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**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FORT SHERMAN CHAPTER #9**  
**COEUR d' ALENE, IDAHO**

**Minutes from October 29, 2013**

Meeting was preceded by a Chapter – Unit meeting for a presentation of Quilts of Valor by Jerene Kindley to Patrick McDonald and Monty Kindley.

Regular Chapter meeting was called to order by Chapter Commander Mike Teall at 1805.

**Legislative and Iraq Box Record**

2008 Chapter/Unit Legislative Letters	783	Chapter/Unit Iraq Boxes	88
2009 Chapter/Unit Legislative Letters	905	Chapter/Unit Iraq Boxes	90
2010 Chapter/Unit Legislative Letters	1,523	Chapter/Unit Iraq Boxes	113
2011 Chapter/Unit Legislative Letters	731	Chapter/Unit Iraq Boxes	60
2012 Chapter/Unit Legislative Letters	765	2012 Afghanistan Boxes	30
2013 Chapter Legislative Letters	570	2013 Afghanistan Boxes	57
2013 Unit Legislative Letters	246	<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b><u>438</u></b>
<b><u>Total: 5,523</u></b>			

**Important Telephone Numbers**

CDA CBOC	208 665 1700/01
CDA Dept. of Commerce Vet. Rep.	208 769 1558 ext 310
DAV Idaho State Commander	208 457-3021
DAV National Headquarters	859 441 7300
DAV National Headquarters Toll Free	1 877 426 2838
DAV State Adjutant	208 761-0091
DAV Van, Express Shuttle	1 800 325 7940 ext 7019
DEERS	1 800 538 9552
DFAS	1 888 332 7411
Fairchild AFB ID Card	1 509 247 2701
Fort Sherman Chapter 9 Adjutant	208 773 1074
Fort Sherman Chapter 9 Commander	208 772-4043
Idaho DAV National Service Officer	208 429-2140/2143
Idaho Division of Veterans Services	208 334 1245
Idaho State Veterans Cemetery	208 334 4796
Kootenai County Veteran Service Officer	208 446 1090
Spokane VAMC	509 434 7000
Spokane VAMC Appointments	1 800 325 7940
Spokane VAMC Chief Health Care Service	509 434 7500
Spokane VAMC DAV Van Transportation	1 800 325 7940 ext 7019
Spokane VAMC Pharmacy	1 800 274 6025
Spokane VAMC Toll Free	1 800 325 7940
Spokane Vet Outreach	1 509 444 8387

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Commander	Mike Teall	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Jerry Morrison	Present
1st Junior Vice Commander	Clyde Adams	Present
2nd Junior Vice Commander	Partick McDonald	Present
Treasurer	Kirk Kindley	Present
Chaplain	Neil Strom	Absent
Sgt. At Arms	Bill Owens	Present
Officer of the Day	Bob Hannah	Sick
JAG	Ralph Shrigley	Present
Webmaster	Charlie Till	Present
Asst. Chaplain	Sue Sestak	Absent
Gunnery Officer	Field Marshal Till	Present
Motor/Noise Officer	Lew Allert	Present
Sports Officer	Don Waddell	Absent
Adjutant	Robert Hunt	Present

**New Members:**

Dave Overman and Bill Powell will be joining.

**Motion made and carried to accept minutes of 9-24-13 as written. McLean/Howe**

**Motion made and carried to accept Treasurer's Written Report. Howe/McDonald**

Balances on hand as of 24 September 2013

Van Fund:	\$21,694.37
Checking:	\$6,617.17 (Available funds not yet obligated)
Christmas:	\$2,602.41
Cdr's Fund	\$200.10

Chapter received \$496.56 from Global Credit Union Wear Red Fund Raiser.

