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VFW POST 10216 POST MEETING MINUTES AND NEWSLETTER

**“VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, POST 10216, SONGTAN, KOREA”
COLONEL LEWIS L. MILLETT - HILL 180 MEMORIAL POST 10216**



**BEST POST IN PACIFIC AREAS
2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-13 & 2013-14, 2015 - 2016**

These are the (revised) minutes from Post 10216 meeting held on Monday, 14 August 2017. There were 24 Post members in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting opened at 1830. Chaplain Billy Q led us in our opening prayer and Commander Max led the Post in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Distinguished Guests and Past Post 10216 Commanders:

*Current (and past) District 3 Commander, Past Post Commander, Past Department Surgeon, and current Department Councilman **Ron Davis**

*Past Department Surgeon, Chaplain, Past District Commander and Chaplain, 3-time Past Post Commander **Billy Quintero**

*2-time Past Post Commander, current District 3 Chaplain **Ernie Lee**

*Past Commander Post 1193, Lawton, Ok **Robert Chatman**

Congressional Charter: Members recited Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter Incorporating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

“The purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.”

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander Warren Maxson: Present
SVC Leon Ellison: Present
JVC Owen Powell: Present
Quartermaster Ron Davis: Present
Surgeon Dan Delaney: Excused
Chaplain Billy Q: Present
Advocate Jim Yarbough: Excused
Adjutants Ernie / Dan: Present/Excused
Service Officer John Lee: Excused
Trustee 1-Year Mark Narkon: Present
Trustee 2-Year Terrance Smith: Present
Trustee 3-Year Jose Garcia: Excused
HRC Chairman H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Excused
Officer-of-the-Day / Guard Jose Garcia: Excused (Completed by Trustee Mark)
Community Activities Chairman / Public Relations / MAP Ernie Lee: Present
Youth Activities Doc Higgins: Excused
Cub Scout Council Representative: Vacant
Boy Scout Representative: Vacant
Voice of Democracy / Patriot's Pen Doc Higgins: Excused
POW/MIA Shannon Sutton (Kombae): Present
Hill 180 Committee Chairman Ernie: Present
Loyalty Day Parade Chairman Ron Davis: Present
Buddy Poppy Chairman Ron Davis: Present
Americanism Chairman Billy Q: Present
Women in the Military Jessica Martinez: Excused
"First Responders" Special Projects Doc Higgins: Excused
VFW Motorcycle Riders Chairman: H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Excused
Safety Chairman Jessica Martinez: Excused
USO Representative Ernie: Present
History Chairman David Gley: Must have been absent since there are no pictures for these minutes 😊

Reading of New Members and Induction Ceremony:

Ron read a list of our two newest members since the July membership meeting. SVC Leon made a motion to accept into the VFW, subject to review of the investigating committee; 2nd by Mark. Motion carried. New members were present and formally inducted by Commander Max.

Post Meeting Minutes: July meeting minutes were disseminated via email, at www.vfw10216.com Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction; 2nd by Billy Q. Motion carried. They have been posted to our Post website at www.vfw10216.com and Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/VFW10216/>

Bills: None.

Quartermaster Ron Davis: Ron presented the audit endorsed by all Trustees. Our bottom line at NFCU reported in the minutes is \$19,478. The audit is posted at the Post on the bulletin board above the PC.

Reading of incoming communications: None

Report of Service Officer John Lee: Excused.

Comrade(s) in Distress: Chaplain Billy Q asks all to keep in your thoughts and prayers those members and family members undergoing medical reviews, surgeries, etc. He ask that we pray and keep thoughts of remembrance after the passing of Past Department Commander "Bear" Hudson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Senior Vice Commander Report on Membership Statistics (MemStats) by SVC Leon Ellison:

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R/LM	Prior Annual	Retention
55	10216	3	983	137	9	89	1218	1178	103.39%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		38	248	49.19%

As of the end of the 2016 - 2017 VFW Year

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R/LM	Prior Annual	Retention
55	10216	3	0	10	1	15	26	1218	2.13%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		0	235	10.21%

MemStats as of 17 August

Junior Vice Commander Report on Community Service Reports (CSR) by JVC Owen Powell:

		TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	95	241	1236	\$ 323.04
Total Projects = 17		Buy	Sold	Vol	Hours	Miles	Total	
		Poppies						

July CSR Summary - Send all CSR activities to JVC Owen Powell @ owenpow42@gmail.com

Advocate Report / Jim Yarbough: Nothing to report (NTR)

Surgeon's Report / Dan Delaney: NTR

Buddy Poppy Report / Ron Davis: New Buddy Poppies have been ordered from Department (not rec'd yet).

