

VFW POST 8180 POST MEETING MINUTES AND NEWSLETTER

"VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, POST 8180, SONGTAN, KOREA" COLONEL LEWIS L. MILLETT - HILL 180 MEMORIAL POST 8180

BEST POST IN PACIFIC AREAS 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-13 & 2013-14, 2015-16

These are the minutes from Post 8180 meeting held on Saturday 20 April 2024. There were 35 members in attendance.

<u>Opening Ceremonies:</u> The meeting opened at 1310. Chaplain Billy Quintero led us in our opening prayer and Post Commander Mark Morgan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Post 8180 Commanders and Distinguished Guests:

- * Past Department Surgeon and Chaplain, Past District Commander and Chaplain, 3-term PPC Billy Quintero
- * Department Chaplain and Past Department Surgeon, three-time Past District III and Past Post Commander,

Ron Davis

- * PPC Pat "Doc" Higgins and everything else!
- * PPC and current DPA Grand Commander David Gley
- * PPC Larry Lyons Past Department [DPA] Commander and everything else!
- * PPC 3X Warren Maxson Past Department Commander and everything else!
- * PPC Post 1193 Robert Chatman Current Department Chaplain

<u>Congressional Charter</u>: Members recited Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter Incorporating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States:

The purposes of the corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational, to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States

of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander Mark Morgan: Present

Senior Vice Commander (SVC) Terrance (T\$) Smith: Present

Junior Vice Commander (JVC) Robert Chatman: Present

Quartermaster Ron Davis: Present Chaplain Billy Quintero: Present Surgeon Anthony Mosley: Present Advocate David Gley: Present

Adjutant Rob Madison: Present

Service Officer Ricki A. Rice: Present Trustee 1-Year Ronald Roman: Present

Trustee 2-Year Owen Powell: Farewell to a great Comrade

Trustee 3-Year Victor Diaz: Present

HRC Chairman Leterrial Ashby: Present

Officer-of-the-Day / Guard: Appointed at Meeting (Dave Gley)

Community Activities Chairman / Public Relations / MAP Ernie Lee: Excused

Cub Scout / Scout Council Representative David Gley: Present

Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen David Gley: Present

POW/MIA Justin Canizales: Present

Hill 180 Committee Chairman Ernie Lee: Excused

Buddy Poppy Chairman Ron Davis: Present

First Responders - Special Projects Doc Higgins: Present

Safety Chairman Kevin Brady: Excused

Retiree Affairs (Service Officer) Ricki Rice: Present

Post Historian David Gley: Present

Reading of New Members and Induction Ceremony: Membership stands at 1882 Life, we added 191 new, 61 continuous and 109 reinstated for a total of 2243 and a percentage of 106.65%. Motion to accept by Max, 2nd by Dave. Motion carried.

Two new members were inducted by Commander Mark Morgan

<u>Post Meeting Minutes</u>: March meeting minutes were disseminated via email. Awaiting access to website link at www.vfw8180.org however, they were uploaded to our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/VFW8180/ Dave made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction; 2nd by Max. Motion carried.

<u>Quartermaster Ron Davis</u>: QM Ron motioned to accept that our bottom line at the end of March was \$34,431.00. 2nd by Max. The March audit has been reviewed and signed by Trustees. Motion carried.

<u>Bills:</u> Quartermaster is working to pay Post obligated bills through the Department and the National Convention. Ron also requested the number of attendees be sent to him as soon as possible to calculate the delegate fees.

Larry ask for \$330.00 for Department Convention Book, etc.

Rikki ask for W300.000 for reimbursement for John Graham's burial certificate.

Larry asked for the Post to provide NTE \$200.00 to the Canteen for the Commander in Chief visit in May

Report of Service Officer Riki Rice: Anthony Mosley donated funds and acquired 20 Day-of-Service Tshirts.

The Day-of-Service will consist of Post 8180 Members cleaning up the Songton Entertainment District [SED] area. Members will meet at the VFW, 0845 to begin the clean up. This event will be noted at the National Convention. Information was sent to VFW National about our participation that day.

Reading of Incoming Communications: NTR.

Comrade(s) in Distress: Past 2X Commander Ernie Lee. Mark Narkon

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Report of Membership Statistics (MemStats) by SVC T\$: See Report of Membership Statistics (Memstats)

MemStats: Will be reflected after the Department Convention in June 2024

Report on Community Service Reports (CSR) by JVC Robert Chatman: 32 Hours 75 Miles 10 Members Donated \$151.00

Advocate Report / Ernie Lee: NTR

Surgeon's Report / Anthony Mosley: NTR

<u>Buddy Poppy Report / Ron Davis:</u> Lot's on hand for Memorial Day/Veterans Day at the Xchange. Scouts have acknowledged support for Memorial Day from 1000-1400.

