

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, LT. RALPH TALBOT CHAPTER 65
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November 20, 2017

The following are the minutes of the Monday, November 20, 2017, meeting that convened at 6:40 PM at the Masonic Lodge Armory, 610 Broad St., E. Weymouth 02189

a. **Presiding Officer: Warren Smith, Commander**

b. **Roll call conducted, in attendance: Commander “Warren Smith”, Senior Vice Commander “Arthur Sharp”, Junior Vice Commander “Genie Boland”, Adjutant “Vin Burdziuk”, Treasurer “Steve Hendricken”, and Chaplain “Ron Evans” was present.**

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance followed with opening prayer by Ron Evans.

c. **Committee Reports**

(1) **Minutes from September 18, 2017 Membership Meeting read by Adjutant Vin Burdziuk
And the Adjutant Report was Accepted.**

(2) **TREASURER’S REPORT: Steve Hendricken’s report is from July 1st to November 6, 2017.**

Beginning Balance in July \$8,866.12 – Due’s received from National \$717.00 – Forget Me Not Drive received \$255 from 5 members for our Virtual Drive. And we collected \$952.59 on Friday and \$1064.01 on Saturday for a total of \$2271.60 - We collected Interest of \$30.12 and from other source \$32 for a TOTAL of \$3050.72 – We spent \$1103.07 in total. \$40 for new membership. \$25 Commonwealth of Massachusetts filings. \$112.00 for PO Box Rental. And, print and mail came to \$906.07 – Rent for \$20.00 – Checking balance is \$4813.33. Our CD is \$6,000.44 - Our Ending Balance \$10813.77 - The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read.

Our Member Beau McIver asked what the interest was on our CD. Answer given was 1.5%

(3) **SICKNESS & DISTRESS REPORT: Dan Meehan is ill and could not make it to the meeting.**

Dave D’Amato was picked up and brought to our last Veterans Luncheon. And Dick Jennings still homebound. *We found out after the meeting that Dick Jennings had passed. We notified Chapter 65 members and sent the Jennings Family a Sympathy Card.**

(4) **NEW BUSINESS: Forget me Not was very successful received donations of \$2271.60 – Stop & Shop**

Manager was given a Certificate from our Chapter thanking him for letting us use his store for our drive.

Members voted on how to disperse our money to support Veterans Issues.

\$150 was voted to be given to each town we represent. The \$150.00 check will be delivered to each towns

Veterans Agent. We will invite them to attend our Vets Luncheons, Meetings, and Email Newsletters.

\$250 will be donated for the Van Program to get Veterans to the Hospital for their appointments.

\$250 will be donated to the VA West Roxbury Volunteer Services.

\$500 was discussed for the Honor Flight program which starts up again in the Spring time.

Total Amount to be donated by Chapter 65 is \$2500.00

DEP Meeting was brought up and Warren Smith and George Pontes attended. The department uses and suggests Quick Books to be used for the Chapter(s). If we purchase it the department will help set it up.

(5) **OLD BUSINESS: Donation Boxes we’re brought up again. DAV was approved to use the donation boxes to accept clothing. The Chapters would have to do all the work on the collections. Hanover is the closest Savers Store where the box could be set at. But, Commander Smith did not commit to it as we do not have**

enough members to handle the extra work.

(b) Veterans Day in Weymouth as well as in Hingham went well. Great turnouts!

(c) School Vets Program was fun talking to the school kids.

(d) Membership Chairman Paul Salvas did a great job in sending out letters to Chapter 65 Members.

He donated the postage and supplies to the chapter.

(e) Ceremonial Rifles were discussed as the Army thinks we have them. Commander Smith will look into it.

IN CLOSING:

(a) Discussed the VFW across the street is closed up.

(b) Service Officers paperwork was briefly discussed.

(c) Next Veterans Luncheon December 13, 2017 at 12:00 noon. *FREE LUNCHEON

(d) Next Meeting January 15, 2018 at 1:00pm.

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(e) Motion given to adjourn. Salute to the Flag. Chaplin gives closing prayer. Meeting Ended 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wieslaw Vincent Burdziuk, Adjutant