

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 11 July 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 Ceremony** consisted of membership verification, salute to the colors, Chaplain's 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.
- **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 nine.
- The District 1 Commander attended and provided update on District events, membership, and other matters. He strongly recommended each VFW Post participate and conduct the Programs as they are instrumental in the continuance of the mission to the community. Further, he strongly encourages those that are eligible to file for the VA disability claims as whatever may be awarded have been earned as a result of our service and that the Post Service Officer must be active in helping others.
- **All new and transfer applications** were read and approved for processing.
- **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). Minutes are separately published and posted on website and bulletin board. Issue of note for membership was an update of the new floor installations, the first of which is scheduled for 25 July for the upper floor. The Canteen area is scheduled for 8 August 2022. The Club will be closed on 25 July and 8 August. Website and Facebook have been updated to reflect these dates.
- **Membership.** Saving money and ensuring continuous membership, all are encouraged to join or obtain Life Membership. Discussion was held concerning the increase of dues to \$60 in that a member felt this will deter those from joining. In that regard, we should push for life membership as this is increasing cost effective to the prospective and current member.
- **Buddy Poppy** (Captain) – Tentatively scheduled for Nov 2022.
- **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc.). Website has been updated with the nomination forms and other information.
- **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? Life memberships to be paid by the Ship will be awarded to Matt Parra, Dustin Pooch, and Andrew Duenas. Congratulations!

- **United Veterans Council**. Monthly meeting of the United Veterans Council, to which anyone can attend, are held at the Veterans Museum in Balboa Park. See website www.sduvc.org for the meeting minutes, times, and dates for the meetings.

Ending Committee Reports, all prayed for and to remember the National Home for Children and what it does for deserving families and/or the children.

UNFINISHED/OLDBUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sewer hook-up and parking lot resurfacing is pending. Bob Marlow is the action officer.

- City Side Towing has posted the no parking signs. We will be appointing a committee so determine our future course of action.

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

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1856 hours.

/s/ Signed 12 July 2022
J. R. PORATH
Ship's Captain and Recorder