

VFW DISTRICT 20 MEETING 30 MAY 2020
VFW POST 9186

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting of Texas VFW District 20 was called to order by District Commander Rolando Webber, on 30 May 2020 at 1000 am.
Salute to the Colors was rendered by Officer of the Day Jose Rodriguez and opening prayer given by District Chaplain Marvin Arnold.**

Distinguished

**Guests: Dick Shawver- State Senior Vice Commander
Sylvia Sanchez- Past State CC, Past D20 CC, National Home
Chairman
John Shipley- State Deputy Inspector, Past D20 CC
Cris Vieyra- Past State Membership Chairman, Past D20 CC
Dan Medrano- Past State Judge Advocate, Past D20 CC
Larry Sanders- Past State COS, Past D20 CC
Carlos Mugica- Past D20 CC
Jose Duran- Past D20 CC
Tony Vasquez- Past D20 CC**

- 2. Roll call of Officers: Commander Present; Senior Vice Commander Present; Junior Vice Commander Present; Chaplain Present; Judge Advocate Present; Surgeon Absent; 1st Year Trustee Present; 2nd Year Trustee Present; 3rd Year Excused; Adjutant Present; Service Officer Present.**

- 3. Roll call of Posts: Total Attendance 67**

Post 76 CC.	Post 7108 CC+7
Post 837 CC+2	Post 8397 CC
Post 1533 CC+3	Post 8541 CC+4
Post 2059 SVC+1	Post 8555 CC+2
Post 4676 CC+1	Post 8936 CC+2
Post 4700 CC+2	Post 9174 CC+7
Post 4815 CC+6	Post 9186 SVC+8
Post 4853 QM	Post 12041 CC+3
Post 6012 CC+1	Post 12171 CC+2
Post 6970 CC+1	

- 4. Reading of Minutes: Minutes of District 20 meeting provided to all District Officers and stand approved as written. Motion by District Chaplain Lee Arnold to accept minutes. 2nd by District Senior Vice Commander William Smith. Motion Carried.**

5. Quartermaster Report by District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado financial reports provided to all district Officers and stand approved as written. Refund has been received for picnic caterer and banquet tables. Books have been audited by District Trustees. Motion by District 20 Chief of Staff Jose Duran to accept Quartermasters report. 2nd by District Senior Vice Commander William Smith. Motion Carried.

6. Committee Reports:

Service Officer Report: District Service Officer Lee Rivas stated that the Army unit deployed to Korea and delayed due to Covid 19 upon returning requiring 14-day quarantine. District 14 Commander Anson Booker has requested assistance for their quarantine in the form of pillows, bath towels and sheets. The collection point is VFW Post 3892, Harker Heights and our POC is VFW 2059 Commander Robert Martinez for delivery of items to VFW Post 3892.

Surgeon Report: District Surgeon No report.

National Home: Past State CC/National Home Chairman Sylvia Sanchez all funding comes from donations. They appreciate all the donations being made.

7. National Home remembrance was conducted by District Chaplain Marvin Arnold.

A moment of silent tribute for the loss of three Past District Commander's that have departed in the past months. They were 1992-3 Comrade Nick Herrera, 1994-5 Comrade Clarence Soignet, 2003-4 Comrade Joe Rivera.

8. Unfinished Business:

District Bingo: District 20 Chief of Staff Jose Duran stated that the bingo paperwork has been submitted to the state due to Covid 19 this review process has been delayed. Once the license is approved and issued it will be provided to the managers of Unit Bingo for our license to be assigned to a bingo hall. We should not expect any funds from unit bingo until late this year or early next year.

Post Election Reports: District Commander Webber stated that Post Election Reports are to be provided to National, Department and a copy to District for the publication of the District Directory.

Post Delegate Fees: District Commander Webber also stated that Post Delegate fees are due to Department.

Membership: District Commander Webber reminded all Posts that June 30 is cut off for membership to qualify for All-American. He also congratulated all Posts at 100% or better. There are other Posts in the District that are close to making 100%.

1533,2059,4676,4700,6970,7108,8541,9186,12041,12171.

9. New Business:

A. Elections: District Commander Webber opened the floor for District Elections stated the post voting strength for the elections as is required of 31 March 2020 by National, Department and District.

Motion to have the District Adjutant cast one unanimous vote for all unopposed candidates at completion of other elections by Past D20 CC John Shipley. Seconded by Past SC Sylvia Sanchez. Motion carried.

Motion to have candidates leave the area and conduct a roll call vote to be tallied by the tally committee by District Adjutant Pat Clark. Seconded by Past D20 CC Cris Vieyra. Motion carried.

