

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, LT. RALPH TALBOT CHAPTER 65
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January 15, 2018

The following are the minutes of the Monday, January 15, 2018, meeting that convened at 1:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge Armory, 610 Broad St., E. Weymouth 02189

- a. **Presiding Officer: Warren Smith, Commander**
- b. **Officer Roll Call conducted, in attendance: Commander “Warren Smith”, Senior Vice Commander “Arthur Sharp”, Junior Vice Commander “Genie Boland”, Adjutant “Vin Burdziuk”, and Treasurer “Steve Hendricken”.**

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance followed with Moment of Silence.

c. **Committee Reports**

(1) **Minutes from November 20, 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 2017 to January 5, 2018.**

Due’s received from National Headquarters **\$720.25** – Forget Me Not Drive total was **\$2,271.60** - We collected Interest of **\$44.82** and miscellaneous income of **\$70.25** for a TOTAL of **\$3,106.92** – We paid **\$143.34** in postage, supplies and mailings. We made a charitable contribution to a spouse in need of **\$300.00** which was a Shaws giftcard for the holidays for food. Our general home expenses was **\$479.73** with a total of our expenses of **\$1,423.07** - Checking balance is **\$4,549.53**. Our CD is **\$6,000.44** - Our Ending Balance **\$10,549.97** - The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read.

(3) **SICKNESS & DISTRESS REPORT: As you all heard we lost one of our long term members Dick Jennings and since last May we had (8) members pass away whom some of the names we did not recognize. Membership Chairman Paul Salvias also had a mailing returned from a family member stating member is deceased which was reported to Dan Stack the Department Adjutant.**

There was a discussion of when a Veteran receives disability income and gets incarcerated that the disability income drops to 10% of what they were receiving. And, since disability income is for the Disabled Veteran only the spouse does not receive it.

(4) **NEW BUSINESS:**

We have (2) bills to pay. Our **\$20.00** for the Hall Rental and for East Coast Printing and Mailing of our Newsletter in the amount of **\$349.19** than vote was held and agreed by membership to pay the bills.

***We will continue alternating our business meetings between afternoon and evenings. March 19, 2018 will be our next membership meeting at 6:30pm.

***Discussed Ceremony at Ralph Talbot School Ceremony. And thanked VFW Post 79 for letting us borrow their ceremonial rifles for us to use for our Color Guard. The school may also ask us around Veterans Day to come by and do some readings. Genie Boland took some excellent pictures of the 2nd Lt Ralph Talbot Plaque Ceremony.

***Warren Smith set up a Chapter 65 Facebook Page and asked if anyone would be interested to volunteer to help maintain it. (Ralph Talbot Chapter 65 Disabled American Veterans)

(5) OLD BUSINESS: Ceremonial Rifles were discussed as the Army thinks we have them. Commander Smith did research from the dates of 1956 to the present day and we have never seen or were in possession of any rifles. We submitted form that we never seen the rifles to the Department of the Army.

*****Warren Smith spoke to Dell Ray about the VFW building across the street. They have come up with a plan for what to do on their building. Our intent was to have our evening meeting at the VFW. And, invite their members to our meetings to benefit both VFW and DAV.**

*****Savers Clothing Bin Collection has come up again. Department meeting is Saturday the 20th this week. If anyone in the group wants to take it on, get information, Commander Smith will forward the information. He does not see us doing it as we don't have enough active members to handle the work.**

*****At the Comradery Luncheon the VSO's did show up. We had (5) out of the (10) towns. Next luncheon will be the 2nd Wednesday in February the 14th. The cost is going up a dollar to **\$13.00****

*****We will be working on a mailing fund raiser for the businesses at Arthur Sharp's office.**

*****We talked about Honor Flight New England at last meeting for \$500.00... Keith Jermyn said it was now **\$600.00... \$600.00** was voted on and donation made to the Honor Flight program which starts up again in the Spring time.**

*****George Pontes has been working on this. Retired Guard and Reserve under Federal Law if you have a disability your Retirement is cut by the amount of disability you receive. DAV feels this law is unfair. House and Senate Bill has been refiled to fix the law. You should send letters to your representatives to act on it.**

IN CLOSING:

(a) VSO Keith Jermyn thanks Chapter 65 for Veterans Emergency Fund Donation. (Gift Account).

(b) Next Meeting Monday March 19, 2018 at 6:30pm either at Masonic Lodge Armory, 610 Broad St., E. Weymouth **or the Hingham Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall 358 Main Street Hingham, Massachusetts which VSO Keith Jermyn has offered for our future meetings.**

c) Motion given to adjourn. Moment of silence. Salute to the Flag. Meeting Ended 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wieslaw Vincent Burdziuk, Adjutant