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Meeting at the American Legion

January 24, 2024

"Never Again Will One
Generation of Veterans
Abandon Another."

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**Christmas Party
December 7, 2023**

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We finished up 2023 with a well attended Christmas Party at the site of our new home at the Davenport American Legion Hall. We look forward to seeing what 2024 will bring.

VVA 776 Minutes

January 24, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1800 hours on January 24, 2024, by President Steve Satre. Other officers present were Vice President John Lavelle, Treasurer Joe Wesenberg, and Secretary Tom Lemons. Pledge of Allegiance was followed by moment of silence for POW/MIA and those still serving in harm's way across the globe.

Introduction: Introductions were given: Joseph Wesenberg, Paula Wesenberg, Rodney Kjersten, Harold Hansen, Dennis Queal, Bill Churchill, John Lavelle, Steve Satre, and Tom Lemons.

Secretary's Report: Bill Churchill made a motion, seconded by Steve Satre, that the minutes be approved without discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph Wesenberg presented the report and it was filed for audit.

Finance Committee: N/A. Brief discussion about "Corvettes on the River" and whether we should participate this year. Any new ideas for fundraising.

Members Hospitalized or in Distress: Lyle Peterson

Correspondence: John Lavelle stated that we received thank you cards from the VA Hospital, Veterans Outreach, and Cafe on Vine for our support.

Coin Stories: N/A

Membership: N/A

Honor Guard: John Lavelle reported that they did 172 funerals last year. Records for the last seven years show we're up to about 800 funerals and parades, public presentations, everything.

Business Meeting: Wardle donation of \$500. John picked up one scholarship application. Discussion continued on how to get more applications. Scholarship is now \$1000. Greg Paulline has informed us that the Des Moines office would again not be needing their quarterly payment from our group. Discussion also included fundraising ideas.

Hospital Visits: Edwin Hildebrand visited the hospital in December.

PX: N/A

Miscellaneous: John reminded us about the reports that Greg Paulline prepared and submitted for our perusal. Please take the time to review them.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting February 28, 2024

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