District Commander John Shipley appointed a tally committee of District Adjutant Pat Clark/ District 1 Year Trustee Rosie Carranza and 2 Year Trustee Juan Martinez.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Commander:

District SVC Armando Gonzales previously nominated.

Comrade Ralph Alvarado VFW Post 9186 nominated himself. Accepted nomination.

No other nominations District Commander nominations closed.

District SVC Commander Armando Gonzales received the majority of votes and is duly elected.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Senior Vice Commander:

District SVC William Smith previously nominated.

No other nominations District Senior Vice Commander nominations closed.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Junior Vice Commander:

Comrade Joseph Ramon previously nominated.

Comrade Lee Rivas previously nominated.

No other nominations District Junior Vice Commander closed.

Comrade Joseph Ramon received the majority of votes and is duly elected District Junior Vice Commander.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Quartermaster:

District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado previously nominated.

No other nominations District Quartermaster closed.

District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado received the majority of votes and is duly elected District Quartermaster.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Chaplain:

Comrade Marvin Arnold previously nominated.

District SVC William Smith nominated Comrade Steve Rindahl. Comrade Rindahl accepted.

No other nominations District Chaplain closed.

Comrade Steve Rindahl received the majority of votes and is duly elected District Chaplain.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Judge Advocate:

District Judge Advocate Dan Medrano previously nominated:

District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado nominated District Chief of Staff Jose Duran. District Chief of Staff Jose Duran accepted

No other nominations District Judge Advocate closed.

District Judge Advocate Dan Medrano received the majority of votes and duly elected District Judge Advocate.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Surgeon:

Comrade Chris Espinoza previously nominated.

District Chaplain Lee Arnold nominated himself.

No other nominations District Surgeon closed.

Comrade Chris Espinoza received the majority of votes and is duly elected District Surgeon.

DC Webber opened the floor for nominations to District Trustee 3 Year.

Comrade Nathan Zuniga previously nominated.

Comrade John Maines previously nominated

Comrade Thomas Paisano previously nominated

No other nominations District Trustee 3 Year closed.

Comrade Nathan Zuniga received the majority of votes and is duly elected District Trustee 3 Year.

District Adjutant Pat Clark cast one unanimous vote for all the unopposed candidates for District 20. SVC,QM are considered duly elected to the respective positions.

State Senior Vice Commander Dick Shawver conducted the installation of all present District Elected Officers and Appointed Officers in accordance with National By-Laws. Senior Vice Commander Shawver further stated that all officers must within 60 days provide a copy of eligibility to the District Adjutant.

District Commander Armando Gonzales thanked VFW Post 9186 Commander Nathan Zuniga and his staff for our meeting place. DC Gonzales also welcomed all the elected District Officers, Staff and newly elected Post Commanders. DC stated that we need to work together inline with his District Goals of Trust, Unity, Membership. We in District 20 are the best and must continue to support our Veterans, Families, Widows and Orphans. Our unity is our strength. Must unify our differences. We also must unite to attain our goal of membership. We must be open to change and be flexible due to the pandemic of COVID 19.

B. Motion to approve the District 20 Budget as amended made by Past DC John Shipley. Seconded by District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion carried.

10. Good of The Order:

State Senior Vice Commander Dick Shawver always good to be back in District 20 and thanked all for the hospitality he has received during his visit. SVC Shawver presented the themes for Voice of Democracy and

Patriots Pen. Reminded all that the National Convention has been cancelled. The State OTS has a 75% chance it will not be conducted due to COVID 19. State convention has been modified to 19 Jun 2020 and begins at 1000am until approximately 2-3pm. The location of the convention is in Georgetown at Sheraton Inn. State Commanders homecoming is 25-28 Jun 2020 in Bay City, Texas. He also stated that the deadline for reporting the 5 VPRS during the period May-June has been changed to 31 July 2020. VFW National has changed that No Teacher award is required for a post to make All-American. Texas VFW Commander has made the decision that No Teacher award is required for a post to make All-State. The State SOP should be online no later no later than 8 Jun 2020. Provided information on the changes in payments for MAP and amount Buddy Poppy's required to purchase. To earn All American require 5 Buddy Poppy's for each member to be purchased.

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Post 8541: No

Post 8555: No

Post 8936: Post is in need of financial help. Assistance to keep Post afloat.

Post 9174: No

Post 9186: After meeting Post will have snacks and beer available at a discounted price. July 11 BBQ chicken fundraiser. His Post is always available for any Post that wants to do fundraising.

Post 12041: Thanked the District Staff for a good year

Post 12171: No

Closing ceremonies performed by Comrades Henry Lara and District Chaplain Steve Rindahl.

Meeting adjourned at 1300 PM.

**John P.Clark
Adjutant**

**Rolando Webber
Commander**

