

**Commander - Merlin L. (Bud) Evered**  
**Adjutant - Harrison H. Solt III**  
**Chaplain - James G. McKibben III**  
**Officer of the Day - James A. Knowles**  
**Service Officer - William E. Clarke**

Minutes of 13 September 2010 for Post meeting at St. David's Hall, Gales Ferry, CT

The regular meeting was opened at 6:40 PM according to ritual with Commander Evered presiding. A salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were conducted. There were eight members present. There were no visitors.

Adjutant Solt read the minutes of the 14 June 2010 meeting and they were accepted as read.

### **Correspondence**

1. The Adjutant introduced a number of State Adjutant emails and Department distributed flyers. Synopsis attached to these minutes.

The Adjutant reminded all that the correspondence file is available if members want to review these or previous correspondence.

### **Financial Report**

CDR Evered read the monthly financial reports for June, July and August 2010 (period of 1 June 2010 through 31 August 2010). All three financial reports were approved as presented.

Commander Evered introduced the Budget for the period of 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011. After review, the Budget was approved as presented.

### **Comrades in Distress**

Commander Evered reported on the death of Comrade Margaret Hill.

### **Committee Reports**

**VOD & PP.** The VOD & PP awardees to be recognized were invited to the June Post meeting where they were to receive recognition and their awards. For unknown reasons none of the awardees attended the meeting. Commander Evered will investigate and report at the next meeting. The VOD/PP awards/certificates that were to be presented at the June meeting were mailed to the recipients. No further action is planned nor anticipated.

The Commander received a call from a "The Day" reporter who was interested in background for an article on the 2009 VOD/PP winners (Brunner children). The article was going to touch on the fact they were home schooled.

The 2010 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests are in full swing. The schools have all required supplies. Press releases have been issued to area newspapers. Commander Evered, as Contest Chair, has visited the High School and Middle School, meeting with school officials at both schools.

**William Williams Cemetery.** Cemetery Chairman Clarke reported that the cemetery maintenance has progressed as needed. Some more new rails are needed and will be procured, either from growth on site or commercially. The rail and post system still needs to be preserved. Chairman Clarke reports that he has some preservative. Commander Evered reports that he too also has some preservative. Between the two there should be enough preservative to complete the task. A workday will be scheduled in the fall and promulgated separately. All members are asked to support this effort.

The recently surfaced 1860 grave marker will be investigated to determine if any additional markings are present. The cemetery committee will contact local historical society or other anthropology experts for advice and guidance.

**Public Relations.** Chairman Solt presented the Committees September report. Copy attached hereto.

**Fund Raising.** A solicitation campaign to local businesses was conducted. The emphasis of this drive was to replenish the Post Reserve Fund. Letters went out to 23 local businesses. It was noted that if the local business knew an active Post members they were more likely to respond positively. To capitalize on this element during the next campaign, unscheduled at this time, request letters will be signed by all Post Officers. Members are asked to recommend additional businesses to be contacted and to identify those that they frequent/have ties too and would agree to allow their name to be cited in the solicitation letter.

The Commander noted that we are still receiving donations because of the "MissionFish" EBay program.

**New Business.**

No New Business was introduced.

**Good of the Order.**

All were reminded that we would return to the winter meeting schedule with the October meeting. The October meeting will begin at 1:00 PM.

There being no further business the Commander closed the meeting. The meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. H. Solt" followed by a stylized flourish.

H. H. Solt III  
Adjutant