

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 1994

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 PM. COMMANDER GENE RAMIREZ PRESIDING . THIRTY FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT. ROLL CAL OF OFFICERS- ALL PRESENT EXCEPT RALPH PELLA.

AT THE START, CAOMMANDER RAMIREZ PRESENTED ANDREW PROCOPIO WITH A 50 YEAR CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP CITATION. ANDY IS THE FIRST WW II VETERAN FROM OUR POST TO ACHIEVE THIS HONOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOSPITAL VISITATION-VINNY ZANGARI ATTENDED HIS FIRST MEETING SINCE UNDERGOING HIS BY-PASS OPERATION. HE THANKED MEMBERS FOR THE CARDS, CALLS AND FRUIT BASKET. ANDY PROCOPIO ALSO THANKED THE MEMBERS FOR THE FRUIT BASKET AND APPRECIATED THE CALLS AND CARDS. RICHIE RICHART HEARD THAT JIM THOMA WAS ILL AND MAY HAVE TO GO INTO THE HOSPITAL. DURING THE MEETING, JOHN LOSACCO'S DAUGHTER TOLD US THAT JOHN HAD FALLEN AND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.

MEMBERSHIP-CHARLIE FONTANA REPORTED THAT WE NOW HAVE 255 PAID UP MEMBERS. ONLY ABOUT 5 OR 6 MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET RENEWED. HE SAID HE HAS BEEN FOLLOWING UP ON DELINQUENT MEMBERS AND HAVE FOUND SOME TO BE DECEASED AND OTHERS ILL. THERE IS NOT MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT THIS IF THE FAMILIES DO NOT NOTIFY THE POST.

EDITOR-RICHARD REICHART REPORTED THAT THE PAPER IS READY TO BE MAILED OUT AND THE MEMBERS SHOULD BE GETTING THEIR COPY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

GRAVES REGISTRATION- WILLIE BONELLI REPORTED ON THE HONOR GUARD ACTIVITIES AT THE SERVICE PERFORMED AT THE WAKE OF JOSEPH SPINA.

POST ACTIVITIES- CHARLIE FONTANA GAVE A REPORT ON THE ST.PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE. HE SAID WE HAD A FULL HOUSE AND EVERYTHING WENT WELL. HE THANKED SOME OF THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AT THE DANCE. A PROFIT OF \$240 WAS MADE AND THE FUNDS TURNED IN TO THE POST TREASURER.

HOUSE- WILLIE BONELLI ADVISED THAT THE OIL HEATING UNIT WAS REPLACED WITH A NEW GAS HEATING UNIT AND ALSO A NEW HOT WATER TANK. LEO MILHAM SAID THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER WORK PARTY ON TUESDAY TO INSTALL THE KITCHEN AIR CONDITIONER AND COMPLETE THE PAINTING. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME DOWN TO HELP OUT.

HONOR GUARD- RICHARD RIECHART REPORTED THAT HE BOUGHT TROUSER FOR BILLY CHANG AND HOPES THEY WILL MATCH THE TROUSERS THAT ARE NOW BEING WORN BY THE GUARD. HE SAID THE GUARD COULD USE ADDITIONAL MEN AND PLEASE CONTACT HIM IF INTERESTED. THE POST WILL PROVIDE THE UNIFORMS. HE SAID THE MEMBERS OF THE HONOR GUARD SHOULD BE THANKED FOR THEIR EFFORT OF STANDING GUARD AT THE WAKES FOR CLIFFIE JOHNSON AND JOSEPH SPINA.

OLD BUSINESS-COMMANDER RAMIREZ SAID TICKETS WERE STILL AVAILABE FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUTH BREAKFAST ON APRIL 17. WE CURENTLY HAVE A TABLE OF TEN.

NEW BUSINESS

THE MILITARY BALL WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON FRIDAY, MAY 13, AT CICHON POST. IT WAS AGREED THAT AS IN THE PAST, MEMBERS WOULD BUY THEIR TICKETS AND THE POST WOULD PROVIDE THE REFRESHMENTS. A POST MEETING WILL BE HELD THAT NIGHT FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING THE BALL. MEMBERS GOING TO THE BALL SHOULD ADVISE THE COMMANDER SO THAT HE WILL KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PURCHASE

THE DEPT. CONVENTION IS TO BE HELD IN NIAGRA FALLS ON JULY 20 TO JULY 23, ANYONE PLANNING TO ATTEND SHOULD SEND THEIR NAMES TO JIM SMITH, THE COUNTY ADJUTANT, WITH A \$7 REGISTRATION FEE.

VINNY ZANGARI ADVISED THAT GRADUATIONS WILL SOON BE HERE AND THAT WE SHOULD MOVE ON OBTAINING THE SCHOOL MEDALS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD GIVE OUT SEVEN MEDALS THIS YEAR TO THE SAME SCHOOLS AS WAS DONE THE LAST FEW YEARS. VINNY SAID HE WOULD ASSIST CHAIRMAN TONY CIATOLA.

TEDDY VENTURA MADE SUGGESTION THAT WE TAKE ATTENDANCE AT EACH MEETING AS A RECORD OF THE MEMBERS WHO ATTEND. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SUGGESTION NOT BE IMPLEMENTED.

A NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS AGREED UPON AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ELECTED: CHARLIE FONTANA, SAL FUCHINELLI, RICHIE REICHART, TOMMY SIMMONETTI, TEDDY VENTURA.

GOOD OF LEGION

RICHIE REICHART GAVE A REPORT ON THE ALL VETERANS GROUPS DINNER DANCE TO BE HELD AT THE COLUMBIA LYCEUM ON AUG. 20, 1994. THE PRICE WILL BE \$35 PER PERSON AND WILL INCLUDE A SIT DOWN DINNER, BEER, SODA, WINE AND BILLY FRANCIS'S ORCHESTRA. THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR FOR HARD LIQUOR. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME ALL THE VARIOUS VETERAN'S GROUPS ON STATEN ISLAND WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER AS A UNIFORM GROUP.

MEETING CLOSED IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED COMRADE JOSEPH SPINA.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:40 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
FERDIE SALVATORE
ADJUTANT