

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 with the strong recommendation of joining as a Life Member. This option is very cost effective vs yearly and it ensures continuous membership.
 - **Buddy Poppy** (Captain) – We will attempt our next distribution date to be in the month of May 2022. The locations will be determined based on participation and Covid restrictions, if any.
 - **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc.). No report. 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 announced meeting dates. 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:

- Discussed was the planned drainage work on the outside of the facility that will result in the boring of two holes and each having a sump pump installed, located below the footings of the foundation. Roger Rotter and Bob Marlow are heading the project as well as working with JPI on the grading of the parking lot with it is sealed. It is felt this is the most cost advantage approach to stop water from coming up under the foundation and entering the facility without cutting into the floor on the inside of the facility. For the funds, VFW Ship 1774 has previously voted to spend what it takes to get this done (within reason and per the availability of funds) and also considering we have a pending grant from the County that, if approved, will help with the funding.
- Due to increased costs a yearly dues rate increase was discussed to be effective 1 July 2022. After much discussion, the rate that was unanimously voted upon and approved was \$60.00 per year. There is no change in Life Membership dues; thus, it is once again stressed that it is much cheaper overall to join on a life basis.

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

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1843 hours.

/s/ Signed 14 January 2022
J. R. PORATH
Captain and Recorder