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Minutes of the April 6, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

32 Members Present

Chairman Ron Martin opened the meeting at 0930 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for March 2, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Coalition Account remains at \$1104.72

Meetings and Legislative activities:

Several legislative goals for the 2019 were discussed in detail. A handout was provided to all present. This is the initial cut provided for discussion. Issues will be changed, modified, added or deleted prior to publication. Members were requested to bring these any other ideas before their respective organizations before the next meeting so we can proceed with the next revision.

On March 17, Kentucky became the 9th State to pass legislation in support of HBOT for their veteran service members suffering from TBI / PTS. Their Bill, passed the first year it was introduced, contained no funding but authorized veterans to seek treatment.

Jim participated in a tele-conference with 5 doctors from Rutgers Univ. and others who are considering using HBOT to detox drug users with addiction issues. This was an initiative we presented to Indiana's Drug Czar last year who expressed no interest.

Ron and Jim attended the initial planning committee meeting for the development of '19 Republican Legislative Platform. Although each speaker was limited to only 5 minutes, Jim offered 5 ideas which are part of our Growing Indiana's Family Prosperity initiative. It was well received with committee members asking several questions, so we ended up with nearly 12 minutes. Discussions continued after the meeting. More to follow.

Christy, Weir Cook Memorial Project, reported on the construction progress of the full scale replica of Cook's WWI bi-plane. More wood has been received and work is slow but steady.

Upcoming Events: (See website for Flyers and additional details)

April 18 – Ivy Tech Resource Fair, downtown campus

May 4 – ESGR Recognition Banquet for Employers of members of the IN Reserve and Guard.

May 31 to Jun2 – VietNam Memorial Moving Wall, Parade Field on Old Fort Harrison

Next Meeting date: May 4, 2018