Public Relations Officer & Community Affairs / Ernie Lee:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	REMARKS	LOCATION
5 September	Korean / American Friendship Festival (KAFF) Planning Meeting			
9 & 10 September	KAFF	Volunteers 0900 - 2400 / KAFF 1100 - 2200	Need lots of volunteers (8 Sep is for cooks only at the Post)	Songtan Shopping Mall / VFW
11 - 15 September	POW/MIA Week	Various	See schedule below	Various
22 September	Jim Price Memorial Golf Tournament	0700 - 1400	Need lots of volunteers before, during, and after (Buddy Poppies also)	Osan AB

Social Media: Check out our sites:

- World Wide Web - <http://vfw10216.com/> (Meeting Minutes posted here)
- Facebook Post Page - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/VFW10216?fref=ts>

Americanism / Billy Q: Continue to keep our men and women who gave their lives for Freedom in our hearts and prayers. Remember, you can pray anywhere, anytime. Pray for the two additional Soldiers that lost their lives in Afghanistan this month. Eleven Soldiers have made the ultimate sacrifice this year (www.icasualties.org).

Hill 180 Ceremony Chairman Ernie: Closed until February 2018.

Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit / Ernie Lee: None.

Youth Activities, Voice of Democracy (VOD) / Teachers Award / Patriot's Pen Doc Higgins: Department has mandated that all of the awards be submitted prior to the Council of Administration (C of A) in December. QM Ron will check into this.

"First Responder" Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter Doc): Congrats to VFW Department of Pacific Areas Firefighter of the Year Chris Haenelt.

Cub Scout Pack 86 Representatives: Vacant

Boy Scouts Representative: Vacant

POW/MIA / Shannon Sutton: POW/MIA bricks are available for purchase. See VFW Facebook Page for more information. The Osan Air Base POW/MIA events will run from 11-15 Sep and include:

Reveille	Building 1097	0751 on 11 Sep
Memorial Service	Chapel,	1451 on 12 Sep
Brick-Laying Ceremony	Theater,	1551 on 13 Sep
24-hour Vigil	POW/MIA Memorial	1551 on 13 Sep
24-hour Memorial Run	Theater Area	1551 on 14 Sep
Retreat	Building 1097	1551 on 15 Sep

House Rules Committee Chairman / Van: Ms. Lee has departed. Our new bartender is Ms. Michele. The Post and Canteen will be closed every Sunday and Monday.

Canteen Report / Van: Canteen lost \$1006.00 for the month of July. QM Ron just wept a bit.

Safety Chairman / Jessica Martinez: Excused.

Women in the Military / Jessica Martinez: "Women in the military are still good".

History / Dave Gley: David has our Post history up to date. Adjutant Ernie and David reviewed and it looks great. It will be reviewed by Post Command Staff, then forwarded to District III Commander for review. Completed report will be forwarded to Department Pacific Areas Commander.

VFW Motorcycle Riders by Chairman Van Hazel: NTR

Remembering of our National Home: Chaplain Billy Q offered remembrance and prayer for our National Home in accordance with VFW tradition and ceremony.

OLD (CLOSED) BUSINESS: None.

New Business: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- In accordance with VFW Manual of Procedure section 209, actions are being taken to merge Post 10216 and Post 8180. A motion was made by Commander Max and a 2nd by Adjutant Dan. Discussion ensued detailing this would add 600+ life members to our Post making it the largest Post in the Pacific Areas. The merged Post would maintain our officers, name, and location. The one thing that would change is that our Post would relinquish using 10216 and would adopt 8180 as our Post number. This merge is great for the Post, District, and Department! A vote was cast to press forward with the merger and the motion carried.

- The Joesan Chapter of the Rough Riders Motorcycle Club (RRMC) is hosting Gyeonggi-do Bike Night on 26 August at 1600 at their clubhouse (23-1 Mokcheon-ro for your GPS). All visitors welcome, \$5 cover charge. There will be poker, corn hole, and a 50/50 drawing with all proceeds supporting active duty and local veterans.
- The Joesan Chapter of the Rough Riders Motorcycle Club (RRMC) is hosting a scavenger hunt at their clubhouse (see above) with registration starting at 1000 (hunt starts at 1100) . . . chance to win a trip for 2 to Jeju Island

- We will continue to donate rice, dry goods and help with maintenance projects at our senior living facility Sun House. [Please bring rice / blanket donations to the Post.](#) Commander Max briefed that we will need approximately \$3-5000.00 for the wood deck project and approximately \$4-5000.00 for projects that we would like to begin work on one or two at a time. More to come about ideas for fund raisers to cover these costs. Owen mentioned to the Commander that his church men's group is ready to help with the projects any way they can. Ernie is submitting a \$1000.00 grant request to National to help with the funds for the project.

- Commander Max working submissions to the Department of the Pacific Areas publication Typhoon. Send SVC Max any photos of events VFW members are involved at. See past issues of Typhoon here: <http://www.vfwdeptpacific.org/index.php/typhoon>



Military Order of the Cootie (MOC): The next Cootie scratch was 19 Aug @ 1330ish at the Post Canteen.

For those who have questions about the Cooties, the Military Order of the Cootie or MOC is considered the "Honored Degree of the VFW". Membership is open to members in good standing in the VFW who have displayed their willingness to work for the parent organization. If you are active in supporting the Post, you may be approached to join this prestigious organization.



CLOSING CEREMONIES:
Chaplain Billy gave the closing
prayer.

- Our next General Membership meeting is 11 Sep at 1830.

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Dan / Ernie
Post Adjutants

Warren Maxson
Commander