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Subject: Council of Administration Meeting, Silver Spring Memorial VFW Post 2562, 11316 Fern Street, Silver Spring, MD 20902, 301-933-1588

From: Douglas C. MacArthur, State Adjutant

Commander Perry called the Council meeting to order at 1200 hrs. Opening ceremonies according to the Ritual; Salute to the Colors, the Opening Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance were observed.

Commander Perry

recognized special guest

1. NDCM#3 Brian Sturgis

PAST STATE COMMANDERS PRESENT: McConville, Cunningham, Kimball, MacArthur, S. Mason, Sturgis, T.C. Williams, B. Miller

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All State Officers were present with the exception of Tiffany Daniel (A), Lankford (A), D4 Lankford, D5 King? (No election rpt to date) (A)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as Distributed/corrected. Motion carried.

State Adjutant MacArthur made a motion, seconded by State Quartermaster Cunningham to refrain from regular business and get on with the Budget. Motion carried.

State Quartermaster Cunningham presented the Budget. Motion made page by page to approve. Motions carried, Budget approved.

State Adjutant MacArthur made a motion to resume with regular business, motion seconded. Motion carried.

STATE OFFICERS REPORTS

Commander Perry: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended: ,*
Posts visited socially: ,
Also attended:

Senior Vice Commander Everett: *Posts meetings attended: 2678 District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially: 160; 521; 467; 6506
Also attended: Department Convention; OTI @ 467; Headquarters (1)

Junior Vice Commander Tom Williams: *Post meetings attended: 467 District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially: Headquarters (3)

Quartermaster Cunningham: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially:
Also attended:

- Gave the quartermaster's P&L report, copy of which is enclosed. Motion made and seconded to approve the Quartermaster's report subject to audit. Motion carried.
- Reported on the 50/50 Life Member Program

Adjutant MacArthur: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially: 6506, 7687

Also attended: Council of Administration meeting 5/18; Department Convention 6/3-7

- New Adjutant e-mail should be adjvwmd@comcast.net and Reports e-mail should be reportsvfwmd@comcast.net
- All information should be sent to reports e-mail. Should not be using my personal e-mail account
- One webmaster, John Gistedt. Any changes updates come through me and I will see that they are made
- Annual Golf Tournament – Save the Date – May 3, 2019 at Ruggles in Aberdeen, 50-50 split with Auxiliary benefiting Veterans Programs

Judge Advocate Fuentealba: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially:

Also attended:

- Advised District Cmdrs that if you cannot attend CoA only Sr. /Jr. Vice.
- Voting is restricted to members of Council only
- Must get permission through their District Commander to speak with the exception of the PSC
- Eastern Shore – new lottery machines available

Surgeon Bennett: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*
Posts visited socially:

Also attended: Department Convention; Headquarters (1)

- Listen to your members at the meeting to include in your Surgeon reports
- Have brochures in my car if you need

**The National Home prayer and the deceased comrade's prayer were given.
Taps was played.**

Chaplain Daniel: *Post meetings attended: , District meetings attended:*

Posts visited socially:

Also attended:

Chief of Staff L. Williams: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*

Posts visited socially:

Also attended:

Inspector T. C. Williams: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*

Posts visited socially:

Also attended: Department Convention; Headquarters (3)

Immediate Past Commander Miller: *Post meetings attended: District meetings attended:*

Posts visited socially: 5118

Also attended: Moving Vietnam Wall Post 5118; MD Convention; Loch Raven VA; Post 521 Flag Day; Service Office OTI; VAVS Mtg; VSO Mtg; Post 467 OTI.

3-YR. TRUSTEE – John DallaTezza:

2-YR. TRUSTEE – Lamont Gibson:

1-YR. TRUSTEE – Bryan Lankford:

DISTRICT COMMANDERS' REPORTS

Motion was made and seconded to accept as submitted. Motion carried.

D1C Wade: Membership last year: 1937, to date: 0 , inspections: 0 %.
Next meeting: July 15, 2018 at 1300hrs; Post 8810 Waldorf, MD 20601
Following meeting September 16, 2017 at 1300hrs; Post 9619 Morningside, MD 20746
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D2C T. C. Williams: Membership last year: 2416 , to date: 2320, inspections: 0 %.
Next meeting: September 18, 2018 at 1900hrs; Post 8065 Bowie, MD
Following meeting: November 6, 2018 at 1900 hrs; Post 341 Washington, DC
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D3C Hensley Jr: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D4C Lankford: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes, taps and forms needed are noted.

D5C King: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes, taps and forms
Needed are noted.

D6C Surber: Membership last year: 988, to date: 977, inspections: 0 %.
Next meeting: July 25, 2018 at 1900hrs; Post 327 Landsdowne, MD
Following meeting: August 23, 2018 at 1900hrs; Post 304 Annapolis, MD
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D7C Yeater: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D10C Edwards: Membership last year: 931, to date: 18 , inspections: 0 %.
Next meeting: Aug 6, 2018 at 1900hrs; Post 7687 Chesapeake City, MD
Following meeting: Oct 1, 2018 at 1900hrs; Post 465, 338 East Main Street, Rising Sun, MD
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D11C Goering: Membership last year to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D14C Wisniewski: Membership last year: 2671, to date: 2454, inspections: 0 %.
Next meeting: July 15, 2018 at 1300hrs; Post 5838 Joppatown MD
Following meeting: September 16, 2018 at 1300hrs; Post 2678 Sparrows Point, MD
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

D16C Rippon: Membership last year: , to date: , inspections: %.
Next meeting:
Following meeting:
Coming events, changes and corrections, taps and forms needed are noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SERVICE OFFICER – Walters: During the months of **INCOMPLETE** the Department Service Office reviewed and worked case files, cleared ratings for Maryland Veterans; processed awards, and had e-mails. The Service Office took Power Of Attorneys (POA) from Veterans this past month. We received phone calls or messages that we know of. The awards, lump sum and retroactive, for the two months total \$. Annual running gran total amounts were \$. These figures include compensation, pension, insurance, burial allowance, education and miscellaneous monies for veterans, their dependents and other survivors.

