



Ft Sherman Chapter # 9 Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

FORT SHERMAN CHAPTER 9 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 27 AUGUST, 2019

Legislative:

5-28-19	69 Letters	Chapter 9	Blue Water Navy HR299/S1196
8-27-19	47 Letters	Chapter 9	Idaho Property Tax Red for 100% TDIU
116 Letters for FY20			
5-28-19	36 Letters	Unit 9	Blue Water Navy HR299/S1195
8-27-19	42 Letters	Unit 9	Idaho Property Tax Red for 100% TDIU
78 Letters for FY 20			

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PDC Arnie Howe and Aux. PDC Sandy Doutre treated the Chapter and Auxiliary to pizza from 5 PM to 6 PM, with beverages, etc., provided by Auxiliary Commander Marilyn Hunt.

Bill Brooks, a member of the DAV joined us for pizza. Bill transferred his membership into the Chapter and then gave a short account of his military service, disability and family. Welcome Aboard.

Barb Nelson brought up the POW/MIA Dinner at Christ the King Lutheran Church in CDA on September 20. Arrive at 5:30 – ceremony begins at 6:00 PM with no admittance during the ceremony. Tickets must be purchased in advance. See Barb Nelson

Barb Nelson is selling tickets to the Honor Flight Dinner on October 5th. Next Honor Flight is October 7/8. See Barb Nelson

On 30 August, a veteran who was the sole survivor of his group of 8 soldiers will cross the Idaho-Washington State Line in a motorcade, escorted by veterans on motorcycles. They will head north of 95. They will enter the state at 11AM. A turnout is requested. It is suggested that the turnout take place from Appleway to Lancaster on Hiway 95.

Jan Almeida presented the Chapter with 2ND Place Ribbon for the Most Patriotic Entry and the Rats of Dugout 637 with a 3rd place Ribbon for the most unusual patriotic entry at the Bayview 4TH of July Parade. DAV 9 Parade entry in Athol Daze also one a trophy.

Senior Vice Commander Imle laid out the plan for the upcoming Forget Me Not drive in early September. A sign up list was sent around and it will be made available on e mail. Lew Allert volunteered to assist in the distribution and collection of the Forget Me Nots, money, tables, signs, etc. There are seven possible days and each member is requested to plan on signing up for at least three days.

1800 Opening Ceremonies for the 953rd Regular Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chapter Senior Vice Commander Bob Imle
Opening Ceremony Conducted

Roll Call of Officers;

Commander	Fred Margiotta	Family Wedding in St. Louis
Sr. Vice Commander	Bob Imle	Present
1 st Junior Vice Commander	Eric Driscoll	Present
2 ND Junior Vice Commander	Joe Bordelon	Absent
3 rd Junior Vice Commander	Brent King	Absent
Chaplain	Arnie Howe	Present
Treasurer	Tom Swindle	Present
Officer of the Day	Lew Allert	Present
Sgt. At Arms	Seth Cole	Absent
JAG	Ralph Shrigley	Present
Service Officer	Suzanne Sestak	Absent
Gunnery Officer/Field Marshal	Charles Till	Hospital
Energizer Bunny	Lew Allert	Present
Webmaster	Charles Till	Hospital
Dental Office	Brett Matteson	Absent
Sports Officer	Don Waddell	Absent
Fish and Game Officer	Dave Overman	Present
Spokane VAMC/CDA CBOC	Dennis Sinning	Present
Gopher	Don Frank	Present
Social Media	Bryan Bledsoe	Present
Adjutant	Greg Bacon	Excused

Quorum of Officers and members met.

**Motion made and passed to accept the chapter minutes for May 28th, 2019 as written.
Karlstrand/Shrigley**

Motion made and passed to accept the August 27th, 2019 Treasurer's Report as written. Howe/Crosby

\$20,300.29	Checking account balance 8-27-19
\$ 1,739.92	Christmas fund remaining
\$1,8571.08	Van Fund
\$ 200.77	Commander's Discretionary Fund
\$ 200.75	Chaplain's Discretionary Fund

Arnie Reports that it is too late to donate to Golden Corral Kid's Corral Camp and that the \$500 could be returned to the general fund.

Motion made and passed for PDC Howe and Treasurer Tom Swindle to research the pro's, con's, cost and feasibility of Chapter Funds being maintained in a money market account with a report due next regular Chapter meeting. Karlstrand/Bledsoe

NEW MEMBERS: County Commissioner Bill Brooks is transferring his membership into this Chapter. Mike Lee, USN Retired SeaBee Chief, 90%, from Post Falls filled out his membership application. David Mandell, AL Post 14 Commander in CDA, filled out his membership and joined the Chapter. Walter Wright, 100%, Army Air Force and Air Force, from Post Falls is transferring his membership into the Chapter. Welcome aboard and we are delighted to have you

Binnacle List – Naval list of the sick, lame, lazy and dead

Field Marshal Till Burning the candle at two ends

Communications:

The DAV National Membership Directors notified us that on January 1, 2020 all life membership in the DAV, regardless of the applicants age will cost \$300. All those over 80 years of age remain at no cost.

