

POW/MIA Dept

October 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Three present: Chris Schoo, 5th Division; Derrick Stinson, 1 Division; Sam Rice, 3rd Division. Two members excused.

POW/MIA Recognition Day was September 16. Chris attended a ceremony "Operation Home with Honor" in O'Fallon. Sam spoke in East Peoria UAW 974 Union Hall.

We discussed our booth placement at convention. Learned it now costs \$200 to get on the main isle. One of our missions is to keep these issues in public eye.

We discussed emails to Dept. and national by Gene Spano "Gene the Marine" slamming the POW/MIA committees at Dept. and National for not having a report onstage at convention and POW/MIA committee not doing enough. But at National there was a speaker for 20 minutes of POW/MIA issues. He has never been to a convention that we know of. He called Legion Riders "A biker gang." Called a picture of a lady Legion Riders "A biker chick." Called her bandana "A drug hat." Department has blocked his email.

We discussed getting summer baseball caps for convention. Sam will get prices.

Derrick urged us to keep in contact with our congress person to keep updated on any new POW/MIA issues. We were visited by Lomac Payton, Dept. Commander. Lomac told us if we needed anything to let him know.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.