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Officers Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2018

- I. President John Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at the Fort Bar in Fort Ripley MN. All officers were present, John Thomas, Jerry Ratcliff, Ron Robbins, Carrie Johnson, Bob Larson and Bob Schule. Others present were Carl Bates.
- II. Ron Robbins submitted his treasures report after they were approved by the other officers.
- III. John presented us with a quick recap of the ceremony – over 900 cars parked at the cemetery, 38 volunteers helped with parking and traffic control. Blair from the Legion Riders reported that all went well and that he would be happy to do it again next year. THANK YOU BLAIR!!! The ceremony went extremely well with all wreaths placed, all presenters doing a fine job, and the volunteers did an excellent job at the ceremony. Appx 4700 wreaths were placed in 24 minutes. We went through 20 gallons of coffee, 15 gallons of cider and 500 cookies. We had no complaints this year but many compliments on the ceremony. Thanks to everyone who helped or donated again this year.
- IV. John purchased 3 double walled thermos's for using at the ceremony and other events.
- V. John reported that the Duluth State Cemetery has started ground breaking on 102acres near Duluth.
- VI. We are planning on doing our bulk mailing in August this year.
- VII. John and Bob Schule discussed the possibility or necessity of upgrading our computer systems to be able to handle our updates and enhancements in the future. This would be some capital expenditures and a meeting will be planned to discuss costs as more details become available. They also presented us with 3 page printout of the details and information regarding the need for upgrading our computer system.

- VIII. New Board members or nominations were discussed and will also be addressed at a future meeting
- IX. Carl Bates was at this meeting and he was nominated by John Thomas to act as our Chaplin. (Shirley Nelson resigned effective November 2017). Motion was made by John and seconded by Bob Larson. Motion passed and Carl Bates will be our new Chaplin.
- X. John provided us with a schedule of his medical appointments this winter. We will keep him and all our Officers in our prayers as several have had medical concerns this winter.
- XI. John reported that the wreaths were removed from the cemetery in record time on January 27th 2018.
- XII. Next Officers meeting will hopefully be in May in St Augusta MN at the St Augusta Legion. They have a great facility and serve lunch everyday Carrie will check with them for availability.
- XIII. Closing Prayer: Our newly elected Chaplin- Carl Bates led us in our closing prayer. Thank you Carl.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Bob Larson and seconded by Bob Larson. Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Johnson

Minutes approved by: _____