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Monday, August 1, 2022

ATTENDANCE: 14

INVOCATION: Thank you Jerry for leading us in prayer.

GUESTS: not today

HEALTH REPORT: none

JACKPOT DRAWING: Bob Whitmore – congrats Bob!

QUEENS DRAWING: Bruce McCallister drew the Queen of Diamonds WOO HOO!!

NEXT MEETING: August 15, 2022

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Jack Marsh & Stu Whitney – August 15th
News Publishing

UPCOMING MEALS: Surprise?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fair – Old Dominion you can be there at 5:30 not 4:30
- We will have 6 stools for the exit tunnel – keep stools to 1 side- remove from tunnels if evacuation.
- People will be wrist banded
- Need a few more folks Tuesday & Thursday
- International Convention – Melvina – great convention
- Ludene – Melvina standing Ovation for her help there
- Director resigned – David House – had heart attack & COVID after convention – is home and ok

- Tim McVae – Judge Advocate & Web Administrator
- Awards North Central on top –
 - Melvina – Cosmo/year
 - Matt Smith – Community Service
 - Becky Kerr (RC) – Rookie
 - Chris Zion (Rockford) – President of the Year
- President Elect – Dick Gorton
- International President – Randy Wright
- VP Membership – Tim Dawlins
- VP Finance – Keith Shepard
- VP Marketing – Sheila Anderson
- Fair turnout similar to Sioux Falls
- Next International Convention – Norfolk, VA 2023
- Bill Kubat toured Vietnam Memorial Replica and toured ADA park – largest in country. Both very interesting.

BRAGS & FINES: SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Bob

- Bob – Just returned from Hill City. He and his wife celebrated 44th wedding anniversary.
- Darwin – sold last 2 classic cars and does not know what to do with his 6 car garage and only 4 cars.
- Lanny – took 4 yr old granddaughter to her first sprint car race & Arnolds Park on Saturday.
- Lanny – Sunday baptized newest grandson, Mathias Darwin 9 mos
- Rick – Installed a new cam in his Harley and it still runs!

PROGRAM: Bill Hoskins – Civil War Veterans of Minnehaha County

- Got involved 40 years ago
- Visited a cemetery and saw some civil war veterans were buried there. After some research discovered that 347 civil war vets were buried in 18 cemeteries in Minnehaha County.
- They were born in 19 different states & 11 foreign countries
- ¼ of those who served were immigrants
- Aged 14-45 – average age 23
- Majority were Protestant, Methodists
- Civil war 1st draft in history, you could opt out and pay \$300 to have a sub go in your place
- 330 Enlisted and 5 were drafted, some were subs.
- Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Militia & Veteran Reserve Corps all participated in the Civil War.
- Lincoln called for 75,000 men (volunteers) for 90 days to quell the rebellion. That was the most he could call up without an act of Congress and Congress was not in session at the time.
- Most served in infantry
- 13% wounded in service
- 10% of all Union Soldiers captured
- 5.5% from Minnehaha County – POWs
- War ended 1865 but demobilization in 1866
- Only 5 were originally from Sioux Falls, most came to Minnehaha County after the war – they could claim a ¼ section of land live on it for 5 years and make certain updates and then gain title to the property. Your years of service applied toward the residency requirement, so you could settle fairly quickly in Dakota. (Homestead Act).
- Confederate soldiers were exempted from Homestead Act, so only Union soldiers were able to take advantage of the Homestead Act.

Some noted soldiers from Minnehaha County.

- Medal of Honor – Isaac Newton Fry
- Private to Bigadeer General – Edward Bonham
- Sargent to Colonel - Benjamin Franklin Campbell
- Musician Thomas Brown communicated to troops via Bugle or Drums.
- He also founded Brown & Saegner
- Cyrus Fox Musician – put flags in all classrooms in South Dakota
- 15th Wisconsin – all Norwegian soldiers – orders given in Norwegian language
- Pioneer Doctor JL Phillips – 1st land plot in Sioux Falls and Phillips Ave named after him.
- POW John January, buried in Dell Rapids– amputated both feet with his pen knife – Took advantage of the Homestead act and farmed in South Dakota.
- Last veteran of civil war to die William Jones – died 1941
- Privates earned \$13/month