

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ship 1774 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 13 Dec 2011; start 1800 hours

The meeting was called to order by Captain Jack Porath to conduct any and all business to come before the Ship. Following were conducted:

- Opening Ceremonies were held which included reading of Special Dates of Remembrance (7 Dec 1941, Pearl Harbor).
- Roll call of officers was held and nine were present. A total of 13 shipmates were present.
- New membership applications that were read and approved by the membership are; New: Tragan Monaghan, Richard Murray, Michael Bourque, Robert Wiggins, and Janei Kumse; Transfer Rick Haas from Post 2422.
- Last meeting's Minutes was accepted without change.
- Quartermaster reports were given to the membership, pending audit.
- Service Officer Report (Syktich). No report.

Committees

- Membership. 95.3% for Year so far. Annual renewals will increase the percentage. Let's keep up the good efforts.
- Buddy Poppy (Captain) – No report.
- **Youth Development** (Scouting, National Home for Children, JROTC); **Citizenship/Community Service** (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT, Lifeguards, Teacher, Community Events) – Joe Mountain. Police, Fire and EMT awards were given 3 Dec and the Teachers Award, Patriot's Pen, and Voice of Democracy were judged and provided to District 1 for further judging. We gave the Ship's awards for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs on 10 Dec 2011.
- National Home for Children. Five memberships were processed but the members have not yet received their pins.
- United Veterans Council (Chuck Syktich). No report.
- House. No meeting was held due to Awards dinners on the last two Saturdays. However, please note that Roger Rotter installed the Ship's bell and wheel in the poolroom. Thank You Roger!
- All prayed to remember the National Home for Children.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- Membership was apprised of our efforts to add our organization signage to the building. The painter is working with the American Legion for this project. The signage on the building will not include the organizations logo due to vastly increased costs.
- ADA Upgrades: Bathrooms are the next project to start in about two months or so. Details to be announced.
- Flags for Hall. Army flag was purchased by Joe Mountain and together with the Marine Corps flag, Lenny will build the cases and install.
- Padded steel chairs for the main hall. Proceeds of the rummage sale now scheduled for 25 Feb will be used to purchase 125 chairs for non-public use.
- Executive Officer George Little will install some of our plaques in the pool room.
- Defibrillator has been installed. Jerrie Thomason, Pres of Ladies Aux and Garry Gison our Chaplain, will head the CPR class and related training. Dates to be announced.
- The quilt will soon be finished. Donation tickets will soon be sold for the drawing in February, the proceeds of which will be used for the restroom renovations. Details being finalized.

10 Oct – Mustang Club Lunch went well. The Ship's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen first place winners gave their essays which was well received. This will be an annual event.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lenny provided a report on a newly to be installed Sweepstakes donation system, whereas the VFW will receive a predetermined share based on the Department of California negotiated price. The system is legal, having been approved by California's Attorney General. The membership voted on, and approved, the system itself and the amount of \$1,000 that will be deposited in a separate VFW Sweepstakes Account, the amount of which will come from the general fund. Three stations will be installed at no cost, sometime Jan 2012. Having the funds in a separate account will ensure tracking of the monies. Installation will be at no cost. Member could win up to \$500, with an immediate payout. All monies are treated as donations.

- Captain Porath announced that sometime in Mar or Apr, we will hold another function for the Wounded Warriors. It is possible we may be able to host part of the Navy's band for the entertainment.

- Upcoming schedule:

-- 17 Dec – Santa at the Ship, main hall (10 a.m. until 2 p.m.). Members who would like to attend and have Santa present a gift will need to bring a gift for Santa to present.

-- 27 Jan - VFW Spaghetti Dinner

-- 25 Feb - Rummage Sale

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Nothing mentioned.

Closing ceremony was held and the meeting adjourned at 1844 hours.


J. R. PORATH
Captain and Recorder