Public Relations Officer & Community Affairs / Ernie Lee:

3 May: BCD Golf tournament – interested parties – see Ernie at the course.

Registration: 1130-1230.

17 May: 3BCD Ball. Anyone going to the 3BCD Ball pay Ernie \$50.00 each at the door.

Formal/Business Suit/VFW Caps.

18 May: VFW Pacific District meeting @ Post 8180

18 May: Armed Forced Day Parade – Osan AFSA will sponsor a family day at the O'Club Parking Lot in lieu of a parade this year.

27 May: Buddy Poppy Drive 1000 – 1400 Osan Xchange. Ernie contacted the Girl Scouts for support. We have Buddy Poppies. Be there, or be Square!

21 Jun: VFW Golf tournament Registration: 1130-1230.

5 July: Task Force Smith [TFS] [This is tentative. Awaiting confirmation of date from TFS Director]

Social Media: Check out our sites:

- World Wide Web http://vfw8180.org/
- Facebook Post Page https://www.facebook.com/groups/VFW8180/

Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit Ernie Lee: A motion was made to support the AFSA, 51st Wing Family Day [in lieu of the parade] for \$200.00. Approved. Motion Carried Larry will submit a MAP for \$200.00 to add to the funds for this event.

A motion to support the Quad A Ball for \$200.00 was made. Approved Motion Carried

<u>Voice of Democracy (VOD) / Teachers Award / Patriot's Pen David Gley</u>: The new topic for this year are out and releasable. David has sent email to school for participation. See David for further information.

<u>Cub Scout Pack 86 / Scout Representative Wendy Canizales:</u> Scouts will participate in the VFW Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Drive. Ernie to send email to confirm.

Civil Air Patrol / JROTC / David Gley: NTR

History / Dave Gley: NTR

"First Responder" Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter) Doc Higgins: Everything has been released and is sitting at National. Doc has heard nothing back so far.

POW/MIA Justin Canizales: AFSA is in the planning stages for the POW/MIA week activities and 24 hour run

House Rules Committee Chairman / Terry Ashby: NTR

Canteen Report / Terry Ashby: Ron deposited \$1000.00 for month of March

Safety Chairman / Kevin Brady: NTR

Note: Some reports are not noted here. The reports have been forwarded directly to the Adjutant for posting in the April minutes.

Remembering of our National Home: Chaplain Billy Q. offered remembrance and prayer for our National Home in accordance with VFW tradition and ceremony.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nominations were reopened, discussed and closed in accordance with the VFW Bi-Laws. 2023-2024 Election and Installation of Officers was conducted by PPC/PDPAC Maxson in accordance with VFW Bi-Laws.

Commander – Terry T. Smith

Senior Vice - Robert Chatman

Junior Vice - Micah Hagood

Quarter Master – Ron Davis

Chaplain - Billy Quintero

Trustee 1 – Victor Diaz

Trustee 2 – Don Rende

Trustee 3 – Ron Roman
Adjutant – Robb Madison
Service Officer – Riki Rice
Judge Advocate – David Gley Appointed
Surgeon – Anthony Mosley
Chaplain- Billy Q Appointed
Adjutant- Rob Madison Appointed
House Rules Chairman-Terry Ashby

ELECTION OF OFFICERS CLOSED FOR 2023-2024

NEW BUSINESS:

See Map

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Membership voted to change the monthly meeting to 1300. Motion by T\$ and 2nd. Approved Motion carried

Larry made motion to increase [Annual] dues to \$45.00 as of 1 July 2024. Motion and Discussion. 2nd and motioned carried. Approved

\$200.00 for Quad A Ball [See Map] \$200.00 for AFSA for 51st Family Day Approved [See Map]

51st FSS would like us to set up a booth on 22 May 1300-1600, O'Club parking lot for National Police Week

Max briefed the [C of A] Commission of Administration: It looks like Taiwan. More to follow.

There is an initiative to restrict retirees from driving on base as they do now. More to follow.

The National Commander In Chief is coming to the Pacific for a final meet and greet. Dates to be determined. Information will be posted on the Post 8180 Facebook Page.

Military Order of the Cootie (MOC): We will have our next Scratch 20 July @ 1430ish



CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Chaplain Billy Q gave the closing prayer.

Our next General Membership meeting is 20 July at 1300.

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Rob Madison Post Adjutant Mark Morgan Commander