

The American Legion  
Ellsworth Meineke Post No. 1983

Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Ellsworth Meineke Post No. 1983 was called to order at 1930 hrs by Commander Cindy Byrd.

Roll call of officers was made, all were present with these exceptions: Mark Kwiakowski and Peter Justin excused and Bruce Plaxton absent.

Guests and Prospective/New Members: Joseph Cooperwood, Army: Thomas Gryzik and Joe Booko.

**Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2019 meeting was made and seconded. Motion approved.

**Installation of Officers**

Commander Cindy Byrd installed Finance Officer Augie Greidanus.

**Finance Officers Report** – Augie Greidanus reported on the Poppy Fund and General Fund balances. Motion to accept the Finance Officers report and held for audit was made and seconded Motion carried.

**Membership** – Sgt-at-Arms Les Montag reported for Sr. VC Mark Kwiakowski that as of 9/13 we are at 55.6% so far this early in the year which is 119 renewed out of 214.

**Committee Reports**

**Sgt-at-Arms** – Les reported: on 9/2, 10 Color Guard members participate in the Septemberfest parade, on 9/8 10 participated at the Flag Rotation and on 9/13 5 presented the colors at the Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony held at the Schaumburg Township Library.

**Service Officer** – no report.

**Unfinished/Old Business** –

Commander Cindy Byrd swore in Finance Officer Augie Greidanus  
Don T. reported that the MS Bike III held on 10/13 had over 1,000 riders and raised over \$1,192,630.

**New Business** - none

**Correspondence**

- Letter and certificate from Roy F Weber, Department Sr. Vice Commander thanking the Posts membership team for achieving our membership goal.
- Letter from Kenneth L. List, Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center thanking the Post for our \$500 donation.
- Notification from Ray Toczek that as of 1/1/2020 you no longer need to go to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs to get your DD214 validated.
- Flyer inviting all to the Chicago Toy Soldier Show on 9/22.
- Flyer from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs listing their Field Offices and summary of assistance offered.
- Invitation to attend a Veterans Day celebration at Meehan Elementary School in Belvidere, IL.
- A Thank You from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for our gift of \$200.
- Folder with inserts highlighting the offerings from the Friends of Fisher House Illinois.

**The Good of the American Legion**

Les showed the First Place trophy the Post's Color Guard received for the Septemberfest Parade.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

John Heavey, Adjutant