

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
DISTRICT 17 – DISTRICT MEETING
VIA ZOOM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020**

The District Meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, District 17 was called to order by District Commander Rick Linares at 0908 hours on November 21, 2020, with the opening prayer delivered by District Chaplain Mark Grgurich followed by the salute to colors and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Commander Linares opened with a recitation of the Congressional Charter.

Roll Call of Officers and Posts was conducted by District Adjutant Rodger Meier:

Commander	P	POSTS					
SVC	P	67	P	4647	P	10125	P
JVC	P	904	P	6158	P	10165	A
A/Q	P	1267	A	6604	P	11294	A
Chief of Staff	A	1487	P	7143	A		
Judge Advocate	P	1985	A	8254	P		
Chaplain	P	2003	P	8358	P		
Surgeon	P	2073	P	8762	P		
1 Yr Trustee	V	2655	A	8985	P		
2 Year Trustee	P	2680	A	9241	P		
3 Year Trustee	V	3010	P	9498	P		
Inspector	P						

P=Present E=Excused A=Absent V=Vacant S=Suspended

Minutes

Minutes from the August 22, 2020 District Meeting had been provided to all the Officers and Post Commanders previously. One correction noted Post 8985 was present. Motion by 2 Year Trustee Cavazos to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Post 3010 Commander Reynolds. Minutes approved as corrected.

Adjutant/Quartermaster Report

Adjutant/Quartermaster Meier provided the Quartermaster Report:

- Receipts
 - \$115 (uncashed check)
- Disbursements
 - \$409 – Bonds and SI 100 fee

- Balances
 - General Fund - \$4,475.89
 - Relief Fund - \$146.00
 - Savings Fund - \$42,911.46
 - Total Assets - \$47,533.35
- September Trustees Quarterly Audit was completed and submitted.
- Motion by Post 3010 Commander Reynolds to accept the Quartermaster report. Motion was seconded by Comrade Welch. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Service Officer Report

- Position is currently vacant. The Claims Consultant at the Sacramento Satellite office is currently vacant. Contact the Oakland Regional office with any questions.

Report on Committees

- District Inspector Hovey reported half of the Post inspections have been completed.
- Buddy Poppies – Chairperson Wilson reported only one Post has ordered Buddy Poppies.
- Budget – Nothing to report
- Hospital – Nothing reported
- ROTC – Nothing reported
- Public Servant – Nothing reported
- Legislative – Nothing reported
- Membership – Chairman position is open. JVC Adams and Chaplain Grgurich volunteered.
- National Home – Nothing reported
- Patriot's Pen – Nothing reported
- POW/MIA – Nothing reported
- Scouting and Youth Activities – Chairman Squire reported deadline for Scout of the Year is March 1, 2021. Deadline to District is March 15th. Follow the instructions. Not very many Posts are reporting Youth Activities.
- Teacher of the Year – Chairman Linares reported only Post 6604 has submitted an application.
- Voice of Democracy – Chairman Kuta reported on the deadlines and guidelines for submissions.

The District President and State President addressed the District.

- Women's Veterans – Chairperson Hovey reported she will start on this program after the first of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

- District Officer vacancies
 - Comrade Cavazos moved up to 1 Year Trustee.
 - 2 Year Trustee
 - Comrade Cavazos nominated Comrade Ken Lusk.
 - Comrade Lusk accepted the nomination.
 - No other nominations were made.
 - 3 Year Trustee
 - Comrade Cavazos nominated Comrade Ray Coughlin.
 - Comrade Coughlin accepted the nomination.
 - No other nominations were made.
- Newly elected officers were installed.

Prayer for the VFW National Home

- Motion was made by Post 9241 Commander Welch to look at a new website solution for the District. Motion was seconded by Post 10125 Commander Mallord. After some discussion, the motion was passed by majority vote.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Post 8762 Commander Brashear noted his Post is storing 115 wheelchairs for veterans and the Post is doing a membership drives with the Marine and Army recruiters.
- District A/Q Meier reported on the David Hobdy fundraising dinner.
- Comrade Peterson reported Post 1487 provided a powerchair for an Air Force Veteran. The Post has provided 69 powerchairs and scooters since starting the program.
- Post 3010 Commander Reynold reported Post 3010 is holding a joint fundraiser on 12/16/20, pulled pork drive thru dinner.
- Chaplain Grgurich requested assistance from the Cooties with some issues with some VA facilities.
- Comrade Squire noted that the District Roster has some inaccuracies. He also discussed the Heart at Home program and requested assistance. Post 8762 Commander Brashear stated his Post would like to take over the program.
- District Commander Linares provided an update on Posts that are missing required paperwork.
- District JVC Adams wanted to thank everyone for their well wished during his illness.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Chaplain Grgurich concluded with the closing prayer followed by the salute to the colors.

The meeting was adjourned at 1045 hours.

NEXT MEETING

The next District Meeting will be on February 20, 2021, location to be determined based on State restrictions.