

## 4Aug2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 4Aug2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1905, conducted the opening ceremony and business meeting.

### Order of Business

**Adjutant: Roll Call: Cmdr. John Barkley, 1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash, 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addressi, Adjutant Bob Dargis, Finance Officer Tom Dryer, Judge Advocate Jason Turner, Sgt. at Arms Art Farmer, Chaplain Larry Girard, Service Officer John McCormack, Service Officer and SAL Commander Steve Hamilton, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Bruce Thatcher, Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Tom Breen, Member Richard Ely, Member Gerald Sommerfeld, Paw Paw Post 68 Member Frank Thompson. Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present**

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 7July2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Frank Thompson from Paw Paw Post 68 introduced himself as a long time Post 68 member and the grand nephew of Edward W Thompson.

### Committee reports

#### **1. Finance: Report summarized below and approved subject to audit.**

- Account status for 4Aug2022 \$155,950.
- Quickbooks: June2022 \$18,122.61 and included \$9,576 Poppy donations
- SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$18,000 after donation payouts to charities/other.
- Aux current total funds available \$19,821
- Finance report approved (subject to audit)

#### **2. Adjutant - Membership:**

- Membership update: paid members 629 vs 572 last year with 107 renewals and 5 new members.
- Paperwork for 5 (five) new members circulated/approved.

#### **3. Service Officers.**

- Both Larry and Steve working directly with Dave Krzycki, Veterans Service Director for Van Buren Co.
- John McCormack unable to attend scheduled Aug 10,11,12 Service Officer training at Higgins Lake and Josh Gunneson offered to take John's place.

#### **4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee**

- Aug/Sep2022 Calendars available in the pocket folder in main lobby but not reviewed in the meeting.
- Tiki Bar didn't have enough customers to remains open Thursday but will continue to be open Friday nights from 1900 to closing.
- Blueberry Festival events approved:
  - Friday,12Aug., Open to Public with DJ 1900 to closing (\$200),
  - Saturday,13Aug., Open to Public kids day 1400-1700 featuring blueberry muffins, ice cream, water balloons and other gladiator sports. We will need several Aux volunteers to referee these games.
  - Sunday will feature "blueberry breakfast" courtesy of SAL.
- Open to public bar dates 12,13, and 29 Aug and 3,10 Sept.
- 31July2022 breakfast supported by Laura, Billy, Valerie, friend of Laura) for 235 sales.
- 30Sept dinner sponsor still needed.

#### **5. AL Events**

- Served three (3) funerals in July (Richard McMillan, Wayne Willwock, Eugene Latchaw) with support from Aux members Vicki and Paula.
- Breakfast customer volume now in the 210 - 235 range for the last 2 months. Breakfast cost of goods

sold as % of revenue 67% for June, leaving 33% gross profit margin and the reason for a 1Aug cost increase of \$1, from \$9 to \$10, as communicated with a note posted on the entrance door.

-Veteran ceremony at Masonic Hall (321 Center St) Friday 1800 19Aug2022 followed by Tacos and drink of choice at the Post donated by Post 49. A practice run-through was scheduled for 1800 9Aug for Bruce Thatcher, Steve Hamilton, Larry Girard, Jim Addressi, John Barkley and any other people that would like to participate. Then at 12 noon on Saturday 20Aug., please join the American Legion and first responders along the South Haven south pier for a salute to the returning fishing boats and also to see a flyover with a missing man formation.

