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

Minutes from April 26th, 2011

Regular Meeting was held at the American Legion Post #143 in Post Falls, Idaho.
Meeting was called to order by Commander Arnie Howe at 1817.

<u>Legislative and Iraq Box Record</u>			
2008 Chapter Legislative Letters	435	2008 Chapter Iraq Boxes	48
2008 Auxiliary Legislative Letters	<u>348</u>	2008 Auxiliary Iraq Boxes	<u>40</u>
Total:	783	Total:	88
2009 Chapter Legislative Letters	447	2009 Chapter Iraq Boxes	11
2009 Auxiliary Legislative Letters	<u>458</u>	2009 Auxiliary Iraq Boxes	<u>48</u>
Total:	905	Total:	90
2010 Chapter Legislative Letters	801	2010 Chapter Iraq Boxes	80
2010 Auxiliary Legislative Letters	<u>722</u>	2010 Auxiliary Iraq Boxes	<u>33</u>
Total:	1,523	Total:	113
2011 Chapter Legislative Letters	181	2011 Chapter Iraq Boxes	35
2011 Auxiliary Legislative Letters	<u>110</u>	2011 Auxiliary Iraq Boxes	<u>0</u>
Total:	291	Total:	35
<u>Important Telephone Numbers</u>			
Spokane VAMC Toll Free		1 800 325 7940	
Spokane VAMC		509 434 7000	
Spokane VAMC Chief Health Care Service		509 434 7500	
DAV National Headquarters Toll Free		1 877 426 2838	
DAV National Headquarters		859 441 7300	
DAV Van, Express Shuttle		1 800 325 7940 ext 7019	
Idaho Division of Veterans Services		208 334 1245	
Idaho State Veterans Cemetery		208 334 4796	
Idaho DAV National Service Officer		208 334 1956/9170	
DAV Idaho State Commander		208 375 3261	
DAV State Adjutant		208 455 7451	
Fort Sherman Chapter 9 Commander		208 660 9718/457 0645	
Fort Sherman Chapter 9 Adjutant		208 773 1074	
Kootenai County Veteran Service Officer		208 446 1090	

Members present: Bacon, Fox, Thompson, , Duke, Strom, Hunt, Kindley, Mclean, Duvall, Duke, Hannah, Stamper, Howe, Meier, Essig, Waddell, Fox, Kostur (18)

Guests: Lloyd Green-Bonnors Ferry

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander	Arnold Howe	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Greg Bacon	Present
1st Junior Vice Commander	Mike Kostur Jr.	Present
2nd Junior Vice Commander	Kirk Kindley	Present
Treasurer	Bernie Fox	Present
Chaplain	Dale Stamper	Present
Sgt. At Arms	Pat McLean	Present
Officer of the Day	Bob Hannah	Present
JAG	Fred Meier	Present
Webmaster	Gary Duvall	Present
Adjutant	Robert Hunt	Present

Motion carried to accept minutes of 03-29-11 as written. Fox/Kostur

Motion carried to accept Treasurer's Report. Bacon/Duke

Van fund	\$2,651.20
Cash	\$4,318.96
Total	\$6,970.16

Treasurer reported that the Chapter Income Tax Report had been filed and accepted by the IRS.

Treasurer discussed some aspects of the coming turnover procedure of his office, including the need for the incoming treasurer to be a member of Numerica Credit Union.

Sickness:

Earl Hunter is now living at home after being in a nursing home.

John Dunlap, member and AL 143 Commander has had a second successful knee joint installed and is recovering.

Dan Duke is suffering from a severe back injury.

Past Dept. Cdr. Jake Finley in Boise has had two heart attacks.

New member:

Chapter member Gary Essig was introduced. He is a life member and was medically retired from the USMC at 18 years with COPD and back injuries. He is rated 100% and a Vietnam veteran with three tours. Cdr Howe has

known him for years at local auctions. His wife Sonja, is at the Auxiliary meeting donating a stay at a local bed and breakfast.

Old Business:

Motion made and passed to allow the Chapter van to be sold for as little as \$5,000.00 Hunt/Hannah

The van has been parked at the Pizza Hut and that seems to have generated most phone calls. No offers have been made. It was decided to move the van to other high traffic areas.

Motion made and passed to pay Greg Bacon \$293.10 for six months of full coverage insurance. Stamper/Kostur

The insurance runs out on July 13, 2011. An all out effort to sell the van will be initiated.

Motion made and passed to pay for all matters relating to the van and its sale from either the van fund or from the monies received from the sale of the van. Fox/Kostur

Monies spent so far on the van include advertising costs, detailing expenses, temporary registration and permanent licenses plates.

Motion made and passed to repay the Adjutant, Robert Hunt, \$100.00 for the Chapter Basket being donated to the State DAVA fund raising auction at the upcoming state DAV Convention. Kostur/Stamper

New Business

Motion made and passed to purchase 5,000 Forget Me Nots. Hunt/Waddell

Forget Me Nots are \$55 per thousand. 2,000 Forget Me Nots are for the Chapter Auxiliary which provided the Chapter a check for their share.

Motion made to donate \$250.00 to the upcoming Stand Down. Hunt
Motion died to lack of a second

**Motion made and passed to donate \$500 to the upcoming Stand Down.
Fox/Hunt**

Comrade Fox noted that if the Chapter can donate a \$100 for a brick we can do \$500 to help our homeless veterans.

**Motion made and failed to pass to rent a storage area for Chapter
Property. Hunt/McLean**

Chapter members will obtain more information on costs involved and Fox will see if he can get a donation in kind from a rental near him. We will check with John Dunlap to see if we can use his storage area or move one ourselves to his storage area.

Communications:

Adjutant read a short article from the state Adjutant announcing the naming of Hiway Three in North Idaho the Medal of Honor Hiway.

Adjutant read a note from Graham Crutchfield thanking us for our recent donation of funds for the purchase of ten Buck Knives.

Elections:

The following were elected to serve as officers of the Chapter for the upcoming year:

Commander	Dale Stamper
Senior Vice Commander	Kirk Kindley
1st Junior Vice Commander	Mike Kostur
2nd Junior Vice Commander	Bernie Fox
Treasurer	Cindy Thompson
Chaplain	Neil Strom
Officer of the Day	Robert Hannah
Sergeant At Arms	Pat McLean
Judge Advocate	Don Waddell
Webmaster	Gary Duvall
Adjutant (Appointed)	Robert Hunt

Installation:

Past Department Commander Robert Hunt installed the elected and appointed officers in accordance with the ritual book.

Motion made and passed to adjourn. Fox/Meier

Good of the Order:

Adjutant stated that the Chapter had to submit new incorporation officer data to the Idaho Secretary of State, new Chapter Officer reports to National, State and the Idaho NSO. The Chapter had to submit a report to the state for the convention, do press releases and update the website.

The Webmaster urged everyone to submit ideas for the website.

Closing ceremonies.

Adjourned at 1947

Robert B. Hunt, QMC, USN, Ret.
Chapter Adjutant

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