**Chaplain:**

Bob Hannah – start of Alzheimer's and very thin – wife in hospital for toe amputation  
 Bob Whitlock – State Adjutant –recovering from very serious and damaging fall  
 Rex Tolman – State Treasurer –knee surgery  
 Brian Alspach – Back Surgery  
 Bob Bigness – Surgery  
 Mike Kostur – Knee replacement

**Motion made and carried to spend up to \$120 to send plush animals sold at Costco to the six members on the binnacle list along with a get well card. Hunt/Duke**

Adjutant will take for action for action and cover any postage that the \$120 does not cover.

**Communications:**

State Cdr. Loren Davis and his wife sent the Chapter a thank you for the picnic put on for them in August

American Legion 143 send a thank you for the \$500 donation to the Legion.

**Visitors:**

Dave Overman and Bill Powell, Vietnam Army Tankers, disabled veterans

### **Committee Reports:**

Cdr Teall noted some information gleaned from the Mid-Winter Conference that he, Charlie Till and Arnie Howe had just returned from at Lewiston. There is a strong interest in getting Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in the DAV.

It was discussed attempting to have presence at city council meetings with member or members in uniform cap. The Cdr will work with the city council.

The Nickle's Worth and its advertising may be a productive place for us. Charlie Till will determine what deals we can get. It was suggested that we have some kind of hook or attention getting device for the ads. We don't leave our wounded behind was offered up.

The NIC Veterans Club is another good place to attempt to become more relevant. 10% of the NIC Student Body is composed of veterans. Lew Allert volunteered to work with them.

The State informed us that it would be permissible to cross state lines to work Golden Corral Restaurants on Veterans Day if the local Chapters are not going to do so. It was confirmed that Chapter 6 in the Spokane Valley does handle the Spokane Golden Corral.

Home Depot has been doing some major renovations for disabled veterans are always looking for some good projects.

The Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort will be serving free meals to veterans and their wives on November 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7 PM. If we go as a group we can have our own table. A straw poll was conducted and 12 members raised their hands. We could car pool and go as a group. The adjutant will take for action.

The Cdr noted that there was some potential problems regarding the van program at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center and the Eastern Idaho DAV vans. The information is incomplete and sketchy but at first glance it appears that Salt Lake City is not returning DAV vans as per the National Memorandum of understanding. It affects us as we are considering ordering a new van next fall and if this is true, the Chapter would want to reconsider if it wants to continue with purchasing a van.

The next State Convention is in Burley, Idaho from 30 April to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration is \$75 and the room rates are \$77. The Mid-winter Conference will follow in Burley on October 24-26.

### **New Business**

Larry Schneiderman is our contact point with the State Line Speedway where we were invited to participate at a 50/50 raffle last September. Larry made up some professional looking raffle and money containers and will work with the Speedway on setting up some additional dates next summer.

The JAG, Ralph Shrigley, gave a report on Idaho Lottery law at the request of the Cdr. Our new raffle at the meeting is not in violation of any law. We do not need a license as long as certain key issues are followed. Our annual total of our prizes cannot exceed \$5,000. 80% of our next proceeds have to be donated to non-profit charitable or educational purposes.

**Good of the Order** ; American Legion 143 Adjutant announced that the Legion has a Hoyer Bed lift and numerous other items available for veterans.

Dan Duke announced that he has two 380 LCP Ruger pistols for sale.

Lew Allert announced that he has been working at the Legion Breakfasts and urged out members to come out and support the Legion and enjoy the food. In addition to breakfast there are Friday Night steaks, fish and hamburgers.

Dale Stamper noted that Real Life Ministries will have a Veterans Day Breakfast with a world class speaker on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Arnie Howe announced the 2015 DAV State Convention will be held in Worley at the Casino from 23 to 25 April, 2015. Rooms will be \$80. Sandpoint, Priest River and this Chapter will host the convention. Volunteers are needed to help out.

**Motion to adjourn made and carried. Stamper/Kukuraza  
Closing Ceremonies  
Adjourned at 1940**

Robert B. Hunt, QMC, USN, Retired  
Chapter Adjutant - PDC

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