

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 8 January 2019

The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer Roger Rotter to conduct any and all business to come before the Ship. Following were conducted:

- Opening Ceremonies were held beginning 1800 hours which included the reading of Special Dates of Remembrance for this month.
- Roll call of officers was held and total attendance was seven shipmates.
- There was no District representative nor a Past Commander present.
- New and transfer applications were read and approved for processing.
- The Minutes of the last meeting will remain as published since there were no changes provided.
- Paymaster report was provided as audited and questions were answered.
- There was no Service Officer Report.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership.** The Captain has continually provided that our youth is slow to recognize the benefits of joining. Also, he reiterated that membership has a lot to do with keeping what we have fought for, all wars and generations. Membership is important as it retains our voice with our Nation's leaders, helps protect our earned benefits, and propels us to the future. Membership dues is \$45.00 per year. **Life Membership is strongly encouraged as it is very cost effective and ensures continuous membership.** The first payment for the 12 month pay option is \$45.00 (with 11 additional payments with the cost depending on your age). The Captain reiterated (again) that Life Membership is a much better option than maintaining Annual Membership status. If you are currently a yearly paid member, you can change to Life status and pay a monthly installment over a 12 month period or make other arrangements. The renewal date of annual pay members is the initial date of the dues payment. There is a continual fight in Congress concerning benefits, and belonging to a veterans' organization such as the VFW helps when Congress checks the membership stats. High membership=strong voice!
 - **Buddy Poppy** (Captain) – No report.
 - **Youth Development** (Scouting, JROTC, PP, VOD, etc) (Alan Rein). It was recently found that our District entry for the VOD Program, Caleb Greenfield of Liberty Charter High School, Lemon Grove, placed 2nd in District 1. He was given his District 1 Certificate and check.
 - **Citizenship/Community Service** (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT, Lifeguards, Teacher, Community Events) (Captain). For the sacrifices and extreme high-alert of our police officers, keep them in your prayers. All of the award nomination forms are on the website.
 - **Student Veterans and Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans.** (Alan Rein). No report.
 - **House** (Captain). The details of events presented at the meeting are separately published and posted on the bulletin-board and web site. Discussed were the issues of flooding in the poolroom should there be heavy rains and the possible solutions.
 - **National Home for Children** (Captain). Life Membership (\$50.00) helps the children. Current members and those who are wanting or selected to join need not be members of the VFW to be awarded a membership.
 - **United Veterans Council** (Alan Rein). Monthly meeting of the United Veterans Council, to which anyone can attend, will be held at 0930 for the dates of 2019 yet to be published. See website: www.sduvc.org for the meeting minutes and other information. Alan Rein also attends this meeting.
 - **Legion Riders.** No interest at this time; need eight to form a Chapter. If interested, call Jack Porath at 858.366.8630.
- All prayed to remember the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS.

- In the April 2017 business meeting, motion was made, seconded and all approved to allow for the purchase of a web service that would allow the finding of persons who may have moved or passed away. Such information is needed to update the membership database. A no-cost web site was offered that will be fully researched before a paid web site is obtained. Issue is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS.

- Sam Aleto discussed the upcoming Poker Tournament that is scheduled for later this year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

- When you change your address or email account, let us know.
- Free Legal Clinics at VFW Post 3787, 3rd Saturday each month 0900-1300. Schedule appt by calling 858.433.0525 or (helpvets@hrtroops.org): VA Claims, Family Law, Landlord-Tenant, Wills and Trusts, Criminal Record

CLOSING ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1825 hours.

/s/ Signed 12 Jan 2019
J. R. PORATH
Captain and Recorder