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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**

These are the minutes from Post 10216 meeting held on Monday, 10 April 2017. There were 28 Post members in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies: The meeting opened at 1843. Chaplain Ernie led us in our opening prayer and Commander Cynthia led the Post in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Distinguished Guests and Past Post 10216 Commanders:

*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**

Visiting to our Post: Past Commander Post 1193, Lawton, Ok **Robert Chatman**

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: Excused
Chaplain Billy Q: Excused
Advocate Jim Yarbough: Present
Adjutants Ernie / Dan: Present/Excused
Service Officer Doc Higgins: Excused
Trustee 1-Year Dan Delaney: Excused
Trustee 2-Year Mark Narkon: Excused
Trustee 3-Year Terrance Smith: Excused
HRC Chairman H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Present
Officer-of-the-Day / Guard: Completed by Jessica Martinez
Community Activities Chairman / Public Relations / MAP Ernie Lee: Present
Youth Activities Doc Higgins: Excused
Cub Scout Council Representative: Vacant
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: Excused
Women in the Military Jessica Martinez: Present
"First Responders" Special Projects Doc Higgins: Excused
VFW Motorcycle Riders Chairman: H. "Mao" Van Hazel: Present
Safety Chairman Jason Schmitz: Present
USO Representative Ernie: Present

Reading of New Members and Induction Ceremony:

Ron read a list of our 34 newest members since the March membership meeting (list unavailable). Ernie made a motion to accept into the VFW, subject to review of the investigating committee; 2nd by JVC Leon. Motion carried. Eight of the new members were present and formally inducted by Commander Cynthia.



Post Meeting Minutes: March 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 Quartermaster Ron. 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 \$22,720.64 in checking and \$811.33 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 Ernie asks all to keep in your thoughts and prayers those members and family members undergoing medical reviews, surgeries, etc.

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

March - 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	973	96	7	65	1141	1178	96.85%	1		SONGTAN-SI, KOREA		29	248	37.90%

April - MemStats (we've added 37 members since our last meeting; still need 38 more for All American)

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

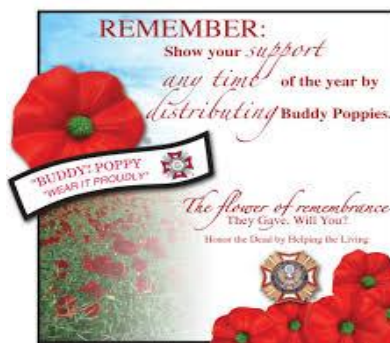
		TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	36	124	199	\$ 402.86
Total Projects = 10			<i>Buy</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Vol</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Total</i>
			<i>Poppies</i>					

March 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: Excused

Buddy Poppy Report / Ron Davis: Fundraiser request approved by 51 FSS for 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	
20 April	USO Lunch on the Go	1100 - 1300	Need volunteers to serve	USO
20 May	Armed Forces Day Parade	1100-1300	Need lots of volunteers	Main Gate, etc
20 May	District 3 Convention	After parade		Post 10216
27 May	Buddy Poppy Drive	1000 - 1400	Need volunteers at all locations	Main Gate / Commissary/USO
11 - 15 June	Department of Pacific Areas Convention	See schedule at DPA website		Subic Bay, PI
5 July	Task Force Smith Memorial	1000-1200	All VFW members invited	Task Force Smith Memorial Suwon

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: Continuing preparations for Armed Forces Day Parade**Hill 180 Ceremony Chairman Ernie:** Closed for this year**Military Assistance Program (MAP) and Adopt-A-Unit / Ernie Lee:** None.**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 Representative:** Vacant**Boy Scouts Representatives / Joel Bickle:** Excused**POW/MIA / Shannon Sutton:** Dates submitted to 51 FW/CC to hold events week of 11 - 15 September. Approved by Wing CC. Planning meeting 14 April 2017.**House Rules Committee Chairman / Van:** No Report**Canteen Report / Van:** Canteen is on a two-month *trend* of profit . . . \$500.00.**Safety Chairman Jason Schmitz:** Yellow dust / micro-fiber sand warning. Information sheets were passed out and available for review.**Women in the Military / Jessica Martinez:** "Women in the military are still good" . . . Jacqueline, Jessica and Commander Cynthia represented the VFW, speaking / recruiting at Women's History Month luncheon at the E-Club 30 Mar. Great event. Will meet with Osan AB Top 3 and 5/6 Club for recruiting events. Jacqueline participated in the 5K Women's Run. You go Jacqueline.

History / Dave Gley: David is working to get our Post history up to date. Adjutant and David reviewed and it looks great. Once complete, it will be reviewed by Post Command Staff, then forwarded to District III Korea Commander for review. Complete report will be forwarded to Department Commander.

VFW Motorcycle Riders by Chairman Van Hazel: NTR

Remembering of our National Home: Chaplain Ernie offered remembrance and prayer for our National Home in accordance with VFW tradition and ceremony.

OLD (CLOSED) BUSINESS: None.

ELECTIONS:

- Nominations were reopened for next VFW year officers (all nominations were accepted by the individuals) and a vote was taken by the membership. Congratulations to the new 2017-2018 VFW Post 10216 Officers.

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 Commander-in-Chief Duffy 25-member membership coin and citation. Way to go JVC Leon!



!!!WOW 25!!!

- **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. Commander Cynthia briefed that we will need approximately \$3-5000.00 for the wood deck project and approximately \$4-5000.00 for projects that we would like to begin work on one or two at a time. More to come about ideas for fund raisers to cover these costs. Owen mentioned to the Commander that his church men's group is ready to help with the projects any way they can. More to come next month.
- Ron Roman: Songtan Hiking Club Saturday's 1000 Morin Gate Joint Korean / American Hikers. Call Ron at 010 2690-5593 to sign up or just show up. Free to participate; transportation included.
- 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). Tickets are available for the Grand prize trip for two to Jeju. Cost of the tickets are \$10.00 each and winner will be announced at the May meeting. Contact Kombae for tickets.
- Jaqueline Johnson informed there will be a Nurse Tech Week 6-12 May. The nurses will host the VFW leadership to the opening ceremony kick-off on 8 May@11:30 in the Garden Court at the Hospital. POC: Capt. Phillip R McFarling, 315-784-2500 or commercial 031-661-2500.
- USO rep Ernie briefed USO Lunch-on-the-Go event 20 April, 1100-1300 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>
- 36 Fighter Squadron Wayne Mowery, briefed the 100th Anniversary of the Fiend 100. See <https://www.thefiendcentennial.com> /or www.Facebook.com/Fiend_100 for further information. This will be one of the most exciting events held on Osan AB this year.

NEW BUSINESS: - Jacqueline Johnson asked for \$175.00 in support of Nurses Tech Week. Motion passed.

Approved

-MSgt Gonzalez [Coach of Varsity Men's Softball Team] asked for \$200.00 in support of team activities.

Motion passed. Approved



Military Order of the Cootie (MOC): The next Cootie scratch is 15 April @ 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 Ernie gave the closing prayer.

- Our next General Membership meeting is 8 May at 1830.

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Dan / Ernie
Post Adjutants

Cynthia Schmitz
Commander