## **6. Family Meetings - SAL Events**

- Thursday steak night back on schedule
- Coloma Peach Festival Color Guard support 1100 Sat discussion.
- 636 members with 421 paid this year, also reported to be 135%

## **7. Family Meetings - Aux Events**

- August 19 Taco Dinner support offered if needed
- August 20 – 600 flags purchased and will also use spinner wheels– breakfast coupons for charter captains and first mates
- Fall 2022, Spring 2023– reconnect with local members; soup luncheon?
- Fish fry served 70 meals last event, direct costs reported to be 30% and has earned \$3,000 profit since April.
- Financial audit for 1July2021-30June2022 complete/approved.
- 700+ members

**Sick call** - Jack Pratt with card available at bar for signing.

## **Unfinished business**

-“War on Terror” meeting room display status. The wooden base and wooden relief cut out of Michigan estimated cost of \$1,600 was approved. This has been our constraint in getting the wall display fabricated. Other components of the wall display include a metal cutout of soldier with battle gear and approx 200 dog tags. Although the cost of metal cut-out and dog tags is unknown, an additional \$2,400 was approved for these components.

## **New Business**

- 2022 Donation recommendation/approval process discussion mentioned.
- Patriots Garage membership grown from 15 to 22 since Jan 2022, revised logo to simple badge and requesting additional donation from AL Post 49. This donation will be deferred to a later date and be part of the overall donation planning process described previously.
- Member Josh Gunneson mentioned that he was in the process of starting a new non-profit to sponsor disabled veteran hunting, fishing, camping trips. More to come but would likely require Post 49 support.

## **Communication & Donations (to/from AL)**

Current list not available from June financial reconciliation and will be reviewed next member meeting.

## **Next meetings**

- Post 49 AL Membership Mtg 1900 1Sept2022
- Post 49 AL Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 25Aug.
- District 4 Meetings include: 11Sept at Buchanan Post 51, 6Nov at Dorr Post 127, 8Jan at Coloma Post 362, 5March at Stevensville Post 568, 7May at South Haven Post 49

### Memorial to a departed post member

Jim McCloughan attended a MOH event and not able to join our meeting but wanted us to know that Robert Simanek, MOH Recipient from the Korean War, passed away in Novi, Mi. Aug. 1, 2022. His passing brings our MOH living members to 65. Only 2 Korean MOH Recipients remain. He and Jim were the only living Michigan Recipients, so Post 49 is the only Michigan post to have a living MOH Recipient. Jim asked that we pray for the Simanek family.

### For The Good of The American Legion.

- Purple Heart Day 7Aug, U.S. Department of Defense Birthday 10Aug, Agent Orange Awareness Day 10Aug, Navajo Code Talkers Day 14Aug.
- Labor Day Sep 5, V-J Day Sep 2, Patriot Day Sep 11, Air Force Birthday Sep 18, Air National Guard Birthday Sep 18, National POW/MIA Recognition Sep 16, Gold Star Mother's Day Sep 25, VFW Day Sep 29,

**Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 2020.**

Respectfully,  
John Barkley for  
Bob Dargis, Adjutant  
American Legion Post 49

#### American Legion Post 49 Finance Report

Account Balance as of 8/4/22 for Executive Committee Meeting on 8/4/22

Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$37,795.04	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, \$3,000 Vietnam Wall, \$2,000 Raffle	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$6,338.55	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$40,000
Pull Tab	\$17,380.48	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$30,133.91	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$13,087.14	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$18,381.10	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	\$7,000
Veterans	\$23,906.44	Direct support for Veterans/Families	\$20,000
Uniform	\$3,530.06	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	\$4,000

<b>Bank CD</b>	<b>\$5,397.41</b>	<b>Total CD Balance</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$155,950.13</b>	<b>Total American Legion Funds Available for spending</b>	<b>\$124,000</b>

**Monthly Profit & Loss for June 2022**

<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$61,278.80</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$43,156.19</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$18,122.61</b>	Includes \$9,575.90 Poppy Donations

**Donations Received Previously-Not Updated for June2022**

<b>Date(Owner)</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
<b>Ed Appleyard</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>General - in memory of Dorothy Appleyard</b>
<b>4Nov2021</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>War On Terror Display</b>
<b>(Josh Gunneson)</b>	<b>\$164.41</b>	<b>Future Archery classes</b>