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Date: 8/12/25---1803 hrs.

Present: See Attachment

Officers Present: Pres., 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer

Reading of Last Minutes: "To accept Minutes of: 7/1/25 made by: Charles Brodbar, seconded by: John Morley PASSED: Unanimously

President's Report:

Handed out cards for civilian doctors. He gave a full report on the recent national convention in New Orleans, touching on the high points. VVA has a new president and a new VP. The issue of dissolution was discussed and rejected overwhelmingly. It was also reported that the Undersecretary of the Veterans Administration stated that there will be no decrease in veterans' benefits. Reported that there are still 1565 American servicemen missing in action. The majority of the time spent at the convention revolved around the subject of dissolution. The President also announced that from now on, the board members will meet one-half hour earlier than the rest of the chapter at future monthly meetings.

1st VP Report:

He brought up the topic of finding other ways to raise funds for our chapter in order to aid veterans. He also explained the difference between a 501-C-3 and a 501-C-19 non-profit business entity for our chapter. The following is a brief explanation of the differences.

Difference Between 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) Organizations

501(c)(3) Nonprofit

- Purpose: 501(c)(3) organizations are established for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary purposes, or for preventing cruelty to children or animals. Their goal is to benefit the general public.
- Eligibility: Open to any group serving a broad public interest, provided none of the earnings benefit private individuals.
- Tax Benefits: Donations to 501(c)(3) organizations are tax-deductible for the donor. These organizations are often eligible for a wider range of grants and funding opportunities and are exempt from federal income tax.

- Restrictions: Must avoid significant political lobbying or campaigning. Required to disclose annual filings (like Form 990) to the public.
- Examples: Food banks, museums, animal shelters, educational nonprofits.

501(c)(19) Nonprofit

- Purpose: 501(c)(19) organizations are specifically for veterans—serving past or present members of the US Armed Forces and their families. Their mission focuses on social, recreational, insurance, advocacy, and welfare for veterans and their families.
- Eligibility: Membership must be at least 75% veterans; a minimum of 97.5% must be military personnel, cadets, or their families.
- Tax Benefits: Donations can be tax-deductible, but only if at least 90% of members are war veterans. These organizations are also exempt from federal income tax.
- Restrictions: The benefits and activities are generally limited to the veteran community.
- Examples: Local posts of major veteran organizations (e.g., VFW, American Legion).

2nd VP Report: Stated that he would send information on the effects of nuclear war, as learned from the bombs dropped on Japan. He informed us that on our website, there is a button that allows anyone to donate to the chapter.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$21,931

Receipts: \$23.98

Disbursements: \$1100.10

Ending Balance: \$20855.16

Motion made to accept report by Rich Kirshen, Seconded by Lancelot Irving, Accepted unanimously

Miscellaneous: A motion was made by the treasurer to donate \$100.00 to *Mission POW/MIA*. It was unanimously approved.

Events: Chapter Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month. September 20th, 11 AM-2 PM

Mission United's hero-Fest Veteran Stand Down at Nova Southeastern Univ. Carl DeSants Building.

Information can be found at ssweet@unitedwaybroward.org or missionunitedbroward.org.

Broward Veterans Coalition Annual Resource & Benefits Fair, October 25th, 11AM-3PM. For information contact Ms. Joy Allington at 954-271-4804. See attachments for both events.

Meeting Adjourned: 1930 hrs.