



VFW
Veterans of Foreign Wars



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**

Prior to the opening ceremony, the Post Charter was draped in memory of Post Life Member Scotty Morgan who passed away 14 January. Kind memories of Scotty were shared and Taps was played in his honor.

These are the minutes from Post 10216 meeting held on Monday, 13 February 2017. There were 26 Post members in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting opened at 1840. Chaplain Billy Q led us in our opening prayer and Commander Cynthia led the Post in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Distinguished Guests and Past Post 10216 Commanders:

- *Past Department Surgeon, Chaplain, Past District Commander, Chaplain, and 3-time Past Post Commander **Billy Quintero**
- *Current (and past) District 3 Commander, Past Post Commander, Past Department Surgeon, and current Department Councilman **Ron Davis**
- *2-time Past Post Commander **Ernie Lee**
- *Past Post Commander **Dan Delaney**

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 Cynthia Schmitz: Present
SVC Max: Excused
JVC Leon Ellison: Present
Quartermaster Ron Davis: Present
Surgeon Owen Powell: Present
Chaplain Billy Q: Present
Advocate Jim Yarbough: Present
Adjutants Ernie / Dan: Present
Service Officer Doc Higgins: Excused
Trustee 1-Year Dan Delaney: Present
Trustee 2-Year Mark Narkon: Excused
Trustee 3-Year Terrance Smith: Present
HRC Chairman H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Excused
Officer-of-the-Day / Guard: Completed by Jose Garcia
Community Activities Chairman / Public Relations / MAP Ernie Lee: Present
Youth Activities Doc Higgins: Excused
Cub Scout Council Representative Seth Curtis: Absent
Boy Scout Representative Joel Bickle: Absent
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: completed by Jacqueline Johnson
"First Responders" Special Projects Doc Higgins: Excused
VFW Motorcycle Riders Chairman: H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Excused
Safety Chairman Jason Schmitz: Excused
USO Representative Sergio: Present

Reading of New Members and Induction Ceremony:

Ron read a list of our nine newest members. Kombae made a motion to accept into the VFW, subject to review of the investigating committee; 2nd by JVC Leon. Motion carried. Two members were formally inducted by Commander Cynthia and presented their Cross of Malta and VFW coins.

Recruiter	Member	Membership Type
JVC Leon Ellison	Yi, S. Gwon	Life
	Jessica M. Martinez	Life
	Richard A. Martinez	Life
	Paul D. Barker	Annual
	Ruben Burgos	Annual
	Gregory A Riggins	Life
QM Ron Davis	Ashley M. Korb	Annual
Carlos Arriaza	Spencer A. Stieger	Life
	Jesse D. Weigel	Life





Jessica and Richard Martinez receive their Cross of Malta pins and VFW coins

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

Bills: Ernie returned to QM Ron ~~with~~ \$57,000 that remained from the \$500 used to purchase the wreaths for the Hill 180 ceremony.

Quartermaster Ron Davis: Ron presented the audit endorsed by Trustees Dan and Terrance. Our bottom line at NFCU reported in the minutes was \$23,385 in checking and \$811 in savings. The audit is posted at the Post on the bulletin board above the PC.

Reading of incoming communications: None

Report of Service Officer/Doc Higgins: Excused. John Lee stated he would work any issues with Doc via email.

Comrade(s) in Distress: Chaplain Billy Q asks all to keep in your thoughts and prayers JVC Leon, Rikki Rice, Ernie Lee and his wife, and Mark Narkon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

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

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
55	10216	3	951	64	6	41	1062	1178	90.15%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		19	248	24.19%

January - MemStats

State	Post	Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	RS	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
55	10216	3	960	72	6	55	1093	1178	92.78%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		25	248	31.05%

February - MemStats (we've added 31 members since our last meeting; still need 86 more for All American)

Junior Vice Commander Report on Community Service Reports (CSR):

		TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	135	255	1325	\$ 678.70
Total Projects = 25			<i>Buy</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Vol</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Poppies</i>					

January CSR Summary - Send all CSR activities to JVC Leon Ellison at: emanosan@gmail.com

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

Surgeon's Report / Owen Powell: Owen stressed the importance of recognizing the symptoms of frostbite. Read more here: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/frostbite/basics/symptoms/con-20034608>

Buddy Poppy Report / Ron Davis: Dan will submit paperwork to 51 FSS for approval of May Poppy drive.

Public Relations Officer & Community Affairs / Ernie Lee:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	REMARKS	LOCATION
Ongoing	USO Events		www.korea.uso.org	
20 May	Armed Forces Day Parade			
20 May	District 3 Meeting	After parade		
5 July	Task Force Smith Memorial	1000		

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: Getting ready to celebrate at the Armed Forces Day parade on 20 May!

Hill 180 Ceremony Chairman Ernie: Ernie stated the ceremony went very well again this year (and the weather cooperated, too). For photos and a list of units in attendance, copy and paste the link below into your browser address bar.

https://www.army.mil/article/181994/remembering_the_soldiers_of_easy_company



Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit / Ernie Lee: Ernie briefed that 7 AF awards banquet MAP was denied due to our Post / unit non-compliance with MAP guidelines.

Youth Activities, Voice of Democracy / Teachers Award / Patriot's Pen Doc Higgins: Topics this year were (My Responsibility to America) and (America I Believe In). Our VOD and Patriot's Pen winners were Seth Green, Carson Nugent, Jose Charming, Asher Woods, Easton Clark, and Sofia Bradshaw. No Teachers award inputs received. Ron is working certificates to present with the VOD monetary awards.



Commander Cynthia presents certificates and monetary awards to Patriot's Pen winners

"First Responder" Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter Doc):

No first responder inputs received. Firefighter input was Chris Haenelt.

Cub Scout Pack 86 Representatives Seth Curtis: Absent

Boy Scouts Representatives / Joel Bickle: Absent

POW/MIA / Shannon Sutton: Stated full-on planning starts in March.

House Rules Committee Chairman / Van: Excused

Canteen Report / Van: Canteen lost ~ \$375 for the month.

Safety Chairman Jason Schmitz: Excused. Be safe.

Women in the Military / Vacant: Jacqueline Johnson covered tonight, "Women in the military are still good" . . . and there will be no clinical services at the hospital 17 - 20 February. Emergency services will be up and running during that time.

History / Vacant:

VFW Motorcycle Riders by Chairman Van Hazel: Excused

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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Continue to recruit 3 or more members each month for a chance of your name in the hat and a monthly drawing prize of (\$50000)

-- SVC Max excused. Will resume next month.

- Doc stated he had visited the old folk's home and stated they would accept any help, be it donating rice, helping with maintenance projects, etc.
- John Lee (VA Rep) stated he would be willing to give (approx.) 30-minute briefing regarding VA compensation claims and how VA medical programs work.
- Kombae briefed that RRMC will have a Surviving Flying Tigers poker run on 29 April with the run ending at our Post at ~ 1500.
- District 3 (D3) Commander Ron Davis briefed there is a D3 meeting at Camp Humphreys Post on 25 February at 1330. He requested members of our Post that are D3 officers be in attendance.
- SVC 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.vfwdeptacific.org/index.php/typhoon>

NEW BUSINESS: None.



Military Order of the Cootie (MOC): The next Cootie scratch is 18 February @ 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 Q gave the closing prayer.

- Our next General Membership meeting is 13 Mar at 1830.

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Dan / Ernie
Post Adjutants

Cynthia Schmitz
Commander