

**VFW DISTRICT 20 MEETING 08 MAY 2021
VFW POST 8541**

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting of Texas VFW District 20 was called to order by District Commander Armando Gonzales, on 08 May 2021 at 1000 am. Salute to the Colors was rendered by Officer of Day Henry Lara and opening prayer given by District Chaplain Steve Rindahl.**

Distinguished

**Guests: Dick Shawver- Texas VFW State Commander
Sylvia Sanchez- Past State CC, Past D20 CC, National Home
Chairman
Robert Martinez- State Chief of Staff, Past D20 CC
John Shipley- State Deputy Inspector, Past D20 CC
Peyton Lumpkin - Past State CC, Past D20 CC
Larry Velasquez- Past State CC, Candidate National JVC
Larry Sanders- Past State COS, Past D20 CC, Candidate State JVC
Dan Medrano- Past State JA, Past D20 CC
Jose Duran- Past D20 CC
Tony Vasquez- Past D20 CC
Rolando Webber- Past D20 CC
Carlos Mujica- Past D20 CC
Larry Levy- D21 CC, Candidate for State JVC
John Foy Day- Candidate for State Chaplain
Ramon Padilla- Post 9186 WWII Veteran**

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

- 3. Roll call of Posts: Total Attendance 65**

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

4. **Reading of Minutes: Minutes of District 20 meeting provided to all District Officers and stand approved as written.**
5. **Quartermaster Report by District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado financial reports provided to all district Officers and stand approved as audited.**

6. Committee Reports:

Service Officer Report: District Service Officer Lee Rivas Thanked the District for letting him serve as District Service Officer he would be stepping down.

Surgeon Report: District Surgeon Chris Espinosa stated all should get COVID-19 shots provided by VA.

National Home: Past State CC/National Home Chairman Sylvia Sanchez all funding comes from donations. They appreciate all the donations being made and make them to General Fund.

VOD/PP/TA: Past D20 CC Jose Duran state he would be stepping down and thanked all for the assistance. He also indicated that our District VOD winner placed in 17/18 place at National.

Homeless Vets: Post Commander 1533 Gilbert Uriegas state that he would be stepping down and thanked all.

Webmaster: District Trustee James Bennett stated that he needed all the Post's Election Reports to complete the District Directory.

7. **National Home remembrance was conducted by District Chaplain Steve Rindahl.**

8. Unfinished Business:

Covid 19 restrictions by CDC still apply

3-6 Jun 2021 State Homecoming at Post 2059

Motorcycle Group run beginning at Post 7108 and ending Post 8541

16-19 Jun 2021 VFW State Convention in Durant, OK

Motion to approve \$1500.00 for District Officers to attend Texas VFW State Convention 16-19 Jun 2021, Durant OK by District SVC William Smith. Seconded by Past D20 CC, Post Commander 6970 John Shipley. Motion Carried

9. New Business:

A. Elections: District Commander Gonzales 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 District Chaplain Steve Rindahl. 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.

Motion to have election process to be conducted by Post Delegate Vote by Past D20CC/Post Commander 8397 Cris Vieyra. Seconded by Past D20CC/Post Commander 6970 John Shipley. Motion Carried

District Commander John Shipley appointed a tally committee of District Adjutant Pat Clark/ Post 4853 QM Patty Hearst and District Officer of Day Henry Lara.

DC Gonzales opened the floor for nominations to District Commander:

District SVC William Smith nominated by District Surgeon Chris Espinosa. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Commander nominations closed.

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

District JVC Joe Ramon nominated by Commander Post 6970 John Shipley. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Senior Vice Commander nominations closed.

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

Post Commander 9174 Juan Martinez nominated by Comrade Lenny Layman. He Accepted

Post Commander 9186 Nathan Zuniga nominated by District Judge Advocate Dan Medrano. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Junior Vice Commander closed.

Comrade Nathan Zuniga received the majority of votes and is duly elected District Junior Vice Commander.

