

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 14 April 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 subject to audit 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. The newly created membership information handout was provided to the management company of next door apartments. Thus far, we have one new member.
 - **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.). See website for nomination forms.
 - **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:

- Sump pumps have been installed. Concrete finishing remains and should be fixed in two weeks. We are still working the issues with the parking lot refinishing/refurbishment.
- The Commander announced that the kitchen now has a much stronger exhaust fan that will help with the heat, allowing to draw cool air from the hall into the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Final nominations followed by the election of officers for the 2022-2023 year were held. The results of the election and appointment of officers were: Captain Jack Porath, Executive Officer Frank Belville, Navigator Sam Aleto, Paymaster Mike Martin, Chaplain Roger Rotter, Three Year Trustee Lenny Guccione, Two Year Trustee Andrew Duenas, and One Year Trustee Bob Marlow.

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

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1822 hours.

/s/ Signed 17 April 2022
J. R. PORATH
Ship's Captain and Recorder