

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS of the United States of America

Thomas F. Welch VFW Post 706  
5000 Lillian Highway  
Pensacola, Florida 32506



Founded September 29, 1899

18 October 2017

## JOINT SESSION

Post Commander Nathaniel Bass called the Joint Session of VFW Post 706 to order at \_\_\_\_\_.

Jake Moody was invited as a guest speaker and shared information about Companion Care for Veterans and widows of Veterans, and also left pamphlets explain who to obtain care and points of contact.

Auxiliary – Madam President Phyllis Smith Thanked T-bird and Kathy Kohl and the other women who helped with the Auxiliary Dinner. She also thanked Cathy Kohl and Dee Upshaw for decorating the in time for the Halloween activities.

MOC – Seam Squirrel Victory Looney- Reminded everyone about the Casino Bus trip on the 21<sup>st</sup> and that boarding started at 0700hrs and departs at 0800hrs.

Canteen Manager — Michael Gergel – No report

Americanism – No Report

Good of the Order –

Mike Sakalarios said the Post is still in need of non-perishable food items.

Richard Mullin announced there will be a Marine Antique Car show at 5 Flags Speed Way.

Commander Bass- announced that the Post Fish Fry and Friendship Dinners are cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. He also reminded everyone that the Flag Pole fundraiser is still going on and asked for donations from all. The Commander thank those who took part in Mr. James's Ceremony.

Joint Session ended at \_ 1844hrs \_.

## POST 706 MEETING

Post meeting called to order by Commander Bass at 1846hrs \_\_.

Officer of the Day Comrade Mullin led the members in a salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. ( 15 members in attendance)

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Opening prayer by Chaplin Jerry Hunter.

## **Distinguished visitors introduced**

Past Post Commander – Mike Sakalarios– Present  
Past Post Commander – Bill Jacobson- Excused  
Past Post Commander – Victor Looney- Excused  
Past District 1 Commander and Post Commander – Richard Mullen- Present  
Past Post Commanded – Richard Tardy- Present

## **Roll Call of Officers**

Commander – Nathaniel Bass - Present  
Sr. Vice Commander – Paul Hermance – Present  
Jr. Vice Commander – Mike Sakalarios – Present  
Quartermaster –Faith Wylie - Present  
Adjutant – Anthony Carroll – Present  
Judge Advocate – Howard Prince - Present  
Chaplin –Jerry Hunter - Present  
Surgeon – Robert Hall – Present  
3 Year Trustee – Richard Mullen – Present  
2 Year Trustee – Scott Allison - Excused  
1 Year Trustee – William Jacobson - Excused  
Officer of the Day- Richard Mullen -

**New Membership** -- Read \_\_ 2\_\_ New Membership and \_\_ 1\_\_ Transfers New Applications.  
Motion by Comrade Mullen, Seconded by Comrade Cline the Commander called to vote these members in, vote called motion carried. Cross of the Malta to be presented.  
New Members/ Transfers: Are attached to the back of this report.

**Adjutant** – Read the minutes, one correction, no additions, or deletions; corrected minutes stand as read.

**Quartermaster Report** – Read the Report, Report ending 31 September accepted as read, pending audit. Posted and on file.

**Comrades in Distress** – Chaplin Hunter Bill Jacobson recently underwent eye surgery.

**Buddy Poppy** – No Report

**Service Officer Report** – Comrade Bass reported assisting \_\_ 41 \_\_ veterans in house and made \_\_ 0 \_\_ in assisted living, \_\_ 0 \_\_ in hospital and in \_\_ 2 \_\_ home visits for the month of September. 1 Santa Rosa County and has been cleared for Escambia County and the Federal Prison for DBQ from the Service Officer.

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**House Committee Report** – Read, one correction, no addition or deletions. Corrected report stands as read.

**Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen-** - No Report

**Canteen Report** – Comrade Gergel reminded members that the new poker chips, extended hours, and all other changes begin 1 November and that he has hired a band for Friday nights.

**Blood Bank** – \_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_ pints donated by \_\_\_ Note: This report currently requires a chairman.

**Membership Report** – The Commander reported membership as \_\_\_ 503 \_\_\_ currently, \_\_\_ 462 \_\_\_ Life Members, \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ New or reinstated, \_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_ continual membership: Last year's membership number: \_\_\_ 540 \_\_\_\_\_. Currently the Post is at \_\_\_ 93.14 \_\_\_ %.

**Food Drive** – Same as Joint Session

**Prayer For The Children** - Chaplain Hunter led the Prayer for the Children. Collected \$ \_\_\_ 27.00 for the National Home for the Children.

**Americanism** – No Report

**Unfinished Business** – Commander Bass shared updated information concerning the new sign, and that we need a lift to finish the wiring,  
AED  
Paint For the Building.

**New Business** –

Comrade Mike Sakalarios motion for special drink prices Tuesdays and Fridays from 1400-2230hrs, seconded by Comrade Mike Cline, no discussion, vote called motion carried.

Comrade Ken Guiles Motion for prizes for costume contest for the Halloween party, seconded Comrade Greg Knicks, no discussion, vote called motion carried.

Comrade Mike Cline motion to purchase an AED for the Post, seconded by Comrade Mike Gergel, discussion: what is the cost, suggested capping the price at \$1800.00 and the motion was amended, end discussion, vote called motion carried.

Comrade Howard Prince motion to purchase a commercial first aid kit for the Post, seconded by Comrade Greg Knicks, discussion: what is the difference between a regular first aid kit and a commercial first aid kit, Comrade Mike Cline explain the difference, end of discussion, vote called motion carried.

Comrade Mike Gergel motion to hire a band on a 60 day trial period at a cost of \$100.00 and 12 beers seconded by Comrade Richard Tardy, discussion: will this be advertised, answer yes, end of discussion, vote called motion carried.

Richard Mullen motion the Post provides \$400.00 to support the Thanksgiving Dinner, no discussion, vote called motion carried.

Comrade Greg Knicks motion \$ 500.00 for the sign modem, seconded by Comrade Ken Guiles, discussion Comrade Guiles stated that if the Post provided him with the specs of the device he would cover the cost, no vote required.

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Comrade David Marshall motion for \$ 400.00 to offset the personal out of pocket expense of mandatory member participation for the Fall Council of Administration Meeting, Seconded by Comrade Mike Cline, discussion: Comrade Richard Mullen shared that in the past all cost were covered by the Post upon proof of cost by receipts, end of discussion, vote called motion carried.

## **Good of the Order** –

Commander Bass shared the new online Star Card that can be used on line through the Exchange.com website.

Comrade Richard Mullen shared that Veterans cannot purchase uniform item from the Corry Station Thrift Store and is has a typed letter asking to correct this issue and asked if the Post would help fixing this issue, Commander Bass ask him to send a copy to the Adjutant.

Comrade Bob Hall shared there would be a Retiree Commencement 21 OCT from 0900-1200hrs.

**Closing Prayer** – Chaplain Hunter gave the closing prayer.

Post meeting was closed at \_\_ 2007hrs\_. Next meeting Scheduled at 1830, 15 November 2017.

Anthony Carroll  
ADJUTANT