

## 7July2022 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Commander John Barkley called the 7July2022 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1904, 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 Guy Cherry, Member Richard Ely, Member Dean Cooper.**  
**Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) present ?**

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg dated 2June2022 approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None

### Committee reports

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

- Account status for 7July2022 \$140,934.17
- Quickbooks: May2022 net operating loss of \$6,518.19 primarily due to less pull-tab profit, beer liquor purchase pattern vs sales, maintenance cost for front entrance, and higher payroll cost.
- SAL current total funds available not reviewed but approx. \$10,000 after donation payouts to charities/other.
- Aux current total funds available not reviewed but approx \$18,000

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

- Membership update: paid members 629 vs 572 last year.
- Total membership 112% of goal according to state records.
- Paperwork for 4 (four) 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 and Larry Girrard scheduled for Aug 10,11,12 service officer training at Higgins Lake.

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

- Tiki Bar volume lower than expected
- Open bar proposed dates for rest of year reviewed: 12,18June, 2,3July,12,13, 20Aug., 3,10Sept.
- Tiki Bar volume lower than expected since soft opening 4June Thurs./Friday/Sat. 1600-2200.
- Security system upgrade/repair proposal to prevent skips. Cost/benefit analysis for current system upgrade to "ring system" not available.
- Recommendation from Kitchen (management) Mtg: Laura will continue to manage space allocation with Organizations. Organizations may want to mark shelves, inventory as required, continue to share spaces based on need, practice more frequent communication with Laura and other activities, use published container shelf life for refrigeration life unless state is altered.

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

- 18June2022 flag raising, 21-gun salute at Western MI Regional A/P for LWF well received.
- 1July pizza night raised approx \$400 and 26June breakfast approx \$1,950.

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

- Thursday steak night back on schedule
- Supported Ice cream social at Battle Creek VA
- Supported Independence Day celebration fireworks 2230-2315 3July with hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, corn-on-the-cob, ice cream 1700-2100.
- 636 members with 421 paid this year, also reported to be 135%

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

- Charity giving ideas being suggested and approved. Backpack program being considered. Earl suggested supporting the Pullman School backpack program.

## **3July2022 Independence Day celebration.**

- Patti Sheehy, Brian Sheehy and Bob Dargis collected (\$3) donations at door totaling \$2317 (vs \$2057 in 2019) with very little pushback.
- SAL's food/drink sales totaled \$1,991.00 plus \$138 in donations for a total of \$2,129.
- Bartenders did a great job creating Bar sales of \$5319 including \$1452 at Tiki hut. (vs 2019 inside Bar Sales of \$3224.75 and Tiki Bar Sales of \$1018)
- Total sales for 3July2022 event \$9,765.

## **Sick call - Glenn Higgs**

## **Unfinished business**

- “War on Terror” meeting room display artwork selected. Jason asked for and received feedback regarding dog tag mounting (horizontal) and content ( 1st line: Last name. First name, Middle initial. 2nd line: Branch of Service. 3rd line: Date of Death). Jim McCloughan suggested that we contact Rod's Prints & Promotions to compare cost, timing with Mike Kiefer.

## **New Business**

- 2022-2023 AL Department Commander Marilyn Britten

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

- Special Ukrainian Dinner raised approx \$1,900, added to other misc donations and online transfer sent to St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Chicago, IL for aid to Ukrainians.

## **Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 4Aug2022
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 28July2022

## **Memorial to a departed post member**

None reported for Post 49. See Woody Williams comment below.

## **For The Good of The American Legion.**

- Salute to wounded veteran ceremony 1800 19Aug at KOC hall. 21 gun salute 1200 20Aug at south pier.
- Suggestion from the floor to post signs/banner more often at the Post to announce breakfasts, dinners and open to public days
- Jim McCloughan noted that Woody Williams, last living WWII MOH recipient recently passed and his body will lie in honor at the Capitol Rotunda and was recently announced to be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 14. Jim also noted that there are currently 66 MOH recipients still living.
- Future Holidays to remember:
  - Hire A Veteran Day 25July, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day 27July , National Buffalo Soldiers Day

28July, Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary 29July.

-Air Force Day 1Aug, Coast Guard Day 4Aug, Purple Heart Day 7Aug, Agent Orange Awareness Day 10Aug, Navajo Code Talkers Day 14Aug.

- V-J Day 2Sep, Labor Day 5Sep, Patriot Day 11Sep, Air Force Birthday 18Sep, Air National Guard Birthday 18Sep, National POW/MIA Recognition 16Sep, Gold Star Mother's Day 25Sep, VFW Day 29Sep.

**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 on 7July2022 for AL Membership Mtg on 7/7/2022			
Account Name	Current Balance	Purpose	Target Balance
General Operating	\$34,750.12	Daily Club Operations incl maintenance, \$3,000 Vietnam Wall, \$2,000 Raffle	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$6,343.05	Capital spending (from Depreciation, Other)	\$40,000
Pull Tab	\$15,778.48	Pull Tab Machine repair/replacement	\$6,000
KENO	\$29,113.85	MI Lottery KENO payouts	\$5,000
Breakfast Fund	\$8,425.25	Breakfast revenue. Payout scheduled Nov.	\$2,000
Membership	\$13,889.51	Membership dues for donation/support/recruitment	\$7,000
Veterans	\$23,906.44	Direct support for Veterans/Families	\$20,000
Uniform	\$3,330.06	Color/Honor Guard Uniforms	\$4,000
Bank CD	\$5,397.41	Total CD Balance	\$5,000
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$140,934.17</b>	<b>Total American Legion Funds Available for spending</b>	<b>\$124,000</b>
Monthly Profit & Loss for May 2022			

<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$42,456.69</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$48,974.88</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$6,518.19</b>	
Donations Received Previously		
<b>Date(Owner)</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
<b>Ukraine Dinner</b>	<b>\$1,952.00</b>	<b>Ukraine Relief</b>
<b>Poppy Donations</b>	<b>\$9,575.90</b>	<b>Veterans Account</b>
	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>Uniform Acct - In memory of James Gillian</b>
	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>General - In memory of Theodore James</b>
4Nov2021	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>War On Terror Display</b>
<b>(Josh Gunneson)</b>	<b>\$164.41</b>	<b>Future Archery classes</b>