

1July2021 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 1July2021 American Legion Post 49 meeting to order at 1905 and conducted the opening ceremony, followed by the order of business.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Judge Advocate Earl Lash, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Leo Flory, Member Josh Gunneson, Member Rudy Rodrigaz, Member Marty Melkar, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Guy Cherry, Member Sean Russell. ■ Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present.

Meeting Minutes 3June2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None Present.

Committee reports

1. Finance:

- Account status for 1July2021 \$100,954.86 plus \$5268.48 BankCD approved subject to audit.
- Separate Vietnam Wall and Raffle accounts closed out and funds moved to Building Fund Account
- Quickbooks latest summary: May2021 \$5,901.29 showed \$9,000 turnaround from April \$3,247 loss.
- SAL current total funds available \$12,605 8June
- Aux current total funds available \$10,700 24 June

2. Adjutant - Membership:

- Membership update: 546 members paid or 95.45%, with a goal of 572. 8 new members added 10June.
- Paperwork for 2 new members will be circulated next month.
- New membership cards scheduled for mailing in 7-10 days.

3. Service Officers. Steve reported working with two (2) new veterans to link them with accredited service officers.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- July Calendar distributed. Aug2021 not available.
- Buffet serving restrictions lifted and service can return to normal
- ATM still not operating and reported to be waiting for processor change.

5. AL Events

- Flag folding tutorial will be scheduled by Steve
- First Friday of month is pizza night
- Paint the tank process steps, cost/timing discussion. Rudy will investigate cost/timing for (primer, finish coat and black trim) paint. Payment for up to \$5,000 for paint approved to allow order to be placed. Jason will investigate “sand blasting” cost/timing alternatives. Painting Howitzer and/or flag poles at same time not discussed.

6. Family Meetings - SAL Events

- Steak dinner Thursdays 5-730P
- Video tape of our next Americanism event being planned for 17/18 Sept at St Basils and Glenn school.
- Golf tournament still being considered.

7. Family Meetings - Aux

- Legion Post beautification – purchased flowers for planters (\$200.00), bed landscaping and flower planter maintenance (3 members work 2 hours each week).
- Poppy sale supported by 6 Auxiliary members raising approximately \$1400, will organize next year
- Cemetery flag placement supported May 10th at Lake View Cemetery, 8 Aux members, 20 hours
- Sunday Breakfast - 1st Sunday of the month and supported May 25th breakfast serving 253 people
- Friday fish fry – Fish fry June 25, 2021, served 69 dinners

Sick call - John Wallett reported to be more mobile and making improvement. dNone noted

Unfinished business

- “War on Terror” meeting room display space
- JATO Rocket display action
- \$1,300 approved for Josh Gunneson to pay archery youth league costs for 5 youth, 5 Veterans. League expected to be scheduled 7,14,21,28 Aug. Cost does not include food/and T-shirts.
- Josh asked for DD214 names of fallen (local, Post 49) veterans to have a plaque donated in their honor.

New Business

- 7Nov AL Quarterly District meeting planned with lunch served by the Aux so don't miss this one.
- Michigan Heroes Museum is located at 1250 Weiss St , Frankenmuth, MI and is the only Michigan museum dedicated to Michigan Heros..

Communication & Donations

- Jim and Susie Pacwa sent a letter of thanks for supporting motorcycle riders at Post 49 legion breakfast.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 5Aug
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 29July
- Department Annual Convention 8-11Jul Sault Ste Marie

Memorial to a departed post member .

- Internment of past Post 49 Commander Mike Kinney at Ft Custer National Military Cemetery. See Facebook

For The Good of The American Legion.

PTSD Awareness Day June 27, Independence Day July 4, National Hire A Veteran Day July 25, Korean War Armistice Day July 27, Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary July 29, Purple Heart Day Aug 7, National Suicide Prevention Month-Sept, Salute to Veterans Aug 20, V-J Day (Victory over Japan) Sept 2, Labor Day Sept 6, Patriot Day Sept 11, Citizenship Day/Constitution Day Sept 17, National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept 17, Air Force (USAF) Birthday Sept 18, Gold Star Mother's Day Sept 26, VFW Day Sept 29, U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday Oct 13, Halloween Oct 31, Marine Corps Day/Birthday Nov 10, Veterans Day Nov 11, Armistice Day Nov 11, Thanksgiving Day Nov 25, U.S. National Guard Birthday Dec 13, National Wreaths Across America Dec 18, Christmas Day Dec 25, Kwanzaa Dec 26–Jan 1, New Year's Eve Dec 31.

Post Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2130.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49