

FORT SHERMAN CHAPTER 9 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 29 OCTOBER, 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
9-24-19	42 Letters	Chapter 9	SBP/DIC Offset
10-21-19	20 Letters	Chapter 9	Idaho Property Tax Red for 100% TDIU (Obtained at AL143 meeting 10-21-19)
10-27-19	82 Letters	Chapter 9	Idaho Property Tax Red for 100% TDIU
	<u>260 Letters for FY20</u>		

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
9-24-19	31 Letters	Unit 9	SBP/DIC Offset
10-29-19	24 Letters	Unit 9	Idaho Property Tax Red for 100% TDIU
	<u>132 Letters for FY 20</u>		

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1800 - Joint Meeting of Chapter and Auxiliary.

Chris Murphy gave a short presentation on Humana

Unit 9 provided cakes and liquid refreshment as the Chapter and Unit celebrated the 50th birthday of Sherry Overman and the 50th anniversary of Charlie and Carol Till

Eric Driscoll was commended and inducted into the Order of Minions as Knight of the Golden Cross for selling Chapter Raffle Tickets.

Ray Almeida was commended and inducted into the Order of the Minions as Knight of the Golden Cross for selling Chapter Raffle Tickets.

Jan Almeida was commended and inducted into the Order of the Minions as Grand Dame of the Maltese Golden Cross for selling Chapter Raffle Tickets.

All three inductees are entitle to sit above the salt.

The following Chapter members were mentioned in Dispatches for selling Raffle Tickets:

Field Marshal Charles Till

Ralph Shrigley

Tom Swindle

Margaret and Al Orgram

Dave Overman

Don Frank

Marilyn Hunt

1930 Opening Ceremonies for the 955th Regular Chapter Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chapter Commander Fred Margiotta

Opening Ceremony Conducted

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander		Fred Margiotta	Present
Sr. Vice	Commander	Bob Imle	Present

1 st Junior Vice Commander	Eric Driscoll	Present
2 ND Junior Vice Commander	Joe Bordelon	Present
3 rd Junior Vice Commander	Brent King	Present
Chaplain	Arnie Howe	Present
Treasurer	Tom Swindle	Present
Officer of the Day	Lew Allert	Present
Sgt. At Arms	Seth Cole	Absent
JAG	Ralph Shrigley	Sailing in Caribbean
Service Officer	Suzanne Sestak	Absent
Gunnery Officer/Field Marshal	Charles Till	Present
Energizer Bunny	Lew Allert	Present
Webmaster	Charles Till	Present
Dental Office	Brett Matteson	Present
Sports Officer	Don Waddell	Present
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	Absent*

*Adjutant Greg Bacon is state adjutant, chapter adjutant, chapter service office and state service officer. He discussed this with Chapter Commander and felt he had too much to do and resigned .

Commander temporarily appointed Robert Hunt as Chapter adjutant. Hunt has previously served as Chapter Commander and State Commander. He was the previous Chapter Adjutant for many years.

Quorum of Officers and members met.

No Chapter Minutes for September 24th have been written.

Motion made and passed to accept the October 29th, 2019 Treasurer's Report as written. Imle/Frank

Checking Account - Cash

\$31,495.28 Checking account balance 10-29-19

Dedicated Savings Accounts

\$ 1,740.58 Christmas fund remaining

\$ 18,577.87 Van Fund

\$ 200.77 Commander's Discretionary Fund

\$ 200.83 Chaplain's Discretionary Fund

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

Merle Black, USAF, 0-4, 80% Neck, Shoulders, Oklahoma, Hickham

Mike Setti, Army, 24 years, 60% Sleep Apnea,

Ed Petersen, Army, Chef. Baker, combat engineers, civilian underground utilities.

Steven Guzauskers, USN, 0-5

Lauryn Morris

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

Field Marshal Till Slated for Aortic Heart Valve Repair in November

Jeff Broadhead Sick

Doug Stewart Falls, carrier, body condition.	Past Department Commander from Yellowstone 6 in Idaho a Navy veteran who lost one leg on the deck of an aircraft was in a serious motorcycle accident with many broken parts on the opposite side of his missing legs. Serious Will be going to a rehab facility.
Kirk Kindley of	Went to KMC Emergency - we think he was trying to get out
Sarah Emert	Doing dishes because they sent him in just a few hours Going in for serious shoulder surgery in a few days.

Communications: None

Commanders Guidance: None

Training Officer: None

Unfinished Business and committee reports:

The two following motions were made to ensure spending authority was in the minutes as they were in the missing minutes.

Motion made and passed to set aside \$5,000.00 for the Christmas Project to be spent on sending families to Triple Play. Hunt/Frank

Motion made and passed to set aside \$2,000.00 for the Christmas Fund to be spent by the Chapter on families in dire need. Hunt/Kindley.

The following funds are for the Chapter Christmas Project which will be Chaired by Cassandra Rzepa. Lew Allert, Bob Hunt and Charles Till and the Auxiliary Commander will compromise the Chapter Christmas Committee.

Motion made and passed to add the \$1,000.00 donation from the Northwest Golfers for Warriors to the Chapter Christmas Project. Hunt/Overman.

