District 12 Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars Meeting of 18 September 2021, 12:00 At Post 6274 Ballwin Joint Session

Commander Rich Sax opened the Meeting in proper Open Fashion. Turned the Podium over to District Auxiliary Debbie Wilson who immediately introduced and turned the Meeting over to Sissy Borel President of the Board of the VFW National Home for Children (Past National President of the VFW Auxiliary).

Sissy Borel then introduced past National Home Board President (Past CiC) Jim Mueller, Sue Alverson Development Director of the National Home, and State VFW National Home Chair Marilynn Archuleta.

Sissy Borel, Alverson, Mueller and Archuleta) gave an in-depth presentation on the National Home Operations and Funding. Explained that though on paper, it looks rich. In practicality, only about 8% of the assets are available as general revenue. The rest is broken down by physical property (Buildings, Land, Equipment) and specific funding as per arrangement in acquiring. One example was by Maryland Heights Post 6211 with their Donation specified to the Missouri Cottage as obligated in Post-Merger Documents that if the Post Closed, the assets from the sale of the Post Home would go there.

They have other specific funding as well from other bequests and projects. It is currently recommended for Missouri Donations that they be made to their General Fund.

They went on to discuss the upcoming National Home Bus Trip and how impactful it has been on some attendees.

They spoke on the Life Membership process and Election Process.

They then played a Video on the VFW National Home for Children and a Video of a Veteran who took a Bus Trip there and how it has changed his life.

Then they fielded many questions which were fully answered.

Here are the pertinent links. Opens only on computer, tablet or smart phone.

Link to VFW National Home Website

Link to National Home Life Membership

Link to National Home Bus Trip Application

Link to National Home Bus Trip Agenda

Link to the VFW National Home on You Tube

This concluded the Joint Session, and the Commander broke for Lunch.

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