

VFW Post 6258 Membership Meeting Oct 8, 2020

Halifax Town Hall, Massachusetts

Presiding Officer: Commander, David Walsh

Meeting 7:00pm to 8:00pm

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

REPORTS FROM THE COMMANDER: (a) Talked about how Covid-19 virus is affecting us all. (b) A new member Joseph Marsden (Navy) a transfer from the Whitman Post was Welcomed. (c) Members were asked if anyone served in Desert Storm in Iraq? As we have decals for those who served in Iraq. (d) Members were called out who had clothing to pick up after the meeting. (e) We had 1 new member this month, 4 new members last month, 5 in August and we are the highest rated post in the State of Massachusetts last year and we'll see if we can keep it up again this year.

QUARTERMASTERS FINANCIAL REPORT: (Dave Walmsley) In July we had \$5,166.19 - In August we had a debit of \$209.00 which brought us down to \$4,957.19 – Our relief fund is about \$4,000.00 – We're financially sound.

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

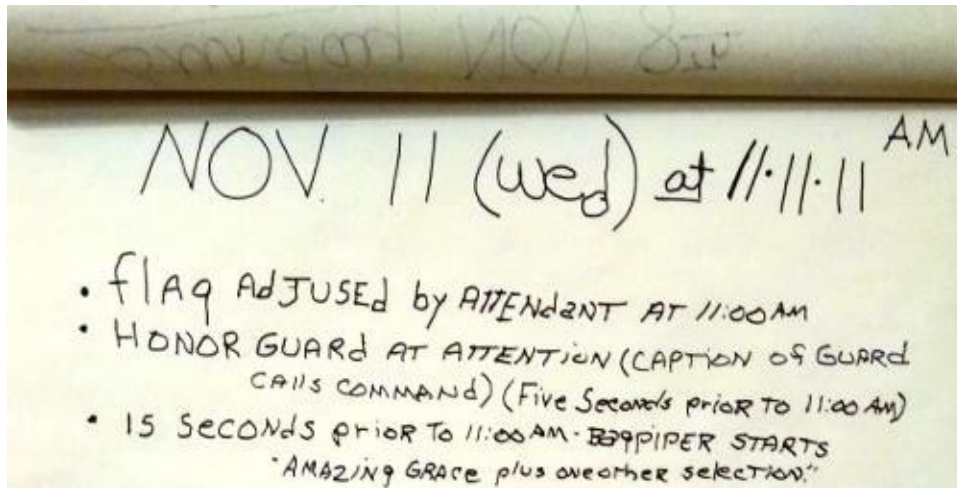
ADJUTANT / JUDGE ADVOCATE: (Vin Burdziuk) Reported on expansion Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers which is Effective October 1st 2020. Money for assistance between \$1,761.00 to \$2803.17 per month depending if your Level 1 or Level 2. Members were told that all information will be sent to them in our Email Update Newsletter by Columbus Day.

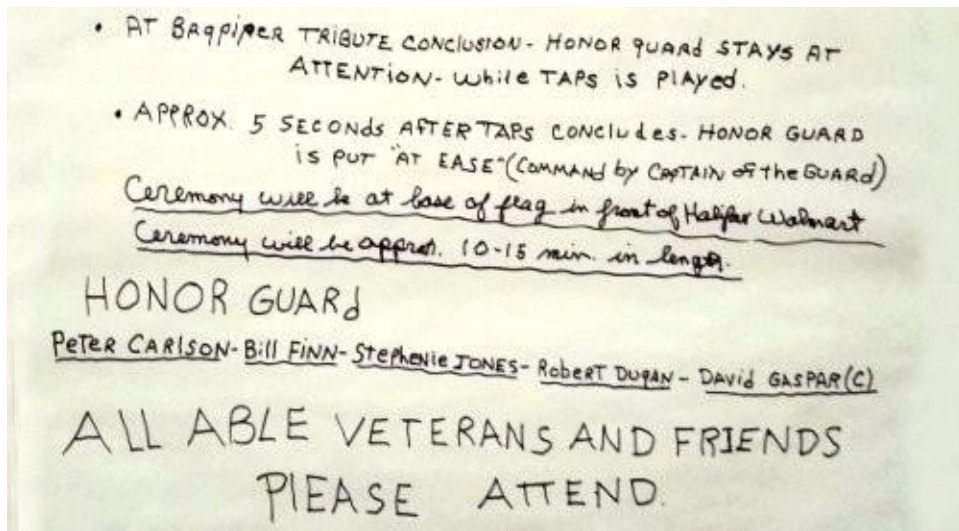
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER & SERVICE OFFICER: (Stephenie Jones) No Report

SURGEON: (Buzz Smith) Not in Attendance

CHAPLAIN: (David McPhillips) Not in Attendance

COMMANDERS COMMENTS: (Dave Walsh) (a) For members who are new to our meeting he proudly showed them our new Post Flag. Our flag will be in all our parades and ceremonies. (b) Thanked all members who participated in Veteran funerals. (c) Thanks to Warren Smith who attended 2 funerals for Vets who have been forgotten for decades. One was from WW1 and the other from WW2 who were buried with Military Honors. (c) Talked about our donations to the food pantry. Bill Finn and Warren Smith are charged with picking up snack food items in the amount of \$200.00 at Walmart and delivering it to the Pembroke food pantry. (d) Talked about the Patriots Pen Essay at Elementary School. Which are National Essays by Elementary School Children. This years topic is "Whats Patriotism to Me". When the winners are chosen the school has an assembly and we award the cash prizes to the Essay Winners. (e) The Voice of Democracy is for High School grades 7 – 12 which is more comprehensive. They write a Essay and record on a CD Disk. And they go all the way through the Nationals. (f) For the Walmart Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/11/11am. [**SEE BELOW**]





(g) We will be having a Poppy Drive at Walmart (managers are onboard with us for the week prior to and November 11th) we just need to use common sense because of the Covid Virus. We can set up outside and inside as we did before. We will also have on display Military Blankets for our FREE Raffle for Veterans. (h) We were contacted by the Wounded Warriors from Plymouth and they 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. DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. (i) We nominate a public service person of the year. Last year was Paul McDonald for Teacher of the Year from the Hobomock Elementary School in Pembroke. Year before that we nominated Chief Viveiros (Halifax) and he won the National Public Service Award. We won 2 State Champions in a row. This year we have the best candidate a young lady named Cheryl Davis (Plympton Fire Captain) and head of the medical team and a she is a Paramedic in both Plympton and Fall River. She is our candidate for Medical Technician Public Service Award of the Year. (J) 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. There is also a home in Massachusetts. If you know someone in need you can call to see if they qualify for free housing, medical, etc. We contribute to them on a regular basis. We are sending them \$200. (k) November 21 or 22nd we want to pay homage to one of our own. A 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 can gather in the parking lot to say hello to him. (rain date is the 22nd his actual birthday). We have a 14 inch high bronze statue of Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima

COMRADES IN DISTRESS: None

OLD-NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm

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

Vin Burdziuk
Adjutant