



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 Daniel (Danny) G. Hooper who passed away 15 February. Kind memories were shared and Taps was played in his honor.

These are the minutes from Post 10216 meeting held on Monday, 13 March 2017. There were 24 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**
- Welcome to our Post to Robert Chatman, Past Commander Post 1193, Lawton, OK

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: Present
Trustee 3-Year Terrance Smith: Present
HRC Chairman H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Excused
Officer-of-the-Day / Guard: Completed by Paul Erickson
Community Activities Chairman / Public Relations / MAP Ernie Lee: Present
Youth Activities Doc Higgins: Excused
Cub Scout Council Representative Seth Curtis: Excused
Boy Scout Representative Joel Bickle: Excused
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: Present
"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 11 newest members since the February membership meeting (list unavailable). Ernie made a motion to accept into the VFW, subject to review of the investigating committee; 2nd by Chaplain Billy Q. Motion carried. Two of the new members were present and formally inducted by Commander Cynthia.



Michael Eaglen and Jace Hutt receive their Cross of Malta pins and VFW coins

Post Meeting Minutes: February meeting minutes were disseminated via email, at www.vfw10216.com and posted to our Facebook page by comrade Kombae. Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction; 2nd by Trustee Terrance. 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 \$21,358 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.

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

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	960	72	6	55	1093	1178	92.78%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		25	248	31.05%

February - 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	966	74	6	58	1104	1178	93.71%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		26	248	33.87%

March - MemStats (we've added 11 members since our last meeting; still need 75 more for All American)

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

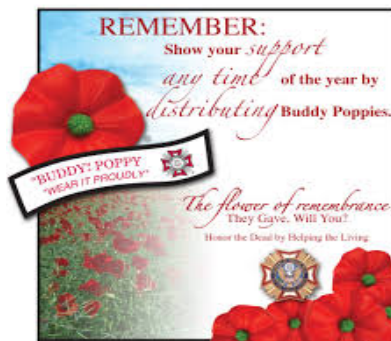
		TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	127	350	421	\$ 1,708.94
Total Projects = 20			Buy	Sold	Vol	Hours	Miles	Total
			Poppies					

February 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: NTR

Buddy Poppy Report / Ron Davis: Fundraiser request form will be submitted this week to 51 FSS for approval of May Poppy drive.



Public Relations Officer & Community Affairs / Ernie Lee:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	REMARKS	LOCATION
Ongoing	USO Events		https://korea.uso.org/uso-osan-air-base	
30 March	Women's History Month Luncheon	1100 - 1300		E-Club
20 May	Armed Forces Day Parade			
20 May	District 3 Convention	After parade		
27 May	Buddy Poppy Drive	1000 - 1400		Main Gate / Commissary
11 - 15 June	Department of Pacific Areas Convention	See schedule at DPA website		Subic Bay, PI
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: In observance of International Women's Day, Billy Q. highlighted the outstanding role women serve in the U.S. military (noting that on 24 Jan 13, Congress lifted a ban preventing women from serving in combat roles).

Hill 180 Ceremony Chairman Ernie: Closed for this year.

Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit / Ernie Lee: Ernie briefed that he's processing a \$2.5K MAP for Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet.

Youth Activities, Voice of Democracy (VOD) / Teachers Award / Patriot's Pen Doc Higgins: Ron is working with Doc for certificates to present with the VOD monetary awards.

"First Responder" Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter Doc): Closed for 2017.

Cub Scout Pack 86 Representatives Seth Curtis: Excused

Boy Scouts Representatives / Joel Bickle: Excused

POW/MIA / Shannon Sutton: Dates submitted to 51 FW/CC to hold events week of 11 - 15 September.

House Rules Committee Chairman / Van: Excused

Canteen Report / Van: Canteen is on a one-month *trend* of profit . . . \$150.

Safety Chairman Jason Schmitz: Excused. Be safe.

Women in the Military / Jessica Martinez: "Women in the military are still good" . . . Will be representing VFW, speaking / recruiting at Women's History Month luncheon at E-Club 30 Mar starting at 1000 (luncheon at 1100). Will also meet with Osan AB Top 3 and 5/6 Club for recruiting events.

History / Dave Gley: Via Ernie, David is working to get our Post history up to date.

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.

ELECTIONS:

- Nominations were opened for next VFW year officers (all nominations were accepted by the individuals):

Commander - Warren Maxson

Senior Vice Commander - Leon Ellison

Junior Vice Commander - Owen Powell

Quartermaster - Ron Davis

Chaplain - Billy Quintero

House Rules Committee - Harold VanHazel

Trustee 1-Year - Mark Narkon

Trustee 2-Year - Terrance Smith

Trustee 3-Year - Jose Garcia

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.

- Commander Cynthia presented JVC Leon with his 25-member recruitment pin from VFW National Commander John Duffy. Way to go JVC Leon!



- **CARRY OVER** -- 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. **Please bring rice / blanket donations to the Post before Sunday 19 March.**

- John Lee (VA Rep) stated he will be willing to give (approx.) 30-minute briefing regarding VA benefits and how VA medical programs work on 24 March at the Post from 1700 - 1800. Come out and enjoy free Friday night food and get some good info from the expert.

- Kombae briefed that RRMC will have a Surviving Flying Tigers poker run on 29 April with the run ending at our Post at ~ 1500 (entry fee is \$40; do not need to be a rider. Grand prize is trip for two to Jeju).

- Via email, Jaqueline Johnson informed there will be no clinical services at the hospital 20 March. Emergency services will be up and running during that time.
- USO rep Sergio briefed USO Lunch-on-the-Go event 16 March starting at 1130 at the Community Center.
- 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 18 March @ 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 10 April at 1830.

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Dan / Ernie
Post Adjutants

Cynthia Schmitz
Commander