

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Minutes of the General Membership
Meeting of August 3, 2015

Commander Peter MacLeod called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander MacLeod – Present	Surgeon Ewell - Present
SVC Ron Link – Present	Chaplain J Chase - Present
JVC Steve Meade – Excused	Historian P Chase - Present
QM Rick Raskin – Present	OD Punihaole - Present
Adjutant Paul Chase – Present	Trustee #1 Phillipone - Present
SO Steve Botello – Excused	Trustee #2 Bursey - Present
Advocate Meade – Excused	Trustee #3 Moore – Present

11 Officers present, 3 excused, 18 members present.

After opening ceremonies Commander MacLeod suspended the meeting to hear a presentation by Barbara Diehl concerning the “Wills for Vets” program of the Prince William County Bar Association scheduled to be held at the Post on Sept. 19. After her presentation the meeting was called to order again.

Draping the Charter: OD Punihaole draped the Charter in memory of Comrade Ken Lion.

Membership Applications: QM Raskin reported there was one new application: John Mark, a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan.

QM Raskin made a motion to accept the application to join Post 7589. SVC Link seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reading of the Minutes:

SVC Link made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 6 General Membership Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Quartermaster’s Report for July, 2015 was presented by QM Raskin:

Balance Fwd: \$11,423.06
Receipts: \$7,453.00
Expenditures: (\$8,414.32)
Final Balance: \$10,461.74

QM Raskin made a motion to accept the Quartermaster’s Report subject to audit by the Trustees. Comrade Ron Knowles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Chase reported there was good attendance at the funeral service for Ken Lion and VFW Prayers were said for him by Post 7589 members at the Pierce Funeral Home on Aug. 1, 2015.

Bingo: QM Raskin reported that Bingo attendance slowed during the month of July which is normal for summer vacation time.

Youth: The next Youth Meeting is set for 1900 Hours on August 18, as the Youth Committee will now be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. The new brochure/applications are in from National and available to hand out to students.

VFW Essay Topics for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Patriot's Pen (Grades 6 – 8) – “What Freedom Means to Me”
Voice of Democracy (Grades 9 – 12) – “My Vision for America.”

Deadline for essays is November 1, 2015

Teacher of the Year Deadline is Feb. 15, 2016

Patriotic Art Deadline is March 31, 2016

MAP: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Motion made by SVC Link to address the motion tabled at the July meeting concerning food for the District 8 meeting at Post 7589 on Aug. 15. Motion is seconded. Discussion followed. A plan for 50 attendees was accepted. A proposal to have attendees contribute money for attending the meeting was rejected by District 8 Commander Ron Link. A motion made by Trustee Wayne Moore for Red, Hot and Blue to provide the meeting meal for \$400.00, the low bid. Motion carried by a show of hands vote, 11 in favor and 5 opposed.

New Business:

Motion was made by Comrade Ron Knowles to provide a \$50.00 donation to SERV in memory of Ken Lion. QM Raskin amended the motion to increase the amount to \$100.00. Amended motion was seconded by Chaplain J. Chase. Motion Carried.

Commander MacLeod reported the Post, for a fee of \$75.00, will have a recruiting table at the Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 3rd. Post members will also give out Trick or Treat bags to children. The Fall Jubilee will be held in downtown Manassas. Set up time is 0800 Hours. Jubilee goes from 1000 Hours to 1700 Hours. Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet is available at the Officer's Table.

Report on the National Convention from QM Raskin and SVC Link: It was overwhelmingly approved at the Convention to delete the word “Ladies” from the Auxiliary effective Aug. 21, 2015. The term “Men’s Auxiliary” will be deleted in the future. These changes will make the VFW “Gender Neutral.”

Chaplain J. Chase made an appeal to discontinue CQ duties by members of the Post (two hour commitments to staff the office and keep the Post open) due to a relative lack of return on the investment of hours made by members who donated their time to the effort. QM Raskin, who initiated the pilot program, directed it be immediately terminated.

Commander MacLeod indicated a note concerning Post Rentals with phone information be posted on the Post back door.

SVC Link made a motion to provide \$250.00 for an ad by the Post in the Veteran’s Day Parade program. Motion was seconded by Chaplain J. Chase. Motion Carried.

Good of the Order:

Commander MacLeod reviewed the VFW Post 7589 Upcoming Events. (Sheet listing upcoming events passed out to membership).

Commander’s Message: Commander MacLeod gave a brief warning about “Texting and Driving” and some statistics showing the number of serious accidents blamed on the practice.

There being no further business, Commander MacLeod adjourned the meeting at 2030 Hours.

Respectfully Submitted by Adjutant Paul Chase.