DC Gonzales opened the floor for nominations to District Quartermaster:

District Quartermaster Robert Maldonado nominated by Post Commander 6970 John Shipley. He Accepted

No other nominations District Quartermaster closed.

DC Gonzales opened the floor for nominations to District Chaplain:

District Chaplain Steve Rindahl nominated by District Surgeon Chris Espinosa. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Chaplain closed.

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

District Judge Advocate Dan Medrano nominated by Post Commander 9186 Nathan Zuniga. He Accepted.

Past D20 CC/Post Commander 6970 John Shipley nominated by District Trustee Juan Martinez. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Judge Advocate closed.

Past D20CC/Post Commander 6970 John Shipley received the majority of votes and duly elected District Judge Advocate.

DC Gonzales opened the floor for nominations to District Surgeon:

Comrade Chris Espinoza nominated by Comrade Polly Gonzales. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Surgeon closed.

DC Gonzales opened the floor for nominations to District Trustee 2 Year.

Post Commander 7108 John Maines nominated by Past D20CC Jose Duran.

He Accepted.

No other nominations District Trustee 2 Year closed.

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

Post Commander 7108 Juan Martinez nominated by District JVC (Elect) Nathan Zuniga. He Accepted.

No other nominations District Trustee 3 Year closed.

District Adjutant Pat Clark cast one unanimous vote for all the unopposed candidates for District 20. SVC, QM, Chaplain. Surgeon and Trustee 2 and 3 year are considered duly elected to the respective positions.

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

10. Good of The Order:

Post Commander 7108 Juan Martinez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Comrade Ed Baldwin VFW Post 76 for his service to the VFW.

Past D20CC Rolando Webber presented D20CC Gonzales his past District Commander's Pin and Thanked him for this past difficult VFW year.

Past State COS, Past D20CC, Post Commander 12041 Larry Sanders, Candidate for State Junior Vice Commander presented his platform for election.

D21CC Larry Levy, Candidate for State Junior Vice Commander presented his platform for election.

Comrade John Foy Day, Candidate for State Chaplain presented his platform For election.

State COS, Past D20CC, Post Commander Robert Martinez expressed his Thanks for State COS appointment and the hard work District 20 in 2020-21. He will announce his candidacy for State JVC for 2022-23 at State Convention.

Past State CC Larry Velasquez, Candidate for National JVC thanked District 20

for always supporting him in all his endeavors.

State Commander Richard Shawver expressed his thanks for being in District 20. He provided information concerning the upcoming State Council Of Administration vote at the State Homecoming on the redistricting of Districts In the Texas VFW. This vote if approved would mean that District 20 would lose the 4 Posts that are not in Bexar County. Posts 4853,6970,8555 and 12041.

Post 76: No

Post 837: Post Commander Rodriguez announced his candidacy for District 2022-23 JVC.

Post 1533: Mother's Day party tonight.

Post 2059: No

Post 4676: Awarded 50th Anniversary Certificate and National VFW CIC Letter read.

Post 4700: Mother's Day event 5-10

Post 4815: No

Post 4853: Post announced the opening of Vet Owned Thai Racha restaurant.

Post 6012: Taco Plate 15 May 12-4

Post 6970: Thanked all who supported Strawberry Festival

Post 7108: 1st Fri Steak Night, Brisket Burgers night, Turkey Shoot.

Post 8397: No

Post 8541: Lunch today

Post 8555: Thanks for support of Chicken Dinner

Post 8936: Bike Ride in support of Desert Memorial

Post 9174: Post Commander Martinez announced candidacy for District 2022-23 JVC

Post 9186: 15 May Outdoor Rummage sale, 18 May Fundraiser.

Post 12041: Female Vets honored, 4th Jul Hot Dogs before fireworks, Chuck Weimar Video

Post 12171: No

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

Meeting adjourned at 1300 PM.

**John P. Clark
Adjutant**

**Armando Gonzales
Commander**

