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Meeting at The American Legion

April 24, 2024

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

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**A trip down memory Lane.**

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## VVA 776 Meeting

April 24, 2024

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Steve Satre. Officers present are Treasurer Joe Wesenberg and Secretary Tom Lemons. Pledge of Allegiance said and moment of silence for POW/MIA and those still serving in harm's way across the globe.

**Introductions:** Joseph Wesenberg, Paula Wesenberg, Harold Hansen, Darrell Thode, Bill Churchill, Edwin Hildebrand, Steve Satre, Mike DeGeeter, Judith Hildebrand, Thomas Lemons, Shirley Richlen, Leon Dahl and Lyle Peterson (Cell Phone).

**Secretary's Report:** Approved; Motion to accept by Steve Satre and seconded by Harold Hansen.

**Treasurer's Report:** Filed for audit.

**Finance Report:** No report.

**Members hospitalized or in distress:** Lyle Peterson, Greg Paulline, and Robert Behn. Fred Cook passed away at home. David Woods has moved to Florida.

**Correspondence:** 3 donations from Nancy Rawlings in memory of W.K. Junker. A thank you from Humility Homes & Services, (Sisters of Humility). We received a solitation from Bridging the Gap for Birdies for Charity. Bridging the Gap supports the September Standdown. A thank you letter from Scott Pettis for Our \$1000 donation to Veterans Memorial Park. A solitation from Memorial Day Foundation.

**Coin Stories:** Joe Wesenberg was talking with a friend at church who has a group of about 30 people that meet on random Friday nights. This group is composed primarily of veterans and law enforcement. Joe will attend their next meeting at China Inn on Avenue of the Cities.

**Membership:** 218 Members, 23 Associate Members.

**Honor Guard:** Danny Thode and John Lavelle are standing a casket watch for Dennis Laird, who was the captain of the honor guard for Chapter 299. John Lavelle was a founding member of Chapter 299 as well as this organization, The honor guard also has multiple upcoming funerals.

**New Business:** Lola VanDeWalle at the Outreach Center came out and talked to Am Vets about transferring to the new site. A grand opening for the new Center location will be May 18, 2024 at 1 p.m. The new location is 4515 North Fairmount Street, Davenport, Iowa (the old Buchanan School). There will be several speakers,

refreshments and tours of the new building. The National MVA Motorcycle Group will be in Davenport on May 20, 2024. This is a group that supports minority veterans. The hospital visit is tentatively scheduled for May 22 or 23, 2024. There will be a concert in the Veterans Memorial Park on May 25, 2024. A decision was made to spend \$100 on Fred Cook's obituary.

**Fund Raising:** The QCAA Car Show will be May 18-19, 2024. The Vietnam Veterans of America will have a table. Clover sales will be June 14 & 15.

**PX:** It has caps here for \$10 and shirts for \$15. Next Meeting

**Scholarships:** Approved; Motion to accept the two applications received by Bill Churchill, seconded by Steve Satre. They will be presented at or May 22, 2024 at the Golden Corral.

### **Next Meeting**

**May 22, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Golden Corral on Elmore Avenue**

**You need to pay for your own food.**