



The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. on Feb. 9th followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Vince presided over this meeting for President Les.

Members attending: Vince S., JoAnn C., John P., Dan H., Jim A., David M., Grant W., Russell O., Mark S., Tim H., Gail B

Motion was made by Jim A. and 2nd by Dan Hunt to accept the Secretary's Report as submitted. Motion was carried.

Financial Report: At the end of January 2017 there is an Adjusted Balance of \$1,364.48 in the Business Account and an Adjusted Balance of \$479.00 in the Legacy Account. There is one outstanding check in the amount of \$375.00 to the 9th District - Fergus Falls Veterans Home Project. Motion was made by Grant and 2nd by JoAnn to accept the Financial Report as submitted. Motion was carried

VSO Report: No report given

Guard Report: The Unit will still be leaving for Europe around June 1st. The Holiday Christmas Party that was cancelled is on for Saturday at the VFW Post 1223 Dilworth. Hope to see many come. The Lions are supplying the Lasagna for this meal. They are having jerseys made up for the Hockey Game they will be playing on March 23-26. The jerseys will be yellow/blue/white with the Bearcat Crest. They are also putting the Yellow Ribbon logo on the front of the jerseys to represent all involved supporting them.

BTYR Exec. Committee Report: Plan of action was updated and will be reported fully at the next meeting. Clay County and the Commissioners will be met with yearly.

Old Business: None

New Business: The BTYR Coin was discussed. It has been awhile since this has been given out. Gail made a motion to give this one to the Garrity Foundation. Motion was 2nd by Dan H. Motion was carried. Also, Tim brought up for members to keep thinking of volunteers that we can present this coin to and it can be brought up at the meeting in March.

Dan H. made a motion to request funds to be used by the Bearcats Hockey Team. Motion was 2nd by Grant and the motion was carried.

Good of the Order: Russell Oberg told us that they had attended the Dakota Medical Banquet. At the banquet the Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation was presented with the

“Star Award” for 2016. Their goal for 2017 was to raise \$60,000.00 and at the banquet that evening over \$50,000.00 was raised. The foundation wants to start a veterans program for amputees. They do have a specialist working on this now. The Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation works on three specific goals: 1) To bring awareness of PTSD to our communities, 2) To provide therapeutic adventures retreats for Veterans with PTSD and 3) To provide scholarships for combat Veterans who are seeking to become mental health professionals in order to help other Veterans.

They are asking once again to donate to their mission through Dakota Medical Foundation’s “Giving Hearts Day”. Russell said that there are thousands of combat veterans who have been left suffering and shattered from the effects of PTSD.

Tim H. said that the “Honor Flight Fund Raiser” that was held at the Moorhead American Legion raised \$14,000.00 that day and that another \$3,000.00 would be coming in. It costs about \$90,000.00 to send each flight to Washington D.C. Hopefully another flight will be able to go in May. Jim A. said that they served about 465 people for the free will offering for the meal that day. It was a great success. Way to go!!!!!!

JoAnn said that ROSS (Remember Our Serving Soldiers) will be doing their fund raiser March 11th at the West Fargo VFW. The time for this event is 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The money from this goes to the Family Readiness Group. There are 11 groups which includes 7 Army Guard, 2 Army Reserves, 1 Air National Guard and 1 Naval Reserve. Their goal every year is to reach \$22,000.00 and from that each gets \$2,000.00.

We all wished that President Les and his Bride were enjoying a much deserved vacation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Next meeting will be March 9th at the Dilworth VFW Post 1223 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Loyally Submitted
Gail B. - Secretary