

**STANLEY E. BANKS Sr.**  
**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
**POST 10003**

Carmel, Indiana  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Monday October 12, 2020

Commander Joel Watson called the meeting to order at 1832 hours. The Commander asked all Officers to take their respective stations. All seats being properly filled, the Officer of the Day was asked to satisfy that members present were in good standing. The Officer of the Day reported to the Commander that all fifteen members present were in good standing.

**Opening Prayer:** The Chaplain delivered the opening prayer.

**Salute of the American Flag:** Members saluted the American Flag.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Commander led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Opening of the meeting:** The Commander opened Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10003 for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before it. The Commander recognized State VFW Officers Richard Leirer (Jr Vice Commander,) Ken Lange (Sgt at Arms), Tim McNally (Finance Committee) and himself (Membership Committee).

**Adjutant's Roll Call:** The Senior Vice Commander filled in for the Adjutant. All Officers were present or excused.

**New Membership:** One new member was addressed; Richard Fields. Three transfers were addressed as well: Larry Lenceski, Daniel Schiff and Craig McCunnehy. A motion was made and seconded to accept them; motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Minutes from the Sep meeting were posted on the Post bulletin board and Post website for all to read. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as posted, motion passed unanimously.

**Quartermaster Report:** On hand spending amount for all accounts is \$44,115.44. A motion was made and seconded to except report, motion passed unanimously subject to audit.

**Service Officer Report:** Nothing to report.

**Comrade in Distress:** None at this time.

**Committee Reports**

**House/Planning** - Richard Leirer passed the following:

- Gun Raffle
  - All 600 tix sold, Oct 17th drawing.
- New gun raffle:
  - Details to come
- Thanksgiving:
  - Buffet. November 26th. No charge-donations.
    - Coordinate with Aux
    - Turkey raffle

- Thursday night's hamburger special price from \$2 to \$3. Motion made and approved.
- War dog visit soon, Oct 4, 2020 @ 2pm.
- POS system was upgraded.
- Steak dinner on October 17th.
- Tim McNally proposes to purchase handheld (connected to our security system) alarm for our bartenders, in case of emergency or issue walking to their cars.
  - Current system does not offer those.
  - Suggested those mace and audio alarms.
- Also the Post Commander plaque is being placed back up on the wall and that we cannot remove any past commanders' names plates from it.

**Building** - Commander stated that Richard has done a lot around the Post over the past month and thanked him.

**Membership** - Ken Lange (Sr. Vice) stated that we are at 69.28% membership. The Commander requested all members to continue pushing for membership. Richard passed that the VFW National Commander-in-Chief will be donating \$1,000 to any Post that signs up the most new members between 1-31 Oct in their respective Divisions.

**Hospital** – Tim Pitchford addressed that Jeremy Miller was in the hospital again for a hip replacement.

**Safety** – Dennis Zavada reminded everyone to be careful and don't cut corners when cleaning up your yards and gutters before winter. Be safe during hunting season as well.

**Surgeon** - Nothing to report.

**Golf** – Rock Effron reported that he will be soliciting for Corporate sponsors that must be complete by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. He already has 9 teams registered for next year's event. He asked the members to solicit for food donations from local restaurants/diners to cut down on our overall cost. Corporate flyers will be available soon.

**Voice of Democracy/Patriots Pen** - Riley Hunton passed that applicants must be submitted by 31 Oct. Richard stated that the National HQ has changed that date to make it easier for all Posts to participate due to Covid-19. As long as all entries make it to National HQ by Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember our National Home:** The Chaplain led a prayer to remember the National Home.

**Unfinished Business:** The Commander addressed that we will be stopping the newsletter being mailed out after the December 1 is sent due to high costs. He stated that it is posted up on the Post Website and Constant Contact for all to read and members can also come to the Post for a hard copy. He requested that the members present look in to any and all Post members who may not have internet or email access so we can still get them a newsletter.

**New Business:** Tim McNally made a motion on maintaining our current HVAC contract with Tom Kimble at \$472. After a brief discussion it was seconded and approved unanimously. He then made a motion to start the new Gun Raffle out with a Kimber Compact .45 pistol at between (\$800-1200). After a brief discussion it was seconded and passed unanimously. He then addressed the New Year's Eve Party at \$25 per person. More to follow. Rock proposed a fundraiser event "Bonfire Band Night" with a food truck on site. His neighbor has a group trio and he will look into them possibly coming out to play for donations/tips. More info to follow as it

becomes available. Tim Pitchford spoke about having the city of Carmel placing Veterans names and photos around the city on banners that would hang from lamp posts, etc. Tim Hannon said he would follow up on it with the Mayor since he is a Carmel City Councilman. Tim Hannon also addressed the fact that 2 local roundabouts were to be donated to the local Veteran Organizations for military equipment displays. More to follow. Richard Leirer spoke about the new meeting 50/50 raffle that started tonight.

**Good of the Order:** The General Orders, a list of all upcoming state and local Post events and their dates, along with significant historical events are posted on the Post website and bulletin board for all to read. Thanks to all who attended and/or participated in the following: The Flag Raising Ceremony, the War Dogs presentation, the Fish fry and all Saturday breakfasts. The Steak Dinner and Gun Raffle will be Sat Oct 17<sup>th</sup> and the VFW State Conference/Banquet will be Sat Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on attending the 24<sup>th</sup> see Ken Lange, Tim McNally or Richard Leirer. The Post will be paying all fees associated with the event. The 50/50 raffle drawing was conducted.

Please forward all community hours to the Commander before the end of the month.

Our next Post meeting will be on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1830 hours.

**Closing Ceremonies:** Prayer was given, and colors were saluted.

At 1948 hours the Commander declared the meeting closed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve M. Wyatt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being the most prominent part.

Steve M. Wyatt  
Post Adjutant