

# Bloomington Post 550

## Monday, March 13, 2023, Minutes

- Meeting called to order by Post Commander Luis Campero.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Guests: Larry Johnson and Jim Finley from Veteran Resilience Project (VRP). Both are Post 550 members, too. Larry discussed EMDR Therapy and how VRP is working to provide therapy for veterans with PTS(D), trauma and other mental health symptoms. For more information contact [info@veteransresilience.org](mailto:info@veteransresilience.org) or call 612-356-2713.
- New Post 550 member Raymond Dutrieville 88-96 USMC veteran was introduced to the membership.
- Roll call of officers: Sergeant-at-arms excused
- Printed copies of the February minutes distributed. Engstrom moved, Mead seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Chaplain's Report, 29-year member Richard B. Schultz, 71-year member Vern Bolduc, and 36-year member William J. Pavlicek recently died. A prayer was offered by Chaplain Mead for the deceased.
- Financial Officer Jerry Narragon gave the Financial Report, Mead moved, Nenovich seconded, and the report was approved.
- Membership Director Paul Hassing reported that membership for 2023 is at 308 or 84 percent of the 365 goal.
- Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom provided the Gambling Report for January and February Report for February.
- The Post 550 Gambling Committee recommended approval of the following to be paid in March:
  - Kennedy High School Show Choir \$10,000
  - Kennedy Softball \$1,500
  - Midwest Special Services \$500
- Motion was made by Mead and seconded by Nenovich at Mar. 13 general membership meeting to make those donations. Motion carried.
- Gun Safety Committee has scheduled the 2023 Spring Firearms Safety Course at the VFW Post 1296 on April 25 and 27 with the Field Day on April 29 at American Legion Post 435 firing range in Elko.  
The Fall Firearms Safety Course dates are Aug. 15 and 17 and Field Day is on Aug. 19. Gun Safety Questions Contact: Ken Lundgren 612-812-0854.
- Sons of the American Legion reports 42 paid members.
- New Business: Hassing motioned to support Legion Riders with Jacket Patches on an as-needed basis. Alman seconded. Motion carried.
- A discussion regarding the many reports and forms received by the post from the district commander including Blood Drives, Community Service, Outstanding Enlisted Person, Firefighter of the Year, and Police Officer of the Year.

- One camp fees for SAL member Jasper Engstrom to attend Legionville Education Center was approved by the membership for \$500.
- Thursday, March 30, is Veterans on the Hill Day at the State Capitol. The bus will depart the VFW 1296 at 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 17 is Flag Retirement Ceremony in the parking lot at VFW Post 1296/American Legion Post 550.
- Prayer was offered.
- POW Flag was Recovered.
- The meeting was adjourned.

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson