

Disabled American Veterans

Calhoun County Chapter 7

PO Box 200

Battle Creek, MI 49016

09/18/2012

1900 Commander Ed Holden called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Adjutant Jerry Schmidt, called the roll, 19 present, including 5 Officers, and 1 guest

Adjutant passed out copies of the monthly minutes, Bill Roush made a motion, seconded by Ron Paul, to accept the minutes as written, barring any corrections, motion carried.

Treasurer report: Frank Sheperd gave the report, A motion was made by Bill Roush, supported by Phil Savage, to accept the report as read subject to audit, motion carried.

New Members: Eric Macainski took the oath, and Steve Cooper has put in his app, since he got back his notice of Service Connection from the VA.

Correspondence: Adjutant read off the correspondence. He reported about a Homeless Stand Down that will be going on in Detroit, in Oct. 2012. Frank Sheperd reported that Department sent out a letter reminding all of us, to be on the lookout for dishonest organizations that are taking monies illegally from the public, using organization names, that are very similar to ours and other VSO's. If you see anybody soliciting, or are contacted by one on the phone, challenge them and get as much information as possible from them. If they don't feel right, contact the States Attorney's Office and reports them.

Membership report: No Report

Service Officers report: Jerry Schmidt reported on his monthly actives, and he also pasted out the Mission Statement for the new Battle Creek Veterans Relief Fund. He explained how the fund would work, and also what a veteran has to do to qualify for it. He reported that he has volunteered with the people from "211", and he can now sign veterans up for DHS, so they can get help from other local agencies.

Hospital Committee: Tom Lightbody reported they had a good bingo last month, and he also reported that at the quarterly VAVS meeting a couple of new programs were reported on. The first is the MOVE program to help vets lose weight. The second is the VICAR, or Vision Impairment Program, where a blind vet can get an apparatus that they can take with them to a store with them, and it will read them the content by scanning the bar code. He also reported that the Hospital Coordinator will be there soon, she is coming from Washington DC. He reported about the increases in the monies in the Canteen Books. Funds are needed to help take care of the Pontoon Boat. He reported on the upcoming Zoo trip, and

that the Carnival is Oct 11. Dave Martin made a motion, supported by Jackie Carmicheal, to give Tom \$100.00 to help pay for food on the Zoo trip. Motion carried.

Tom reported that the DAVA Garden Area account was currently at \$160, Dave Martin made a motion to donate \$500 to the fund, supported by Phil Savage, motion carried.

A second motion was made by Dave Martin, supported by Phil Savage, that anytime the monies in this fund fall below \$500 the chapter will kick in the money to bring it back up to \$500 without the need of a motion to do so. Motion carried.

Cemetery Report: Jackie Carmicheal reported that Col. Walker will be the new liaison officer, and that they have already interred over 1100 veteran and their families so far this year.

Americanism report: Bill Roush reported Department has sent down the requirements and awards for the Say No to Drugs Poster program, and also the 5th grader assay contest.

Unfinished Busn. Jerry Schmidt reported on the Battle Creek For-Get-Me-Not drive, he thanked the members who helped at Wal-Mart. We raised over \$1300.

Dave Martin report on the proposed Mileages Proposal for the Veterans, that will be on the Nov. ballot, he asked for all of us to push for it to be pasted.

Frank Sheperd made a motion that we would raise the price of our baseball caps to \$12, and give one to any new member, supported by Dave Martin, motion carried.

Frank also reported that Wenchell Donut Shop would be closing. He had gone out and purchased a plaque, which cost \$35, for the owner, for all the times he helped with our golf outings. Jerry Schmidt made a motion to give him back the \$35, seconded by Dave Martin, motion carried. He asked Tom Lightbody and Dave Martin to present it Sept 20 at 6pm at the store.

Phil Salvage asked if the DVA wanted to help next year with the cart next year at the fair. He said he would get back to us with more information.

Dave Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jackie Carmicheal motion carried.