



October 17, 2023

**MINUTES OF HENRY D. LYTLER, POST 2136, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MEETING of September 19, 2023**

**OPENING CEREMONIES** Prayer: Commander McFerrin

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers: Officers Absent: Chaplain Barnes, 1<sup>st</sup> year Trustee Burns, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Trustee Barrow.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes and the Quartermaster's report.

**OCTOBER BANK BALANCES**

General Fund	\$2505.01
Relief Fund	\$1122.19
Dues Reserve	\$185.00
Building Fund	\$27,066.21
Savings	<u>\$324.02</u>
Total	\$31,202.43

**QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT**

- A. I spent \$24.22 to renew the Post cellphone for the last month.
- B. We received \$7.00 for an annual membership renewal from the VFW.
- C. We received \$421.22 from the VFW for our annual Life Member Payout. They have a formula they use to determine how much is paid for each Life Member.
- D. I paid \$14.00 at Remza's Alterations for the shoulder straps for an Honor Guard Blazer.
- E. I paid \$9.85 at Babbels' Cleaners to dry clean an Honor Guard Blazer.
- F. Turn in any Community Activity hours NLT than the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. Include hours, money spent, number of times you repeated an event and miles traveled and any charitable donations.

## **SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. Service Officer Smith reported that he and 4 other Idaho Service Officers attended a Service Officer Training Conference in Annapolis, MD. They were briefed about the problem of Claims "Sharks" who file disability claims for a fee when the Veteran can get their claim filed for free with a certified State Service Officer. The Claims "Sharks" not only charge a fee to file the claim, they also will often have a claim against the Veteran's benefits, often taking up to 30 % of the disability payment that should all go to the Veteran. There is now such a Claim "Shark" office in Twin Falls on Addison between Maurice Street and Locust Street. New Jersey just passed a law outlawing these for fee Claims "Sharks" and the Idaho Service Officers hope to get a similar law passed in Idaho.

## **COMRADES IN DISTRESS**

Bob Jackson.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Honor Guard has done 7 funerals since the August meeting for a total of 66 this year.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

VOD and PP brochures have been handed out to the schools with participating students. The essays are due to be picked up on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be grading sometime in November before Veterans Day. They are due before the 15<sup>th</sup> of November to District 6 for their grading.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Post is responsible for the Veterans Day ceremony at City Park this year. Service Officer Smith will emcee the program and he is looking for a guest speaker.
- B. The Jae Foundation on Pole Lime Road east of the Home Depot deals with Veteran Suicide
- C. Commander McFerrin talked about ways we can get out in the community and be involved. We already have the Honor Guard, VOD and PP in the schools and Buddy Poppies, but what else can we be involved in? Try to think of different ideas.
- D. The Marine Corps Ball will be held on the evening of November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Snake River Elks Club in Jerome on Highway 93.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- A. There is a copy of the September General Orders from the State for anyone interested to read. You can also download copies for yourselves by going to the Department of Idaho website at [VFWIdaho.org](http://VFWIdaho.org).
- B. We need someone willing to take the Quartermaster position next year. I have done it for 6 years and will not continue. If someone would volunteer, I could be training them.
- C. The Filer American Legion is holding raffle to pay for their handicapped ramp. Tickets are \$10 and the prizes are custom made His and Hers fly rods and a Glock 19.
- D. No 50-50 Raffle this month.

- E. For the attendance drawing Paul Pritchard's name was drawn and he was not in attendance. The pot was at \$30. The pot will be at \$35 for the October meeting.
- F. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

#### **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Greg Bryant  
Quartermaster/Adjutant