



VFW
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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 minutes from Post 10216 meeting held on Monday, 9 January 2017. There were 37 Post members in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting opened at 1830. 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**
- *5-time Department Surgeon, Past District and Post Commander, current District 3 SVC **Doc Higgins**
- *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**
- *Current Department Chaplain, current District 3 JVC, and Past Post Commander **Warren Maxson**

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

Reading of New Members and Induction Ceremony:

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

Recruiter	Member	Membership Type
Commander Cynthia Schmitz	Jennifer K. Tucek	Annual
Carlos Arriaza	Wilson L. Griffin	Term Life
SVC Warren Maxson	Chad W. Chapman	Term Life
	Aaron R. Rasch	Annual
	Tevin D. Tolver	Annual
	Carlos J. Aponte-Flores	Annual
JVC Leon Ellison	Charles Clifford	Life
Chris Depuy	Lewis E. Squires	Term Life
	David C. Hagenbuch	Term Life





Our newest member receive their Cross of Malta pins and VFW coins

Post Meeting Minutes: December 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: None

Quartermaster Ron Davis: Ron presented the audit endorsed by Trustees Mark and Terrance. Our bottom line at NFCU reported in the minutes was \$24,625 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: Nothing currently in work

Comrade(s) in Distress: Chaplain Billy Q asks all to keep in your thoughts and prayers pioneer astronaut John Glenn, JVC Leon, Rikki Rice, Ernie Lee and his wife, Larry Lyons, Ronnie Colwell, Jacqueline Johnson, Scotty Morgan, Danny Hooper, Chad Ray, and Lea.

[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	949	60	5	34	1048	1178	88.96%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		18	248	20.97%

December - 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	951	64	6	41	1062	1178	90.15%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		19	248	24.19%

January - MemStats (we've added 14 members since our last meeting; need 117 more for All American)

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

		TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	73	194	698	\$ 1,412.72
Total Projects = 17			<i>Buy</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Vol</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Poppies</i>					

December 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: Excused

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
14 January	Retiree Appreciation Lunch	1200 - 1400		Enlisted Club
Ongoing	USO Events		www.korea.uso.org	
3 February	Hill 180 Ceremony	1400		Hill 180
6 February	Superbowl	0800ish	Get your squares	Post Home/Canteen

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: NTR

Hill 180 Ceremony Chairman Ernie: 2017 date identified as 3 Feb @ 1400. Doc & Commander Cynthia will be speaking.



Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit / Ernie Lee: Three completed for 303IS, 51CES, and 51 MUNS.

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). Doc received 33 Patriot's Pen inputs. Our VOD and Patriot's Pen winners were Seth Green, Carson Nugent, Jose Charming, Asher Woods, Easton Clark, and Sofia Bradshaw. Teachers Award inputs are due now.

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

Doc has received an input for an EMT and an input for firefighter Chris Haenelt.

Cub Scout Pack 86 Representatives Seth Curtis: Absent

Boy Scouts Representatives / Joel Bickle: Private organization charter is outdated. It will be updated.

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

House Rules Committee Chairman / Van: Excused

Canteen Report / Van: Canteen made ~ \$500 for the month. That amount did include Christmas Day raffle and 50/50 funds.

Safety Chairman Jason Schmitz: Jason addressed hypothermia risk factors (and old people)☺ Learn more at this link: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/hypothermia/basics/risk-factors/con-20020453>

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 over the 4-day MLK holiday weekend. 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 drew fellow Doc for (₩50000)
- Bryan Robinson won the opportunity for a trip to the CofA or \$500 (**open action item - unresolved**)
- Commander Cynthia received recognition for Post members recruiting efforts including herself (10 and 15 member pins) and Doc (10 member pin).
- Commander Cynthia stated the Top 3 would be meeting 12 January at 1600 at the E-Club. Would welcome any VFW members.
- Ernie received a “plank contributor” certificate recognizing his \$100 contribution to the “Pacific House” at VFW Nat’l Home for Children.
- Kombae received (on behalf of RRMC) a “plank contributor” certificate recognizing RRMC’s \$250 contribution to the “Pacific House” at VFW Nat’l Home for Children.
- Commander Cynthia presented a certificate from 51 CES leadership thanking the VFW for helping fund their Christmas celebration with a MAP request.
- 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.
- 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.vfwdeptpacific.org/index.php/typhoon>

NEW BUSINESS: None.



Military Order of the Cootie (MOC): The next Cootie scratch is 21 Jan @ 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 Feb at 1830.

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Dan / Ernie
Post Adjutants

Cynthia Schmitz
Commander