



Meridian Post 4000

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

July 14, 2020 Post Meeting Minutes

Post Officers for 2020-2021

Commander: Tammy Clement
Senior Vice Commander/Adj: Bob Wheeler
Jr. Vice Commander: Brian Puckett
Quartermaster: Troy Junier

Post Auxiliary

President: Carol Williams
Secretary: Melissa Suekel

Dates and Events Coming Up:

District Meeting – Sept 19, 2020, 1:00pm meeting, - Post 142, Idaho City, Boise
VA CLC Bingo – CLC @ Veterans Hospital, Boise, ID- **Pending State COVID Guidelines**
Post Meeting – August 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m. - 1920 N. Records Ave, Meridian Sr. Center, Kleiner Park

If you have an email rather than your personal home address to use, it would be beneficial. Many changes can happen where there is not enough time to mail out and the additional costs to the post.

Meeting Minutes for July 14th, 2020 – Commander also conducted Zoom meeting for post due to COVID Restrictions.

- 7:00 p.m. Opening of Meeting** - by Post Commander,
7:07 p.m. Roll Call of Officer – 12 Officers, 0 members (both at the meeting and Zoom)
7:08 p.m. Membership Applications- No new memberships.
7:09 p.m. Reading of the Minutes for May 19th and June 9th, Meeting – Motion made to accept as read by Mike C, 2nd by Brain P., motion passed.
7:10 p.m. Quarter Master Report – Total in Checking for May \$4,834.09, Savings \$2003.67. Total in checking for June \$4418.89, Savings \$2003.67. Motion to accept as read will be held during the Aug 11th post meeting. WWII Jeep insurance is \$467, plus \$50 for jeep registration.
7:15 p.m. Service Officer Report – Draping of the Charter for comrades Rupard Ambrose, Robert Gray, Terry Kelbaugh, Wendell Kindred, and Billy Godby was performed.
- Visitor Cindy Gray attended the Draping of the Charter for her late husband Robert Gray. Commander and Quartermaster presented Cindy with Certificate of Remembrance and Memorial Bible.
7:25 p.m. Community Reports: Honor Guard: -Tammy discussed Honor Guard practice will be on July 19th from 1:00-2:30, and Honor Guard Meeting on July 23rd @ 6:30 at Veterans Memorial Hall.
- **CAR Report:** Members 20 Hours 35.30 Miles 398 Money/Donations \$645.88
- Do not forget to send your Community Activity Reports to **Bob Wheeler** @ Post4000@vfwid.org by the 24th. If you miss the deadline send them anyway so they can get added to next month's report.
- Poppies: We will try to target November time frame to continue the poppy drives.
- Post is currently in the mid 87.38% percentage for membership.

Blessing of the National Home Prayer

- 7:30 p.m. Unfinished Business** – No unfinished business to discuss.
7:31 p.m. New Business-
- The SSG Aaron Butler Memorial Purple Heart Run will be held in Eagle on August 15th. Discussion to donate \$500 or less was tabled until the next post meeting on Aug 11th.
7:35 p.m. Good of The Order
- Commander went over The General Orders.
- Our Department theme for the 2020-2021 year is "Bridge the Gap".
- Commander noted the new entries for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy themes. Patriot's Pen is "What is Patriotism to Me?", Voice of Democracy is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?".
- **State Election Candidates** New State Elected Officers: State Commander-Melanie Foster, Sr Vice Commander- Doug Welch, Jr Vice Commander- Bob Tettleton (also Dept Membership Chairman).

- Department of Idaho National Council Member- Rockey Davis, Department QM- Robert Holmes, Chaplain- Chad Miller. Judge Advocate- Gordon Petrie, and Surgeon Dareld Hazeltine.
- Commander would like to introduce several programs in the future, COVID permitting. These are Veterans in the Classroom, Adopt-A-Unit, Scout of the Year, Adopt-A-Scout Troop, Adopt-A-Highway and Veteran to Veteran in nursing home facilities.
 - Troy discussed Adopt-A-Unit for the National Guard, money needs to go through approved channels. POC is Major Reed.
 - Legacy Corps is a respite program designed to assist with families and to give caregivers a break by keeping your loved one company. They are also hiring volunteers.
 - District Meeting is scheduled for September 19th at Idaho City.
 - New VFW State Raffle tickets are out. \$10 each with a new prize of whole beef, cut and wrapped
 - Ada County United Veterans Council Meeting Notes (Bill Heyob): To date, there has not been a single resident test positive for the COVID-19 nor any of the medical staff at the three State Veterans Homes. ---
 - Kelly McCartney will be working full time at the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Building.
 - The newest State Veterans Home in Post Falls has begun construction and will be located near the Bucks Knives Factory. The Snake River Canyon Nat'l Cemetery is now operational in Buhl.
 - Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Annual County and Post Service Officer Training has been cancelled.
 - Anyone currently serving in the Nat'l Guard or Reserves and has a VA Disability Rating, the VA is currently working on Fiscal Year 2019 Drill Pay Recoupment.
 - The VA has pulled all Disability Benefit Questionnaires off the VA websites.
 - As of June 2020, Vocational Rehabilitation and Education (VR&E) has changed their name to Veterans Readiness and Employment Service.
 - 2020 Western Conference will be held in Cheyenne, WY Nov 5-8. Motion made to table money for convention ad until next post meeting.
 - Commander discussed matrix for All-State and All-American requirements.
 - Veteran's family would like to donate an electric hospital bed supplied by the VA. If interested, contact Commander.
 - Member Don Black discussed donations for the displaced sailors on Navy ship USS Bonhomme Richard. If you would like to donate, Navy officials are directing donors to give to USO San Diego and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.
 - A social picnic with Post 7019 in the fall was discussed. Commander will contact Bob Tettleton for more information and details.

8:11 p.m. Closing Ceremonies - by Post Commander, the next Meeting is on August 11th, 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: -

September 19, 2020, Post 142, Idaho City

December 12, 2020, Post 4000, Meridian

March – Post 7019, Kuna