

VFW Post 6258
“Two Time All-American Post”
Membership Meeting September 9, 2021
Halifax Town Hall, Massachusetts

Presiding Officer: Commander David Walsh

Meeting 7:00pm to 8:00pm

This meeting is the first, of what we hope, to be another successful year. Fantastic job, comrades for putting together such a past year. Something to feel good about and be proud of; every comrade in this post is someone who we would be proud to ride the river with.

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

REPORTS FROM THE COMMANDER: (Dave Walsh (a) Welcomes New members: Brendan McNeely who is a new member and not yet on our list. Lewis Austin (Navy), Irvine Butler (Army), Frederick Williams (Army), Eric Smith (USAF), Thomas McCarthy (USMC), Jacob Gurney (Army), George Copeland (Navy WWII), Robert Freccero (Army), Liam O’Neil (Army). We welcome you to one of the finest posts with the best comrades anywhere. May the good lord bless you and all your new brothers and sisters.

QUARTERMASTERS FINANCIAL REPORT: (a) Dave Walmsley reported that our Relief Fund is \$9,818.80. Also have organizations looking for a donation. Special Olympics we gave them \$75 this year. We will donate \$25 to the Salvation Army. Dave had VFW pins to give out to the members who wished to receive them.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER: (a) Buzz Smith thanked all of us who helped during Volunteer Day on the USS Cassin Young. We got a lot of work done in a short amount of time. Buzz said they are now having more volunteer groups and that it was us who led the way. We will set something up with our VFW Post and DAV Chapter for another Volunteer Day at a later time. It was very much appreciated and I wanted to thank everyone who came out and may come out next time. (b) If you were exposed for Burn Pit and other environmental hazards there are three presumptives. They are now fast tracking the disability paperwork. Got a response from them in eight days. So, see your Service Officer and get the paperwork in.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER & SERVICE OFFICER: (Stephenie Jones) Have nothing new but if you need any help or have any disability questions you have my email address and I’ll give you my phone number.

CHAPLAIN: (Dave McPhillips) As far as I know everyone is healthy. The rumor is Jim Ingargiola, is doing okay. (Jim was at our meeting). What I can tell you is these forms are out now and they are to receive your Veterans Exemption from the towns. If your receiving disability compensation than you get a real estate abatement. If you get 10% disability you get \$400 off your real estate taxes. You receive 100% you get \$1000 off. If you’re a widow who’s husband has died from service related disease/injury your widow will get 100% off her real estate taxes. Plus widow can get \$1300 a month widows pension.

ADJUTANT: (Vin Burdziuk) Had total hip replacement surgery and thanked everyone for their cards and get well wishes.

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

TRUSTEES: Nothing new to report

NOMINATIONS: Last year we had 3 winners. We had a Fire Captain from Plympton, a teacher of the year and firefighter of the year. For next year we have a National Public Service Award from Marshfield.

PURPLE HEART COMMUNITIES: We have signs for the Purple Heart Communities. Weymouth, Pembroke, Plympton, Hanson and Halifax.

NEW BUSINESS: (a) Veteran of the Year Award goes to our Adjutant Vinnie Burdziuk. He received a nice VFW blanket and there is a Statue that goes with it also, but didn't arrive in time for the presentation. Blanket was unfolded to show our members. And Vinnie thanked everyone for the award. (b) Jim Ingargiola wanted to thank everyone for his gift of the Monument Statue of the Marines Flag Raising in Iwo Jima. It lights up and he said he Loves It and Thank You!

OLD BUSINESS: (a) We have a Thank You from the Holyoke Soldiers Home for giving them a monetary donation to the home. (b) We also contributed to the Commanders Special Project. (c) We also gave the National VFW Home for Children in Lansing Michigan.

FALL PARTICIPATION: Things to do in the Fall. (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.

VETS WEEKEND at WALMART: Poppy Drive: Friday November 5th (1-5pm), Saturday November 6th OUTSIDE at (9:00am - 1:00pm)(1:00pm-5:00pm) INSIDE: (9:00am – 1:00pm)(1:00pm – 5:00pm).

9/11 CEREMONIES: 9:00am in Plympton and Halifax

HERITAGE HISPANIC MONTH: September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

VFW DISTRICT MEETING: September 13th, Hingham GAR Hall (meal) 6:30pm – (meeting) 7:30pm

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Monday Night October 14, 2021

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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