



The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting was held Sept. 8, 2016 at the Dilworth VFW Post 1223.

Members attending were: Jim A., Mark S., Dan H., John P., Vince D., David M., Gary O., Jim A., Curt C., Grant W., Tim H., Gail B. and President Les

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. President Les and members joined with the Pledge of Allegiance.

August Secretary's Minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial Report was given by Tim H. The Business Account had a checking balance of May 31st in the amount of \$3,722.52. With the remaining outstanding checks the adjusted balance was (\$0.48) A \$1,000 check from the VFW Gaming will be deposited into this account. Legacy Account as of July 31st has a checking balance of \$479.50 with the adjusted balance of \$479.50. The Financial Report was approved as presented.

Guard Report was given by Staff Sgt. David Morris. He was notified that the Battalion will be home for Christmas but he also said that the entire Battalion will be gone for the month of June (2017).

VSO Report was given by our County VSO Officer Curt Cannon. Curt reminded us of the 3rd Annual Veterans Conference that will be held Friday September 16th. This will be held at the MN National Guard Armory in Moorhead. The time for this conference will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a free lunch held courtesy of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Moorhead. Right now they are focusing on the agenda for the booths that will be set up the night before. Curt said that there is going to be a state wide Data Base that he will be able to use with the Veterans DD214. He is excited about this and said that it will cut down on time for him. He also passed out flyers for the conference.

Old Business: On October 30th the Fall Fund Raiser will be held at the Dilworth VFW Post 1223. There will be a free will offering for the dinner which will be Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and etc. There will be baskets with tickets that will be 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 for one. There will also be small silent auction items. All raised for this fund raiser will go to the Fergus Falls Veterans Home. More will be discussed at the October meeting.

President Les gave a presentation to the Moorhead Business Association. He told them all

that the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon does and represents. He said that it went very well and now they have a better understanding of what we do.

President Les gave us a update on “Veterans Still Service America”. We were not approved for the grants that he put in for. He said that he will reapply for a grant on October 14th. President Les is finding relatives in Clay County of World War 11 Veterans. He is asking for digital photos from any one that may have some. Clay County and the Hjemkomst Center is helping with this.

Tim H. told more of the event for Eric Marts that would be held at the American Legion in Moorhead. Everything is place and there would be 6 -8 speakers. The speakers will be kept short. A lunch will be served. It was held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. They are expecting about 120 people.

New Business: The League of Women Voters of the Red River Valley (MN/ND) is hosting a series of candidate forums in Moorhead, The forums are free and open to the public. All forums will start at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 13th - Candidates for Moorhead Public School Board

Tuesday, September 27th - Candidates for Minnesota Senate District 4 and for Minnesota House of Representatives Districts 4 A and 4B

Tuesday, October 13th - Candidates for Moorhead City Council

Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m., the LWVRRV will co-host with the American Legion Post 21 and the VFW Post 1223 a Candidate Forum for Minnesota Senate District 4 and Minnesota House of Representatives District 4A and 4B. This will be held at the VFW Post 1223, 1505 Center Ave. W. in Dilworth, MN. Discussions and questions will be limited to Minnesota Veterans’ issues and Minnesota Charitable Gaming issues.

If you have any questions that you may want asked and are unable to attend please feel free to call President Les, Dan Hunt or Tim Haugen and it will be addressed. Dan said this is very important as gaming taxes are going up to help pay for the new stadium where this money could be used in are own area.

Good of the Order. December 10th a Christmas Party will be held for the MN National Guard-Moorhead. Adults and Children The Lions will be doing the cooking. More information will follow.

Tim said that the Legion Riders-Motorcycle Group that has been in existence for 5 years is trying to get this up and running again. They met at the American Legion 21 in Moorhead on Monday night. They will meet again the first Wednesday in October at the same place.

Staff Sgt Morris said that the “Wounded Warriors Guide Service” has taken 6 Veterans on hunting trips. They filled their tags on these trips. There are 8 more trips being planned.

Tim H. said that the Moorhead American Legion Club Post 21 is going to start celebrating the birthdays of five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. They will have Sloppy Joes available with a free-will donations. There will also be Birthday Cake and Door Prizes to be given away. These birthdays will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of their birth month, as stated below:

US Air Force (9/18/1947)
Sunday, September 11 - Noon til Gone

US Navy (10/13/1775)
Sunday, October 9 - Noon til Gone

US Marines (11/10/1775)
Sunday, November 13 - Noon til Gone

US Army (6/14/1775)
Sunday, June 11, 2017 - Noon til Gone

US Coast Guard (8/4/1790)
Sunday August 13, 2017 - 4p.m. til Gone

Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday - September 17th at the Dilworth VFW Post 1223. This will be sponsored by the VFW Post 1223 Cooties with all proceeds raised going towards spreading good cheer at the Fargo VA Hospital. They are asking us to attend to "Keep 'em smiling' in beds of white. The breakfast will consist of Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Hash brown, Coffee & Juice for the small price of \$6.00. Children of the age 5 and under are free.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 by President Les.

Next meeting will be on Thursday October 13th at 8:30 a.m. Dilworth VFW Post 1223

Loyally Submitted by

Gail B. - Secretary