

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, June 4, 2018

- I. Call to Order by Commander Ray Gerkitz at 1900 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
 - II. Roll call: 27 present = Quorum. All Officers present except: Jr Vice Ron Staple, Trustee Tom Przybyla, and Judge Advocate Joe Navarro.
 - III. Minutes provided. Motion/waive reading, Terry Willet; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (P) (U)
 - IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Jeff Roche: Bar Report: Income minus expenses Motion to accept by Sterba; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
 - B. Ron Slafer: Bingo Honor. Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed Unanimously.
 - C. John Taylor: Pull Tabs Video gaming: Motion/accept Bob Cokley; 2nd, Randy Beck. (P-U)
 - V. Correspondence
 - A. St. Jude Donation Request (D.R.) via Jerry and Mary Sexton approved by Executive Board (E-Bd). Motion of \$200 by Dave Kennedy; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed Unanimously.
 - B. Rep. Adam Kinzinger's office notified us that nominations are open to recognize veterans for their contributions to the community. Due by July 10th. See Commander.
 - C. CMDR: Three candidates to Boys State. Ed Stash mentioned enrollment is declining-help! 20 area students received watches from us for enlisting. Police Academy nominations are available-June 22 deadline.
 - D. Insurance policies in review. Upgrades needed. Increased costs modified by combining Dram Shop. Cmdr & Ron Slafer to cross-check information. Motion to pay by John Taylor; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed Unanimously.
 - E. The Moving Wall will be here June 7-11, 2018. Please help to make it a success. Terry Willet shared the times for motorcycle escort duty on Wednesday, June 6th. Set-up will be on Thursday morning. Opening Ceremony, Thursday, at 5:00 PM. Candlelight Vigil at 8:00 PM on Sunday; Closing, at Noon on Monday.
 - F. Roger Schueler: Advertising for new janitor; Trustee's authorized to interview.
 - G. Auxiliary thanked us for our support for Poppy Days. Slightly less brought in than last year.. Top Gun was Joe Tokarz, followed by Bob Olson, Vic Hackler Sr., Jerry Sexton, and Bob Cokley. Thanks for a job "Well Done!"
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Special Olympics, Normal, IL June 15-16. Help if you can.
 - B. Oglesby Fun Dayz Parade June 17th. Color Guard to step off at noon.
 - C. Department of Illinois Convention in July. If going, see Adjutant for details.
 - D. Commander Gerkitz will be the 12th District Commander for 2018-2019. We'll have his Installation here after Labor Day.
 - E. Adjutant: Post Election Results: 44 ballots cast. Sr Vice Commander: Roger Schueler 33; Ron Staple 11. Finance Officer: Ron Slafer 33; Bob Hinkelman 10; one blank. Schueler
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and Slafer join Commander Ray Gerkitz, Jr Vice Robert Hatala III, Adjutant John Duback, Member-at-Large Bob Cokley, Trustees Bob Olson, Tom Przybyla, and Jeff DeLaGarza, and Sgt-at-Arms/Chaplain Bob Cupples. Other committee chairs to follow. Thanks to the committee of Ed Stash, Ron Tardio, and the hourly judges who assisted. Thank you to the candidates, for giving the post a choice.

- F. Adjutant: Three new members: 1. Transfer in: Carol Warner, Army, Gulf, from MN Post 0274; 2. Scott Harden, Army, Gulf; 3. Teri Davis, Army, Grenada/Lebanon. Motion to accept by Ken Donnelly; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed Unanimously
- G. Next Monday, the back (west) porch will be closed for washing and new paint. Please use front doors for service.
- VII. Departed members and veterans: Chaplain Cupples.
- VIII. Standard Closing Procedures: Chaplain Cupples.
- IX. Adjournment at 1934 Hours.

Drawing #152 Ken Donnelly

Drawing #445 Wayne Robinson, Absent