

Meridian Post 4000

Meridian Senior Center - 1920 N Records Ave. Meets 2nd Tuesday of Month at Kleiner Park Post website www.vfw4000.org

February 2020 Letter & January Meeting Minutes

Post Officers for 2019-2020

Commander: Troy Junier

Senior Vice Commander/Adj: Tammy Clement

Jr. Vice Commander: Brian Puckett Quartermaster: Terry Thomas

Post Auxiliary

President: Carol Williams Secretary: Melissa Suekel

Dates and Events Coming Up:

VA CLC Bingo - February 10th, 2020 @ 7 p.m. - CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID

Post Meeting - February 11th, 2020 @ 7 p.m. - 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park District Meeting – February 22nd, 2020 @ Noon – Caldwell Post 3886, 1101 E. Cleveland Blvd. Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall

VA CLC Bingo - March 9th, 2020 @ 7 p.m. - CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID

Post Meeting - March 10th, 2020 @ 7 p.m. - 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park

Meeting Minutes for January 14th, 2020

| 7:02 | p.m. | Open of Meeting - by Post Commander |
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7:05 p.m. Roll Call of Officer -7 Officers, 6 members

Membership Applications- Two post members are changing over to life memberships. 7:07 p.m. Congrats Lee and Katie.

Reading of the Minutes for December 10th Meeting – Motion made to accept as read by Robert Gray. 7:08 p.m. 2nd by Don S. and motion passed.

Quarter Master Report - December receipts - \$444.50, expenses \$3,694.02. 7:09 p.m.

Total in checking for end of November was \$4,029.56. Savings/Building fund \$2002.58.

Motion to accept as read by Don Black, 2nd by Robert Gray and motion passed.

7:10 Service Officer Report - A member brought, Aubry is looking for help with needing a vehicle due to p.m. hers blowing up.

7:12 Community Reports: Honor Guard: -December Honor Guard practice on the 25th, meeting on the 30th. p.m.

-CAR Report: Members 38 Hours 129.5 Miles 846 Money/Donations \$3,178.01.

-Don't forget to send your Community Activity Reports to Tammy by the 24th. If you miss the

deadline send them anyway so they can get added to next month's report. -Post is currently in the mid 60's percentage for membership. Most members liked the Beef idea.

Blessing of the National Home Prayer

7:18 **Unfinished Business –** There are few Post T-shirts still available. p.m.

> -Gowen Field Family Programs sent two families information for assistance. The post bought presents and items for them for Christmas.

-The Quad A fundraiser bowling event is coming up on the 25th. Still need volunteers for bowling.

-Raffle tickets were discussion came up at Mid-winter conference. They have decided to keep it going and looking for other ideas for the raffle. PSC Terry Thomas brought up ideas of a different Polaris or A whole cow cut and wrapped was mention, or a pig. He explained the cost differences to the members. The ideas are being presented for discussion to other post as well for this year's raffle and future.

7:34 **New Business –** Commander discussed to the post that Post 1173 is looking to merge with Post 4000. I was contacted and they had voted on the consideration and passed at their post meeting. Commander read Section 209 of the By-laws regarding joining of the posts. After discussion the motion was made by Don S. and 2nd by Don Black, and motion passed to consider and proceed with the inspection according to the By-laws with over 2/3rds present voting. The commander asked for a committee to start to help with the inspection and he will go to 1173's Post Meeting on the 27th.

- **7:57 p.m. Good of The Order** Post member Christy Tedder is starting a chapter on Farmer Veterans Organization. She needs 7 committee members to help her.
 - -Commander went over General Orders. -Post elections starting up in March need finished by April.
 - -State Convention is in Boise at the Riverside Hotel, June 21-24th.
 - -National Convention is in Reno, Nevada in July 2020.
 - -Commander discussed the two programs for Post; Patriot Art and Scout of the Year programs are coming up in the spring 2020. Deadline is March for entries.
 - -The District Meeting is on February 22nd at Caldwell Veterans Center in Caldwell.
- **8:10** p.m. Closing Ceremonies by Post Commander, the next Meeting is on January 14th, 2020.

Notes and Information from the VFW Department of Idaho:

- Post members are to be in current good standing with membership in the VFW to be an officer in the post and should have on file DD-214's on file for verification of qualification for VFW membership.

-District Meetings: 22 Feb 2020 – Caldwell 11 Apr 2020 – Meridian?

-Idaho VFW Conference - 21st thru 24th of June 2020, at Boise Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho.

-Honor Guard - January 30th is the Honor Guard meeting scheduled at 22 West Broadway in Meridian.

Dates of Interest and Remembrance:

February 2020

1st National Freedom Day 17th Presidents Day

2nd Ground Hog Day
19th Battle of Iwo Jima Begins (1945)
12th President Lincoln's Birthday
22nd President Washington's Birthday

14th Valentine's Day 24th Operation Desert Storm Ground Ops Begin (1991) 15th Susan B. Anthony Day 28th Operation Desert Storm Ground Ops Ends (1991)

29th Leap Day

March 2019

7th US Troops invade Germany over Ludendorff

Bridge at Remagen (1945)

18th President Grover Cleveland's Birthday (1837)
19th Operation Iraqi Freedom Begins (2003)

8th Daylight Saving begins (1 hour ahead) 19th First Day of Spring

15th President Andrew Jackson's Birthday (1767)
20th Operation Iraq Freedom Begins (2003)
16th President James Madison's Birthday (1751)
29th President John Tyler's Birthday (1790)
17th St. Patrick's Day
29th National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Attached is a copy of Section 209 of the National By-laws. As more progresses in the process I will let you know if the procedure will continue or not.

Sec. 209—Consolidation of Posts.

Two or more Posts may consolidate upon a vote of their respective members conducted in accordance with the procedures herein set forth as follows:

- 1. A motion to consider consolidation shall be made and approved at a regular or special meeting of the Posts.
- 2. A committee shall be appointed by the Post Commander to investigate consolidation.
- 3. All Posts involved in the consolidation shall exchange a report of all assets and liabilities.
- 4. A Post may then, after at least twenty (20) days written notice to the Department Commander, District Commander and members of the respective Posts, consolidate upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at each regular or special meeting of the respective Posts.
- 5. The Department Commander shall be notified, in writing, immediately after the meeting of the outcome of the action taken.
- 6. A Department representative shall conduct a joint meeting of all Posts within thirty (30) days for the purpose of determining the name, number (must be one of the consolidating Post numbers), location of the consolidated Post and the election and installation of officers. A written notice must be sent to the members of all Posts involved at least fourteen (14) days in advance. All actions, with the exception of the election of officers, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.
- 7. Such facts shall be certified by the Department representative, submitted to the Department Commander for forwarding to the Commander-in-Chief who shall issue a Certificate of Charter reciting the facts of such consolidation. The Certificate of Charter shall rank from the date of the senior Post's charter. The property of each of the Posts shall be conveyed to and become the property of the consolidated Post. All past officers in each Post shall be entitled to rank as of date of service in their respective Posts.

Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Department Commander may recommend consolidation to the Commander-in-Chief as circumstances dictate.