Motion made and passed to set aside \$8,000.00 for the Christmas Project. Till/Johnson

Motion made and passed to set aside the \$1,740.58 left in last years Christmas Project to be spent in this year's Christmas Project. Hunt/Overman

The Christmas project has three basic parts.

\$5,000 dollars is set aside under the Christmas Project for the purpose of sending up to 35 families and 100 children, as a family, on dates of their choosing, for an all-expense paid day, with food and drinks provided also. Past experience has shown that depending on the number of families who sign up and the current cost, we can expect to have some money left over. It is intended that the left over money can be added to the fund for buying presents, food, candy, etc.

The \$2,000 fund is for families and veterans that the Chapter finds needing assistance that may or may not include Christmas presents. We have done everything from fixing roofs, replacing heating systems, replacing washers and dryers, etc. This fund is administered by the Chapter Commander with advice from Charles Till, Bob Hunt and anyone else who discovers a need.

At the moment the Christmas Project with Lew Allert and Cassandra Rezpa as the primary points of contact, with Charles Till and Bob Hunt in support have the following amount of money to spend.

\$8,000	Authorized in Chapter vote.
\$1,000	Authorized in Chapter vote to spend Northwest Golfers for Warriors Donation
\$1,740.58	Authorized in Chapter vote to spend last year's left over Christmas Project funds
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\$10,740.58	Authorized to spend on presents, wrapping material, tape, labels, candy, nuts
	Food, gingerbread houses, gift cards to veterans and their families.

As of this date, if the expenditures go above this amount, there is no money and no authorization to spend above this amount. Amounts over \$10,740.58 cents will not be

Reimbursed unless authorized in writing by Robert Hunt. Receipts must be provided. Without receipts there can be no reimbursements.

needs and
Desires and then buy individually.-The wrapping of the presents, Chili
Feed and
Delivery of the presents will be as now planned on 21 December at the National Guard Armory on Seltice Way in Post Falls.

\$1,500
age of
The Chapter Auxiliary Unit 9 will fund up to \$100 per child under the
Three. All purchases must have receipts to be reimbursed. This fund is Under the sole control of the Unit Auxiliary Commander.

Member John Burke informed Chapter of a young Afghan-Iraqi veteran Marshal Travis Young who is living on \$550 social security, and \$250 in VA disability and housing assistance from Washington State. His military dog that he had in the war zone recently died of cancer. He owes the veterinarian over \$1,800 in bills for trying to keep the dog alive.

Motion made and passed to pay up to half of the vet bill (\$909.04) River City Animal Hospital Bledsoe/Kindley

The Chapter will hold off on paying the bill until the Adjutant contacts the veteran and the doctor. He will see if there is a chance that there is a story here that the paper could print and we might be able to take in donations that paid for the bill and assisted the vet at the same time. Apparently Dan Kleckner, TV Channel 6 in Spokane has done a special on the soldier and the dog in the past. Bryan Bledsoe may have some other media available...although the time frame is very tight.

Dave Mandel had a list of schools needing veterans to show up for school veterans day activities. He made the point that we need to support the youngsters.

Arnie Howe passed around the Golden Corral sign-up sheet. He needs help and can't do it all himself. November 11th is the last day and the free meal. The whole Chapter is needed there that day to help with the crowd.

Arnie Howe passed around the Convention ads samples and even though the convention is in the spring it requires a long time frame planning effort.

Lew Allert said the Toys for Tot Program is being run by National Level Toys for Tots, but still can use help.

Rathdrum will have a full day of Veterans Recognition Program at the High School on 9 November. Our own Charles Till will be honored as the 2019 Distinguished Veteran at 11 am. Lunch will be served.

Veterans Day on Monday the 11th will see Jerene Kindly presenting at least at America Legion Post 143 in Post Falls and this will take place at 1400. The Post will have open house all day.

CBOC Liaison Dennis Sinning has invited CDA CBOC Nurse Manager Brenda Baker for a presentation on her facility and a question and answer session at our next meeting.

A spirited discussion of the many difficulties members have encountered with the Mission Act.

The Commander appointed Dennis Sinning to collect three or four factual stories and boil them down to facts without emotion. The adjutant will then work up a letter to our Congressional Delegation with concrete examples of what the problems are in Idaho.

One member summed it up: Big VA told Little VA (local medical centers) to implement the Mission act, but did not provide the funding or personnel.

Dave Overman, our Chef in Residence, said the big barbecue for FAFB is set for July 18th. Last year it cost \$3,400 and we had donated to it.

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Margaret Ogram and her winnings were \$31.50. She donated it back to the Chapter so the Chapter will add \$37 to the \$63 in the raffle and send it to State DAV.

Closing ceremonies

Motion to adjourn. Howe/Everybody/Hunt

Adjourned at 2100

Adjutant

Robert B. Hunt - PDC

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MEMBER	10-29-19	11-24-19	1-28-20	2-25-20	3-31-20	4-20-20	5-26-20
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Bledsoe							
Burke							
Frank							
Driscoll							
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Hunt, R.							
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