

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 8 March 2010 for meeting at St. David's Hall, Gales Ferry, CT

The regular meeting was opened at 1:07 PM according to ritual with Commander Evered presiding. A salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were conducted. There were seven members present. There were no visitors.

Adjutant Solt read the minutes of the 8 February 2010 meeting and they were accepted as read.

Adjutant Solt reported there was no new correspondence to be read or referred. The Adjutant reminded all that the correspondence log is available if members want to review previous correspondence.

CDR Evered read the monthly financial report for February 2010. The report was accepted as read.

There were no reports of comrades or their family in distress.

CDR Evered reported that membership for 2010 is at 75 members (127.12%). This makes Post 4608 number 1 in the Department for membership increase. The Post has been number one since July 2009. The Commander spoke of discussions he had at the District meeting with District and Department officers regarding membership and meeting attendance. District and State officers report that, regardless of Post size, the current average meeting attendance is eight. [Adjutant Note: Per By-Laws Section 203, meeting quorum requirement is five members.]

Cemetery Chairman Clarke reported that the cemetery has been cleaned up. He further reported that three pieces of fence rail to be replaced. Each rail is about 11' long.

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

The recent Task List mailing soliciting volunteers and input was not effective. No meaningful results were received from this mailing. The list will be simplified and per a recommendation of Comrade Burke, a volunteer column will be added to the list. This will permit an individual to indicate their desire to be the list item Point of Contact or only a volunteer for the item.

VA Undersecretary Duckworth meeting at Preston VFW Post 9452 took place on February 19. Attendees reported she was a good speaker. The Undersecretary's remarks were followed by a question and answer session.

The up-coming fundraiser for the Veteran's Transition Home will be held on Friday March 12 at 6:00 PM at Preston VFW Post 9452. A \$20.00 donation is suggested/requested. However, all are welcome and encouraged to attend, giving what ever they can. The Commander reported that a Study identified that 65% of those who identify themselves as Homeless Veterans in reality never served in the military.

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss, nor New Business, or Good of the Order items to discuss.

At 2:00 PM, the meeting was open to visitors and guests for purposes of Post VOD and PP winner recognition and presentation of awards.

POST 4608 VOD winner Elizabeth Brunner and PP winner Francis Brunner and their parents were present. Both contest winners read their essays to the assemblage. Copies of both essays are attached hereto.

Commander Evered presented monetary awards, mementos and prizes to both contest winners. Presentations, in addition to the monetary prizes, included wearing apparel, United States collector coins, a VFW clock (VOD winner only), and several books. Group pictures followed the awards ceremony.

There being no further business the CDR closed the meeting. The meeting was closed at 2:47 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. H. Solt III", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

H. H. Solt III
Adjutant