The Post Service Officers spent hours in home visits; hours in hospital and nursing home visits; visited hospitalized veterans; assisted veterans with healthcare referrals; and issued pieces of medical equipment. This past two months the Post S/O's traveled miles talking to veterans to help them with their wants and needs. The grand total of all activities and equipment out on loan was \$.

Email me for X&O report.

COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT (Service Office) – Mary Walters:

- Any donations? 9862 \$5,000.00; 751 \$500.00

COMMANDER'S TESTIMONIAL – Tom Kimball, PSC:

- Will be held at the Richlin Ballroom, VanBibber Road, Edgewood, MD
- Cost will be determined by dinner selections
- Additional information will be coming out

NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE – Tom Kimball, PSC:

- Receiving many requests for assistance. \$30K annually was allocated from donation for this year. Is there a limit on the amount to provide for assistance? Need advice from the Council.

Judge Advocate Fuentealba – The best way to handle is to have a Committee to help Tom make those decisions. A motion will be made under New Business.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Percy Elliott / PROGRAM BOOK – John DallaTezza:

- Advised that the 2019 Program Packet is on the VFWMD.org Website.
- Deadline is April 15th 2019
- Hospitality Room form is also on Webpage as well as Registration forms

INSPECTOR – T. C. Williams, PSC:

- June Audit due by 31 July. If it is incomplete or incorrect it will be sent back and you will get no credit until it is returned corrected
- Bonds are due by the 30th of August. If you have an outside bond please provide a copy of the Certificate of Insurance. Separate Bond for Bar.
- Inspections are to be done by 30 November, so District Commanders get your Inspectors on the move. If you need help, let me know.

POW / MIA – T. C. Williams, PSC:

- September 21st, the third Friday of the month
- Prayer in Book if you are having a ceremony
- Record as Community Activity

MEMBERSHIP / LIFE MEMBERSHIP – H. Steve Mason, PSC/Sharon Sneed (Co-Chair):

- Two OTI's with the last scheduled for next Saturday
- New Membership email is vfwmdmembership@gmail.com in addition to hand-outs
- Membership this morning, five posts in the state with less than 50 members
- Currently at 20,509 adjusted from last year 21,020
- Recruiter Kits for District Commanders

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA – Kurt Surber:

- Summer Lull
- Need to reach out and inform about scholarships, VA claims eligibility, etc.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR – William Barkley:

- Need to promote, low participation last year
- Will provide deadline at last meeting – it is on the form

VAVS – Bill Miller:

- Thank you for all your support last year
- Letter from Patrice Green – donations in excess of \$50K
- VAVS – put out a Talking Paper. Please get out to your membership.
- All annual joint reviews are complete. We did pretty good overall. Need more volunteers.
- Looking for a primary & alternate for Perry Point. Current rep leaving Jan 1st
- Annual training – Loch Raven 7/26 & 9/11; Balto VA 8/17 & 10/7; Perry Point 8/2 & 9/16; CBOCs will schedule their own training
- New volunteers do not need to attend Annual training until after their 1st year

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Christine Sandoval

- BP & LD Contests held by Post & District level. Would like to raise for consideration the reinstatement of the Department Buddy Poppy & Loyalty Day Contest. Motion made and seconded to reinstate the Department Buddy Poppy & Loyalty Day Contest. Discussion ensued. Motion rejected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hearing no unfinished business, we will go on to New Business.

Donation for National Home \$5,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander Perry: I will assign a committee to help in the determination of assistance funds for needy veterans under PSC Kimball's program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commander Perry – Already held two OTI's, the first one was shaky, the second we improved upon and the third is scheduled for Saturday at Grasonville, registration is at 8:30, program starts at 9:00. Please provide feedback. We will then incorporate into a Power Point Presentation so that District Commanders and membership can have it for reference. Thanks to the registration committee and the presenters.

My Special Project is the Service Office. We will be looking at ways to improve.

September 15, 2018 we will be participating in the Mental Wellness. Know the Five (5) signs.

IPSC Williams – Online directory. Everyone should go through and validate your information because there are a lot of discrepancies.

PSC McConville – Chaplain, you said you want the report by the Second Saturday of the month; do you want your reports sent to you or to Department.

Chaplain Daniel – The report is on the webpage with my address and e-mail. Please get them to me by the second Saturday (which was yesterday) so June's are currently due.

POST COMMANDERS PRESENT: Form was not returned to Adjutant after meeting.

Sr. Vice Cmdrs:

Jr. Vice Cmdrs:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Commander Perry called for the closing ceremonies and the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Garrett County Memorial Post 10077
4107 Maryland Highway
Deer Park, MD 21550
301-334-9109
12:00 Noon