

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON
NOON MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2014

Vice-President Jack Hopkins sitting in for President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Russell Shrader	Ed & Pam Parnell
Jack & Fay Hopkins	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal	Dean Wilson
Jack Kellmann		

Sarah led us in prayer and Jack Kellmann led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests:

Special Guest Speaker – Ted Johnson representing VFW Post 76

March Birthdays:

Bob Hogue – 6th

Minutes:

Sec. Dean Wilson read the March 20, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was voiced by Jack Kellmann. There being no discussion; amendments; comments or corrections and with a second from Bob Hogue, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor:

Humor was provided by Bob Hogue and Jack Hopkins

Fines:

Sgt-At-Arms Bob Hogue collected fines.

Announcements:

There being no important Club or Foundation announcements, Ed Parnell introduced our Special Guest Speaker of the day, longtime friend Ted Johnson Ret. Naval Chief Petty Officer and member of the Retired Navy Chiefs Association. Ted holds two positions with VFW Post 76, that of Chairman of the House Committee and Chairman of Human Resources putting him in charge of all business functions. He spoke on the fact that the Post 76 is the oldest VFW post in Texas and at one time ranked the best post in the country. The main mission of all VFW's is support of veterans who were willing to put their lives on line on foreign soil and their families. This post offers around \$2,000 for scholarships to four (4) Fox Techs High School students each year and the Mendoza Foundation that offers scholarships to students throughout Bexar County.

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Ted related that along with helping veterans with any daily or immediate needs VFWs worldwide will fight for every single governmental benefit a veteran feels is due them for service to our country.

Events at the Post include:

- An annual three day Fiesta Celebration
- Banquets of all types
- VFW Member Appreciation Day – Tuesdays
- Happy Hour – Mon – Thurs 4:00 to 7:00
- Live entertainment Thurs – Sat (**check schedule**)

VFW Post 76 Events information and activity schedules can be found at:

<http://vfwpost76ontheriverwalk.org/news-events>

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary Branch plays an important role in support of all post activity functions along with the Post Honor Guard that travels the entire state of Texas performing their duties at funerals; 21 Gun Salutes; military and civilian parades.

The only requirement for membership to all VFW Posts is that the applicant has to have served in combat on foreign soil.

Although there is a requirement for membership, VFW Post 76 as with all VFW Posts in VFW District 20 is an open post and therefore opened to the public at large.

Complete VFW information can be found at:

vfw.org

Kitty Number:

Ted picked Bob Hogues number for a win of \$10.00

Jack Presented Ted with the clubs Certificate of Appreciation and Fay documented the event with a photo. She then led us in the recital of the creed after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 12:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14