

## General Membership Meeting – May 7, 2025

7:05 pm - Meeting called to order. Posted colors.

Regular meeting suspended

Al Beyer presented the installation of officers.

Roll call of officers. Absent Mike Connole, Jim Votruba, Chuck Vandevender

Reading of the Minutes was waved.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice reported that he is paying all the bills that are coming in and that there has been no large expenditure.

Sick call – The chaplain read the list of names for sick call.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice introduced a visitor/transfer member. Sam Lishchuk. He is transferring from Post 469 and is also the Treasurer for Joe's Vietnam Veterans Organization.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice read the names of those requesting membership. All were approved. It was reported that the post is at 95%, 705 members and 739 is quota.

OIC, Chuck Williams, reported that the Honor Guard will be attending the Avon Lake Police Memorial Day program Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be putting flags out on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Boy Scouts will be in charge of putting up the flags at the larger cemeteries. The Post Honor Guard will handle 3 of the smaller cemeteries. The float will be decorated at the High School bus garage, May 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am. Memorial Day starts at the post at 8:00 am. The Honor Guard will also assist Avient on their Memorial Day celebration for the Veteran employees.

Chuck also reported that it is soon time to form the scholarship review committee. Roughly around mid-June. He needs 3 Veterans and 2 Auxiliary members.

VSO officer reported that they are working on the additional grants. Needs bids from Jim Votruba. They will try for grants for the Roof, pavilion, and garage. We will be finding out about the Door grant in June. The new information rack is in place, and it will be filled with information for the Veterans and their families.

Trustee Ken Karpy on HB 96 988 suicide hotline. The house has lowered the amount of support. Call your senator and house reps.

SB92 100% property tax exemption for 100% disabled Veterans. He requested everyone to call your reps and let them know their opinion.

He also reported on a program offered by the post for Meals for Vets. This program will be paid for out of the Charitable Trust. Any ill or handicapped members of the post are entitled to 2 meals, twice a week. This offer includes Veterans, Auxiliary and SAL members of Post 211 only. Big M at the American Legion will be handling the meal requests.

New Business – Sergeant-at-arms asked what the plans are for Memorial Day at the Post. The Commander announced that after the ceremony at the park, the city will be invited back to a luncheon at the Post.

Good of the order – Nothing additional to report.

Closing ceremony. Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm