

- Call to Order at 1900 hours by Commander Ray Gerkitz. Standard Opening Procedures.
- Roll Call: All present, except excused: Finance Officer Slafer; Jr Vice Staple; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro; Past Commander Jim Nanouski. 23 present = quorum. Guest: New member applicant Ron Orland, Marine Corps and 17 years National Guard-Welcome, Ron!
- Written minutes provided; no corrections. Motion to waive reading by Chuck Beckett; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed (= P), Unanimously (= U).
- Committee Reports
 - By Commander: Bingo: Motion to accept by Tom Przybyla; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (U)
 - Bar Report, Jeff Roche: Motion to accept by Terry Willet; 2nd, Rick Heitz. Passed (U)
 - Service Officer, Dave Kennedy. We helped one veteran last month.
- Old Business
 - John Duback: Thanks to all who contributed to our success for the 9th Annual 24-Hour Veterans Honor Guard Vigil. Inclement weather, but we persevered. All shifts fulfilled!
 - Chuck Beckett: Deadline today for free Veterans Meal on Thursday, Nov. 9th at the Lions Club. See him if you want to be added to the list. Need name, branch, spouse names.
- Correspondence and New Business
 - Thank You (= T.Y.) from Willard Stelling family, for Honor Guard services.
 - T.Y. from Marquette Academy, for Color Guard Team for their Homecoming Parade.
 - Donation Request (= D.R.) from Salvation Army. Motion of \$100 by Phil Sterba; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
 - D.R. from National Army Museum. Motion to give same as last year in honor of deceased Past Adjutant Sam Hadley by John Taylor; 2nd, Ken Donnelly.
 - D.R. from Ottawa Crushers, local youth wrestling club. Motion \$100 by Terry Willet; 2nd, Chuck Beckett. Passed (U)
 - D.R. for "Freezin for a Reezin," which helps local Food Pantry. E-Board recommends \$200; so moved, Donnelly; 2nd, Sterba. Passed (U) Need volunteers for Fri., Dec. 8th!
 - D.R. for our Auxiliary's Children's Christmas Party, Sun. Dec. 10th. Motion of \$500 by Bob Cokley; 2nd, John Taylor. Passed (U)
 - D.R. from PADS Homeless Shelter. Motion same as last year by David Kennedy; 2nd, Ed Stash. Passed (U)
 - Request from Ottawa Savings Bank to use our upstairs Hall for their Christmas Party on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Bingo crew will give patrons a two-week notice Re "No Bingo." Motion to permit by Terry Willet; 2nd, Tom Przybyla. Passed (U)

- Roger Schueler: Building repair issues being addressed. Boilers in bad shape; need new sink in main floor Ladies Room; upstairs Bingo bathroom, too. Gave Trustees permission to get these repaired ASAP; seeking bids.

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- Bob Olson: Bingo machine is so outdated that we cannot get parts. Found a refurbished Bingo machine for \$1,800 which we recommend. So moved, Beckett; 2nd, Willet. (P) (U)
- Bob Cokley: Reruns is closing. They rescued fifteen military service uniforms and asked Bob to find them a good home. Utica Museum will take them-to applause.
- Request by Duback for Committee, to support the Membership Appreciation party for the Army vs. Navy game on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Some food, shelled peanuts for the losers to sweep up. Change: Must be present to win-no passing on tickets if you leave. Motion same amount as last year by Jerry Sexton; 2nd, Ed Stash. Passed (U)
- Reminder that the Ottawa Memorial Association will have their ceremony this Saturday Nov. 11th in Washington Square at 10:30 AM. Pig Roast afterward at VFW Post 2470. Honor Guard Team will be there. PVL has their annual free breakfast for veterans that morning at 8:30 AM on the 11th, also.
- Multiple school requests for support for Veteran Programs, Nov. 9th, 16th, and 28th. Color Guard to present flag at the free concert of the Army Field Band at Ottawa High School at 3 PM on Sunday, Nov. 12th. Get your free tickets at Gladfelter's Funeral Home. Elk's Club has a free dinner for the Honor Guard Team on Thursday, Nov. 16th @ 5:30 PM.
- Commander: New veterans card for discounts and other incentives is available through LaSalle County Recorder Karen L. Miller's office. Go online at "www.honorrewards.com" or register in person at her office. Call 815.434.8226 for more info. Many businesses give free meals or discounts on Veterans Day!
- Reminder: Veteran plates are available now for National Guard and Reservists, too. See Bryan Butler at the IDVA office at the LaSalle Veterans Home with your DD 214, to get paperwork in order for "Veteran" to be put on your license. Call ahead for office hours!
- Al Rowe: The Legion College online extension course is now completely free. Go to "myLegion.org" and follow the prompts. It is also self-paced = user friendly!
- Membership Report: I picked up three new members at the Vigil last weekend. Two were from the Tunes of Glory Bagpipers group, and one is in Basic Training now. Duback: New member requests: 1. Colin Phelps, Army, Gulf; 2. Ronald Orlando, Marine Corps, Vietnam and Army National Guard; 3. William Edwards, Air Force, Korea and Army Reserve; 4. Christopher Lieske, Army, Gulf (Chris Ryan, Recruiter); 5. Caleb Anderson, Marine Corps, Gulf; 6. Earl McGuire, transfer in from Rock Falls: Army, Gulf; 7. Jennifer Dischler, Army, Gulf-Recruiter Roger Schueler; 8. Thomas Brown, Army, Vietnam-Recruiter Ray Gerkitz; 9. Michael Heywood, Air Force, Panama-Recruiter Ray Gerkitz; 10. Alex Mix, Army, Gulf-Recruiter Ray Gerkitz. Motion to accept all by Terry Willet; 2nd, Chuck Beckett. Passed (U)
Note: Two Vietnam Wall choices; sorting it out.
- Quarter Auction fundraiser for the Ottawa Rescue Squad is here on Sun, 6PM, Nov. 12th.
- Sgt/Arms Bob Cupples: Departed Members: 1. Dr. Robert Bettasso; 2. Peter Ferracutti. With prayers. Standard Closing Procedures. Closings Prayer by Chaplain Cupples.

- Adjournment at 2001 hours.

Drawings: # 943 Bob Cupples; # 347 Dave Maubach-absent.