

Disabled American Veterans

Calhoun County Chapter 7

PO Box 200

Battle Creek, MI 49016

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1900

Commander Ed Holden called the meeting to order.

Adjutant, Jerry Schmidt, called the roll: 8 Officers were present

4 Members

1 Guest

Total= 13

The minutes of the last meeting were pasted out to each member, there were no corrections, motion was made by Al Abels to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Ron Paul, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Sheperd gave the treasurer's report for November and December. A motion was made by Al Abels and seconded by Ron Paul to accept the treasurer's report as read, subject to audit. Motion carried.

The subject was brought up by the Commander Holden about Maxine Thomas, the widow of a Viet Nam Vet, who Brittney Lafferty, (while she was the Chapter Treasurer and the DAV VSO), asked the chapter to donate \$1,000 to help pay his burial costs. Frank Sheperd told the group that he was not able to get enough information about the vet or the widow to justify a payment. Several of the members are going to take the widow name and try to research it further to see if we can find out all the pertinent information needed.

Also Frank Sheperd reported about one of the new members, Mr. Hall, who paid his Life Time membership dues, via a (\$180) money order, four months ago! Frank Sheperd received the money order, and gave it and Mr. Hall's application to Brittney, however there is no indication that it was ever sent in. So Frank Sheperd asked the chapter to go ahead and pay the members life time dues (\$180) so we can get him squared away. A motion was made by Jerry Schmidt to pay the \$180 and seconded by Al Abels, motion carried.

Frank Sheperd, brought up that he found an envelope with \$13.00 in it for some 50/50 raffle dated April 2011, in the box of stuff the Brittney gave him when she resigned as post treasurer. He asked the group what to do with the money and it was decided to have him put it in the post funds.

Chaplin's report: Al Abels had no report.

Correspondence: Adjutant Jerry Schmidt reported that we got a letter from Dept. requesting a list of anyone wanting to go to the Mid-winter conference in Washington D C, Frank Shepard said he was so Schmidt said he would notify Dept. for him. Also there was a letter from national about several members of the DAV that are behind on their dues for their life membership. They asked us to please remind any of our members to pay up if they are behind.

Membership Report: No report except about for the above mentioned report on Mr. Hall

Service Officer: No report

Hospital report: No report

Legislative report: No report

Cemetery report: No report

Americanism Comm: Bill Roush has completed 14 schools so far for the poster contest, and he has already got the 4 schools for the essay contest. He asked for help with the Battle Creek schools.

Roush also reported about the B J Thomas Valentine Concert that is going to be held on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Battle Creek VA medical center's auditorium. He has 20 free tickets available.

Unfinished Busn. The next DAV meeting in February will be held at the Am. Legion (chapter 54) building on Columbia.

New Busn: Jerry Schmidt brought up that we should start preparing for the post golf tournament (June 16<sup>th</sup>) earlier this year. Jackie Carmicheal said he had gotten all the names from Dave Martin, and the letters, mailing labels and envelopes are ready to mail, and he planned to send them out in a few days.

Good of the Order: Thomas Lightbody read a memo to the Commander and the membership, he stated that he was stepping down as the For-Get-Me- Not chairmen, the Chapter VA sponsor, or the chapter EC. He suggested that the chapter get some people ready for our nomination next month.

Frank Sheperd made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jackie Carmicheal, motion carried and Commander Holden adjourned the meeting.