Adjutant read commendation given to Courtney Durham, at the CDA CBOC, by the Chapter. She also received a plaque.

Sarah Emert noted that she had the requisite three consecutive meetings. Her hat size in a man's fore and aft cap is 7 ½ which is what size she desires.

Motion made and passed to send \$250 to the Boise VAMC, Voluntary Service, (Account #1002), 500 Fort Street, Boise, Idaho, 83702 for use in the Lava Lake Epic Ride. Hunt/Bledsoe

All Idaho DAV Chapters had been requested to donate \$250 to this Lava Lake Injured Veteran Equine Program. It is a week at clinic that includes: riding, tacking, horse care, social engagement, and exploring Idaho's back country. They will do this at a ranch near Lava Lake for a week and in the second week have the opportunity to complete a near 200 mile ride between Craters of the Moon and Stanley, Idaho.

Adjutant passed around 50 state listing of LVAP Hours and volunteers and HSC hours, miles and passengers.

Bryan Bledsoe, Social Media Officer gave a short blurb on the VA Video Contact program.

Motion made and passed to spend up to \$150 on fried chicken, potato salad and one cookie each for the Cowboy Shooting trip August 31, 2019. Hunt/Sinning

Commanders Guidance: Support the Forget Me Not Drive when it starts..

Training Officer: Overview of the absolutely proper way to present a main motion. The use of so move is not found in Robert's Rules of Order and is specifically condemned by such groups as

the California Association of Parliamentarians, Michigan State School Government and Dan Gookin's Guide to Robert's Rules of Order for idiots.

Unfinished Business and committee reports:

NIC Picnic gave Chapter representatives opportunity to meet counterparts.

Center Target Sports was well attended and supported. Chapter members did a day of service work and recruiting along with selling many Home Defense Raffle tickets.

The raffle is drawing to a close with 3,492 tickets sold and \$11,066.46 in profit and \$15,485.46 in income and \$4,419.40 in expenses. It is possible to finish off with only a few more days in front of stores and do the distribution a month early at the next meeting.'

Chapter Recess from 1930-1945

Jim Karlstrand won the 50/50 raffle of \$27.50 which he donated back. The Chapter will only need to write a check for \$46 to equal the \$100 we send to state DAV.

New Business:

Motion made and passed for Field Marshal Till to research and purchase six portable tables, along with coverings, pvc piping and any other necessary accessories. Hunt/Overman

The tables are used multiple times each year for forget me nots, raffle ticket selling, outreach events etc.

Motion made and passed for Field Marshal Till to research, design and purchase 5,000 business cards for the Chapter and out Website. Karlstrand/Stamper

Our present supply of DAV9.COM cards are nearly depleted and with some minor changes and tweaking we can have a supply on hand for outreach during our forget me not drive.

Motion made and passed for Field Marshal Till to research and purchase a pop-up tent of professional quality for the Chapter to use for selling, outreach, and forget me nots. Hunt/Strom

Motion made and failed to have the Chapter Voucher Log and Income Log published on the website. Hunt/Broadhead

Motion made and passed to have the Chapter Voucher Log and Income Log sent quarterly by e-mail to all Chapter members. Hunt/Crosby

Members discussed the new Mission Act – the general consensus is that there are many teething problems with the getting the act requirements into position and functioning smoothly. For the individual members the best advice is not to assume that all is well. Be proactive and insistent with the VA to ensure that you are not accidentally incurring medical costs.

Chapter should gather statements and facts and send them to State and National DAV, along with Senator Crapo.

PDC Hunt will draft a letter of thanks to the Dan Kleckner Golf Classic thanking them for the donations to the VAMC Transportation program and the DAV Van program. A plaque will likewise be prepared

Ralph Shrigley congratulated the Senior Vice Commander on getting married to Karen Johnson three weeks ago. All applauded.

Mike Kostur asked everyone to save pop can tabs for him for a month for a friend in Boise using them for medical care.

Eric Driscoll thanked the Chapter for the outpouring of cards to him and his family during his wife's ongoing serious health issues.

Motion made and failed to establish a saving account or line items in the Chapter finances for eventual donations in support of the State Veterans Home now about to be built in Post Falls. Karlstrand/Hunt

There is a great deal of mis-information, lack of information regarding the formation of a 501 C 3 non profit in support of the new home. While Chapter 9 recognizes that of all the VSO's, the DAV is the premier organization with an interest in disabled veterans. Support of the home will become one of our major missions. We will learn more in the future.

Closing ceremonies

Motion to adjourn. Howe/kOSTUR

Adjourned at 2025

Acting Adjutant
Robert B. Hunt
PDC

Chapter caps needed:
CRYSTAL JOHNSON 7 ¼
CHRIS BONNER 7 3/8

SAM SOTETO 7 3/8
ERIC DRISCOLL 7 1/8