

VFW Post 6258 Membership Meeting Nov 12, 2020

Halifax Town Hall, Massachusetts

Presiding Officer: Commander, David Walsh

Meeting 7:00pm to 7:45pm

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance – Chaplain absent, under quarantine, no opening prayer.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMANDER: (a) Welcome to new members. Jim Cullivan (USMC), Connor Graham (USCG), John Bulger (ARMY), John Kilouff (NAVY), and Peter Ronjo (ARMY). We have two more possible we haven't got information on yet. Just mentioning this that you are now part of a great group supporting our great Country and brothers and sisters in Arms.

QUARTERMASTERS FINANCIAL REPORT: (Dave Walmsley) We earned on our Poppy Drive \$2,500 plus. We have \$472 from the quarterly interest from the bank which helped us out a lot. I had deposits of \$613, \$2,345, \$8.71, and have another \$8.00 here which will go into the account. Our Total is \$8,042.27 this does not include the Post. This is only the Relief Fund. We have a General Fund and Relief Fund. General Fund has approximately \$5,000 - Relief Fund has approximately \$8,000 plus. Poppy money goes into the General Relief Fund. If anybody wants to see the statements please ask the Quartermaster and he will make it available to you. Our Unit Strength is 89 and we are at 80% for renewals and new members. Any member who worked a double shift on the Poppy Drive will have their membership dues paid for them.

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: (Dave Walsh) (a) Any member who worked a double shift on the Poppy Drive will have their membership dues paid for them. We need a \$25 check written out to Kerry Earheart also a donation for the Childrens Hospital and National Home.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: (Bill Finn) Nothing to report.

ADJUTANT / JUDGE ADVOCATE: (Vin Burdziuk) I have nothing new to report but my question to Dave Walmsley is every time we had a membership meeting I sent out a Membership Minutes Report are we not doing that anymore? Answer from Dave was yes, we send minutes to members. Just what is discussed at our meetings stays within the membership.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER & SERVICE OFFICER: (Stephenie Jones) No Report

SURGEON: (Buzz Smith) Found out a couple of years ago the USS KID out of Baton Rouge was declared a Purple Heart Ship. I started looking into it and asked what the story was with the Purple Heart Museum Ships and Purple Heart Towns. Speaking to the State Commander Brian Roulette about Ships he asked about Towns and said he would like to get the program going. I sent the paperwork to George Pontes the VSO Town of Weymouth and he already submitted the paperwork for his town. I also want the towns we represent to submit their paperwork to get our towns represented as Purple Heart Towns. What it involves is The Purple Heart Organization puts out a proclamation to the selectman or town council which would have to accept it and they become part of the Purple Heart Trail, Purple Heart Town. The towns have to buy the signs. The Purple Heart Organization provides the Proclamation. Each sign is under \$100.

CHAPLAIN: (David McPhillips) Not in Attendance

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: (Dave Walsh) (a) Thanked Bill Finn and Warren Smith and his wife with picking up snack food items in the amount of \$200.00 at Walmart and delivering it to the Pembroke food pantry. (b) Thanked everyone for a successful Poppy Drive. (c) We had a very successful Military blanket drive with winners of the Marine Corps and Airforce blankets. (d) We had a ceremony at the monument across from the Town Hall on Veterans Day. We had an excellent bagpiper and bugler along with our Honor Guard. (e) Comments made on excellent Veterans Day Tribute video which was posted in our Email Newsletter. (f) We have selected a girl named Zoe Simone Consemore for the

Patriots Pen Essay at the Elementary School a 6th grader. Also selected Harmony Olson a 9th grader at the Pembroke High School for the Voice of Democracy which is more comprehensive. They write an Essay and record on a CD Disk. And they go all the way through the Nationals. (g) We have a young lady named Cheryl Davis (Plympton Fire Captain) and head of the medical team and a she is a Paramedic in Plympton. She is our candidate for Medical Technician Public Service Award of the Year.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS: (a) Bob Dugan had 2 operations on his knee and ankle. He's hurting a little bit. (b) Tom Hammond lost his brother who fought with the French underground and the Secret Service and his wife is now in advance stages of Alzheimers.

OLD-NEW BUSINESS: (a) Thanksgiving Dinners for the area widows. We have 22 dinners. The Vet agent said that people were requesting smaller turkeys. (b) We need to write a check for the VFW National Home for Children in Cedar Rapids, Michigan is an orphanage as well as a home for adults too. It's a VFW Home for hurt, crippled children that were orphaned through parents that were lost in combat. (c) An Iwo Jima Marine who was in the 3rd wave... Jim Ingargiola will be celebrating his 96th birthday. He lives at 100 Prospect St in East Bridgewater (Old Bridgewater High School). We have a 14 inch high bronze statue of Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima. Our adjutant will be sending him a birthday card from our Post. He would be excited to also get cards from our members. If you can...please send him a birthday card. (d) The Wounded Warriors from Plymouth want to Associate with us at a Christmas Party at the Tree Farm in Halifax. **It's a family event at Raven Brook Farm 137 Wood St., Halifax.** There will be complimentary family pictures, hot chocolate, petting zoo for the kids, lots of kid activity for the children, etc. Our Post will provide the cost of the Hot Chocolate. November 29th (Sunday) 1-4pm and December 5th (Saturday) 10-2pm. (e) Eagle Scout of the Year Award due March 1st if its something we want to do? (f) District never holds a meeting in December. So we will not have a Membership Meeting in December.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14, 2021 @ 7:00PM

REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT: 7:45pm

FINAL SALUTE TO THE FLAG (SALUTE ONLY) OFFICER OF DAY

Vin Burdziuk
Adjutant