

POW/MIA REPORT

APRIL 8TH, 2017

The meeting opened at 11:00 a.m. Members present: 1st Division Derrick Stinson; 2nd Division Lisa Smith; 3rd Division Sam Rice; 4th Division Chella Yeakel; 5th Division Ruthie Welty

There was a discussion about the budget for the 2017 Convention. We have \$470.38 left from our budget last year. We talked to Toni and she is going to find out what our budget for 2017 will be. We will then order our items for the convention.

We need to request a double size booth for convention. We have decided to have the Christmas tree with the ornaments. We have enough bulbs for this year but need to start looking for next year. We might have wooden challenge coins Chella is working on an idea for the convention. We received \$425.00 in donations last year at the convention. There was a motion from Sam and seconded by Chella to send \$250.00 to the National League POW/MIA Families. The remainder of the money will be used to purchase more supplies for this years convention. We need to check and make sure that Tazewell County received a thank you card for their donation last year.

We need to decide what size shirts we need and how many. We decided to order more medium shirts this year. We will still order the hats and the coasters. We will only hand out one shirt per person this year unless they are getting one for a disabled Veteran in their Post. The shirts will be ordered by Sam. The Governor usually stops by our booth we will make sure to give him a shirt and hat.

There was a motion from Sam and seconded by Chella to donate 2 POW/MIA flags to The Department of American Legion.

Sam stated that if we notice in the paper that a POW has been returned to let him know and to also get a copy of the article. We would like to have a POW at our booth this year for the convention.

Ruthie stated that she would like Sam to take over as the Chairman for the POW/MIA committee he did accept. Chella said that she would work with Sam as the Co-Chairman for the committee. The year-end report for the convention book will be done by Ruthie.

If anyone wants a POW/MIA bracelet they can be ordered from the POW/MIA website they are about \$20.00 a piece. We may order some to hand out at the convention.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Thank You for allowing me to serve

Lisa Smith