

FWW Post 6258
“Two Time All-American Post”
Membership Meeting October 14, 2021
Halifax Town Hall, Massachusetts

Presiding Officer: Commander David Walsh

Meeting 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance – Chaplain Dave McPhillips gives opening prayer.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMANDER: (a) As you can see we have a plaque over here that we were named All American Post. That’s pretty impressive as there are only a few in the State of Massachusetts and we were named All American Post twice. (b) Welcomes New members: John Ruppel (USAF), Timothy Lovely (Active USN), Ian MacDonald (USA), Luis Vega (USMC), and High Stewart (USN). You are now part of a group of comrades who are among the best our country has produced. May you have a long-distinguished career as part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. (c) Vinnie Burdziuk was recognized as Chapters Veteran of the Year and received the 2nd part of award which was a pure marble Eagle Statuette with his name inscribed. (d) Voice of Democracy was discussed for grades 9 through 12 in that we need more participation in it.

QUARTERMASTERS FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) Dave Walmsley reported we have 2two requests for donations. Home for the Troops and Childrens Hospital. We have given to them before. \$200 will be donated to Childrens Hospital. (b) Help with our membership. If you haven’t paid your membership dues please do so now.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: (a) Buzz Smith wants us to ask Veterans (and friends they know to ask to join our post as part of our membership drive. Invite them to come to our meeting.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER & SERVICE OFFICER: (Stephenie Jones) Said she has a Burn Pit Letter that tells you may be eligible and shows what qualifies.

CHAPLAIN: (Dave McPhillips) (a) Last month we had a Veteran come to our Pembroke Office who was in suicide crisis. Anyone could of brought this Veteran by car to the Brockton V A building 3 and go to Urgent Care. He wasn’t signed up for V A Healthcare but they signed him up on the spot. They took him right in and he was admitted right away. (b) I went upstairs (3rd Floor Bldg 3) and made an appointment for my eyes in two weeks. I got a pair of glasses mailed to me at no cost. You do not need to be service connected to get the glasses but have to be signed up for V A Healthcare. You can also get a regular pair and pair of sunglasses every year. (c) You can also get a hearing test and hearing aides at the Jamaica Plain Veterans Hospital in Boston. (d) Also for sleeping problems you can also get a Sleep Sound Machine that plays ocean sounds etc. to help you fall asleep. (e) The Vets who get free dental are 100% Veterans, wounded in war or Prisoners of War. You can buy V A Dental Care that anybody can buy for around \$37 a month. (e) We don’t know of any Comrades in Distress or Comrades in Need.

ADJUTANT: (Vin Burdziuk) (a) I want to make everyone aware that we purchased a mailing list so know we can send out as much spam as we want. If you have something you want to share with your comrades you can send them to me and I’ll get it out within a few days. There is an email address on our Updates that you can use to send me your info. (b) Commander Walsh asked if we have the capability to post and share information using Facebook. Senior Vice Commander Buzz Smith worked on Facebook and has volunteered to set one up for our FFW Post.

SURGEON: (Christina Bolman) Excused absence from membership meeting.

TRUSTEES: Nothing new to report as of now but we have a Trustees Meeting after Membership Meeting.

PATRIOTS PEN ETC: (a) **PATRIOTS PEN** grades 6, 7, 8. How to be a good American, October 31st (post) (b) **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY** grades 9, 10, 11, 12. America: Where do we go from here. October 31st (post) (c) **NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR**. October 31st (post) (e) **SCOUT OF THE YEAR**. March 1st 2022 (post) (f) **VFW NATIONAL AWARDS for Public Servants:** Police, Fire, Medical. January 1st 2022 to Mass Dept.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: (a) We have to complete the roster for the Poppy Drive for Veterans Weekend at Walmart. Names, Dates, and Times were added to Schedule.

(b) Commander Walsh if anyone has anything else they would like to bring up. Adjutant Vinnie Burdziuk asked that since we are donating money why don't we donate to the Veterans Service Office in Pembroke to help out Veterans with Gift Cards to Super Markets. VSO Dave McPhillips said there is a need for Veterans and Widows coming into his office for help. He said they give out \$50 cards to help out as inflation is going crazy and there is a need for help.

(c) The Purple Heart Signs have been distributed to all the towns except Plympton as they want to hold off and have a special ceremony for it.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Thursday Night November 11, 2021 (7:00pm)

REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm <> FINAL SALUTE TO THE FLAG <>

Kevin, Quartermaster from Bridgewater Post 2125 <> The 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm we host a free dinner for Veterans and First Responders. There is no alcohol involved. The program was started from Florida by a mother whose LCpl son has died. It's a safe place for Vets / First Responders to go have a Free Dinner. Its a simple dinner such as Chicken Parm and Spaghetti.

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