

1 FEB 2024 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

After the Opening ceremony was conducted, Commander John Barkley called the 1FEB 2024 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1904.

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Service Officer Marty Welker, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely, Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim Montgomery, Member Josh Gunnison, member Jason Mayer, member Dan Gomez.

Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present**

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None.

Award Presentation: None.

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 4 JAN 2024 reviewed/**approved** as published on Motion of **Earl Lash**, properly seconded, on voice vote.

Committee reports

1. Finance. Per sean Russell:

- Account status:\$177,580.42 as of 31 Jan 2024
- Quickbooks: \$39,087.97 loss includes \$14,500 Breakfast distribution, \$10,440 for Stonework, \$10,000 CD, \$4,000 donations (Dec 2022 of \$24,895.45 for comparison)
- Dec2023 Stock value \$4,473.50
- Finance Report approved on motion of Josh Gunnison,, properly seconded, on voice vote.
- SAL current total funds available: \$19,907.
- Aux current total funds available: \$30,094.74 + \$6,450.56 CD

2. Adjutant

- Membership status of 26 JAN 2024: 34 new, 43 PUFL, 462 renewals, 1 transfer from state, 540 total of 634 members = 85.17 %. 80% Goal for JAN and 85% Goal for FEB both met. 5 New member applications were circulated. Motion to 1) approve adjutant's report and 2) new members by Earl Lash, properly seconded, and approved by voice vote.

3. Service Officers report

- One homeless veteran off the street and into permanent housing thanks to Susan Schlaact, Commander reported taking one Vet to a medical appointment, shopping and city hall. Steve Hamilton took a Vet to the Bank.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Ice Breakers Sat 3Feb- inside and outside help needed by 1100 Sat
- FEB 2024 Calendar review, March available.

5. AL Events

- 2024 Holidays and Observances shown below for review
- Breakfast Sunday 4Feb
- 1430 10Feb Honor guard salute and memorial luncheon for Army Veteran Carter Fowler at Post 49.
- 8June veterans event proposal by Toni Kennedy with no alcohol service during 10-1400 event.

Exec Com. proposed keeping bar service isolated from rest of event as alternative. On Motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, and on voice vote this event was approved by membership. Toni will confirm the restriction meets her requirements next week.

6.SAL Events Quilt raffle being planned.

7. Aux Events

- Need current periodicals (magazines) for local nursing homes. Drop off prior to mtg.
- Friday fish dinners resume 16Feb.
- Planning quilt raffle.

Old Business

- Proposal to cut down pine tree in front of building to make further space for parking discussion, Earl Lash received one quote for \$525, may obtain 2 other quotes and will insure candidates licensed and insured. Sieg recommended that we contact Miss Digg prior to starting removal.
- Renting Tiki Bar area discussion, required prior to May.

Other/New Business

- Primal Outfitters hosting 24 Feb dinner at Post and requested matching funds from Post. On Motion of Sen Russell, properly seconded, Motion to match funds up to \$600 was approved on voice vote.
- Dave Wiatrowski: Have someone play taps live on bugle every sunset during the summer.
- Donation request from South Haven JYL Baseball/Softball, 300+ players \$300 recommendation for member mtg. discussion, (P.O.Box 862, South Haven, Michigan 49090, southhavenjyl@gmail.com, on motion of Josh Gunnison, properly seconded, was approved on voice vote, but pending appearance by a representative from the league at the next meeting to answer questions.
- Maintenance items: On motion of Mike Andrich and properly seconded, up to \$1,100 in plumbing repairs to move water line inside kitchen area to prevent freezing and, 2) emergency repair of beer cooler in the amount of \$700-\$800 were approved on voice vote.
- Next District 4 meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3rd, Bangor Post 160 (269-427-8808)
- Suggestion by Steve Hamilton to make donation to SH high School to purchase banner to place in HS gym. No vote or approval made pending contacting the school for their approval..

Sick call

Jim Montgomery still not well (later reported he died Feb1). Paul Middleton from SAL also not well. Don Alsbro reported to be at nursing home.

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL) .

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 7 MAR
- Club Operations Com.1530, Exec Com. Mtg 1600 29 FEB

Memorial to a departed post member None.

For The Good of The American Legion.

-Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor, 165 Lodge Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

-AL Department Deadlines for 2024

March 2024

March 1st- Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline

March 2nd -Oratorical State Contest at location the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing

April 2024

April 1st- Teacher of the Year submission deadline

May 2024

May 1st- Boys State Application submission deadline

May 10th- Student Trooper Application submission deadline

May 17th-19th- National Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI

-2024 Holidays and Observances

Feb; Thursday Feb 1 National Freedom Day, Friday Feb 2 Groundhog Day, Saturday Feb 3 Ice Breakers, Wednesday Feb 14 Valentine's Day, Monday Feb 19 Presidents' Day

Mar: Sunday Mar 10 Daylight Saving Time starts, Sunday Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day, Monday March 25 National Medal of Honor Day , Friday Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Saturday Mar 23 AL Post 49 Children's Easter Party, Sunday Mar 31 Easter.

Apr: Tuesday Apr 23 Passover, Thursday Apr 25 Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,

May: Wednesday May 1 First Day of Military Appreciation Month, Sunday May 5 Cinco de Mayo, Monday May 6 National Nurses Day, Tuesday May 7 National Teacher Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 8 Victory in Europe Day, Sunday May 12 Mother's Day, Wednesday May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, Saturday May 18 Armed Forces Day, Wednesday May 22 National Maritime Day, Monday May 27 Memorial Day

Jun: Thursday Jun 6 D-Day, Friday Jun 14 Army Birthday, Friday Jun 14 Flag Day, Sunday Jun 16 Father's Day, Wednesday Jun 19 Juneteenth.

Jul: Thursday Jul 4 Independence Day, Saturday Jul 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day,

Aug: Sunday Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday, Wednesday Aug 7 Purple Heart Day, Operation Injured Soldier Friday Aug 16 1700-1930 Dinner and Saturday Aug 17 12 Noon Salute on S Pier, Monday Aug 19 National Aviation Day

Sep: Monday Sep 2 Labor Day, Sunday Sep 8 National Grandparents Day, Wednesday Sep 11 Patriot Day, Tuesday Sep 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Wednesday Sep 18 Air Force Birthday, Friday Sep 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sunday Sep 29 Gold Star Mother's Day

Oct: Sunday Oct 13 Navy Birthday, Monday Oct 14 Columbus Day, Wednesday Oct 16 Boss's Day, Saturday Oct 26 Post 49 Halloween Children's Party, Thursday Oct 31 Halloween

Nov: Sunday Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends, Sunday Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday, Monday Nov 11 Veterans Day, Sunday Nov 24 Larry Carlson Memorial Dinner, Thursday Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day, Friday Nov 29 Native American Heritage Day

Dec: Saturday Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Friday Dec 13 National Guard Birthday, Saturday Dec 21 National Wreaths Across America, Saturday Dec 14 Post 49 Children's Christmas Party, Wednesday Dec 25 Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 26 Kwanzaa (first day), Tuesday Dec 31 New Year's

On Motion of Earl Lash that we adjourn, properly seconded, we adjourned on a voice vote.

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2033 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Adjutant Bob Dargis,
American Legion Post 49