

## Bloomington Post 550

### Monday, April 10, 2023, Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Commander Luis Campero.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW/MIA flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guest: Ms. Taylor Kristoffe-Jones, Med, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Outreach Coordinator. Explained that the mission of the organization is to establish and sustain community and corporate support networks for Minnesota's military veterans, service members, and families of all military branches. Contact her at 952-484-4631 for more information.
- Roll call of officers: Finance officer excused.
- Printed copies of the March minutes distributed. Mead moved, Frost seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- 2nd Vice Commander Clarence Bunkholt reported that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. on May 29.
- Chaplain Jim Mead reported 70-year member Lawrence Bergloff, US Army, Korea, and 34-year member Greg Roth, US Army, Vietnam, recently died. A prayer was offered for the deceased.
- Financial Officer Jerry Narragon will provide the finance report during the May meeting.
- Athletics Officer Ron Nenovich provided an update on the coming baseball season.
- Membership Director Paul Hassing reported that membership for 2023 is at 316 or 86.5 percent of the 365 goal.
- Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom provided the Gambling Report for March. The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of \$23,000 the following to be paid in April:
  - Legion Baseball \$8,000
  - Bloomington Remembers Veterans \$5,000
  - Children's H.C. Foundation Autism Care Initiative \$1,000
  - Northwestern Health Sciences University Veterans Club \$ 2,500
  - Muskies, Inc. \$500
  - ETS \$1,000
  - Bloomington Gun Safety \$500
  - Bloomington Jefferson Youth Baseball \$1,000
  - MAUSO \$1,000
  - Majestic Hills Ranch \$500
  - Prospect Series \$1000
  - Closet of Hope \$1,000
- Motion was made by Mead and seconded by Nenovich to approve donations. Motion carried.
- Gun Safety committee has scheduled the 2023 Spring Firearms Safety Course at the VFW 1296 on April 25 and 27 with the Field Day on April 29 the Post 435 range in Elko. The Fall Firearms Safety Course dates are Aug. 15 and 17. Field Day is Aug. 19. Gun Safety Questions Contact: Ken Lundgren 612-812-0854.
- Sons of the American Legion reports 43 paid members.
- New Business: Nominations for Officers for FY 2023-2024
  - Commander, Dan Welch

- 1st Vice Commander, Blaine Beste
- 2nd Vice Commander, Clarence Bunkholt
- Adjutant, Warren Christopherson
- Finance, Jerry Narragan
- Chaplain, Jim Mead
- Sgt.-at-Arms, Mike Mellin
- Prayer offered.
- POW/MIA flag recovered.
- Colors retired.
- Meeting adjourned.
- Adjutant Warren Christopherson