

## 1April2021 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 1April2021 American Legion Post 49 meeting to order at 1905 and conducted the opening ceremony in person, supplemented with a Zoom link.

### Order of business

**Adjutant:** “ Roll Call: **Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Guy Cherry, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Chaplain, Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Trustee Tom Dryer, Historian Jim McCloughan, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Member Jim Addessi, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Art Farmer, Member Jim Neely, Member Bruce Thatcher, Member Josh Gunneson, Member Pat Whitlach, Visitor Tim Gill, Member Milo Andriel**

Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) **present**.

**Meeting Minutes** “4 March American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were approved as written.

**Introduction of guests and prospective new members:** Tim Gill was introduced as a returning Army veteran from deployment to Washington DC.

**Normal Meeting suspended** for a presentation by Rich and Doug from a small start up organization called the Patriots Garage. Their mission was described as inviting veterans to their location to work on mechanical projects so they could be mentored/taught additional skills. They are in the process of being approved as a non-profit organization and invited members to view their website and visit their physical location in the future.

### Committee reports

#### 1. **Finance:**

-Account status for 25March2021 \$87,190.91.

- Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -\$4,850.67, Feb2020 \$4,292.82, Mar2020 -\$8,775.42, Apr2020

-\$12,001.36, May2020 -\$10,521.76, June2020 -\$ 4,888.43, July2020 \$4,148.85, Aug2020 \$3,379.61,

Sept2020 \$3,091.10 supported by \$5,000 grant, vs Sept2019 \$4,523.09, Oct2020 -\$1,065.82, Nov2020

-\$7,023.28, Dec2020 \$5,306.93, Jan2021 -\$ 9,108.08, Feb2021 -\$ 1,867.64

-SAL reported their current total funds available are \$11,010.96.

-A member requested additional finance line item detail and was invited to attend the monthly Club Operations Committee where finance line items are discussed, schedule some time with Sean to discuss or review a current month quick books summary after the next Member Mtg.

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

-Achieved 93.7% membership, vs target of 95% for Apr21. Gap to target currently 36 member renewals.

-Circulated paperwork for three (3) new members for current membership review.

#### 3. **Service Officers** Monthly report out.

-Larry reported that he is currently working with three vets to help increase their disability benefits.

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

-King of Diamonds ended 18March and will not be restarted after losing money for the last two years.

-Calendar review for Apr/May.

-Chad back in service.

-Pull tab machine on order.

-Advertising ceiling tiles. requirements, review/approval process, printing vender selection in process for the 30 proposed advertising tiles

-A breakfast debit card, drawing from the Breakfast Fund account, was approved for Heather's use to procure breakfast items as required, per a recommendation from the Club Operations Committee..

-Begin Friday dinners 2Apr, Sunday breakfast 2May under current MDOH Guidelines

#### 5. **Family Meetings - AL**

-Birthday, MoH ceremonies mentioned

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

-St Patty's dinner noted to be a success with \$770 profit earmarked for donation to Homeless Veterans.

-Special fish dinner profits will be donated to the Child's Welfare Fund.

## 7. Family Meetings - Aux

-Achieved over 100% membership target

**Sick call** - Member John Wallat is recovering from a foot injury and a "Get Well " card was circulated for member signature.

### **The AL regular meeting was suspended to solicit nominations for AL Officer and Trustee positions.**

Nominations included the positions/names below and the list will be posted on the bulletin board in the club room to allow additional write in candidates through 22 Apr2021.

Commander	Jason Turner
1st Vice Cmdr	John Barkley
2nd Vice Cmdr	Josh Gunneson and Jim Montgomery
Adjutant	Tom Breen
Chaplain	Larry Girard
Finance Officer	Tom Dryer and Art Farmer
Sgt at Arms	Art Farmer
Service Officer	Larry Girard
Historian	Jim McCloughan
Judge Advocate	Earl Lash
Two (2) trustee positions Jim Addressi, Guy Cherry, Bruce Thatcher, Patrick Whitlatch	

### **The regular meeting was resumed.**

#### **New Business**

- COVID Testing for walk-ins may be scheduled at the Post
- JATO Rocket display donation received membership approval to accept
- 6May Elections, 3June Installation planned
- Poppy sales planning started for 28 May-31May
- Memorial Day Weekend Breakfast planned for 30 May
- Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony planned for 31 May. Jason submitted a permit to the City for approval.
- Steve noted that he has access to a 15 passenger bus that could be used to support AL family events
- A suggestion that we repair/replace and relocate the current display case was approved.
- It was suggested that we complete on-line AL training and review the Post Officers Guide manual.
- A Tunnel-to-Towers donation of \$11/week was approved for one (1) year.
- Mr Sutton from the AL Division/State headquarters will be invited here to video tape of our next Americanism event, planned for either Glenn School or St Basil's elementary school..
- Post 49 will support the VFW 3April 100 year celebration event with a "21 gun" salute.
- Jim McCloughan mentioned that he is leading a lobbying effort to allow the Last living WWII MOH recipient to lie in state at our capital.

#### **Communication & Donations** None

#### **Next meetings**

- Membership Mtg 1900 6May, 2021 elections
- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 29 Apr
- District Meeting Hastings 2 May
- Department Annual Convention 8-11Jul Sault Ste Marie

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

- Mike Kenny passed away, service expected Apr or May @ Ft. Custer
- Ivo Knapp service expected 31 Jul at St Basil

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

- Americanism Flag Ceremony Training Video at St Basil's, Catholic School or Glenn School .
- AL Membership and Exec.Com Mtg minutes posted on [AL Post 49 website](#) (meeting minutes tab).
- Significant events posted on AL website homepage. Event calendar updated on regular basis.
- Good Friday April 2, Easter April 4, Gold Star Spouses Day April 5, Former POW Recognition Day April 9, Air Force Reserve Birthday April 14, Army Reserve Birthday April 23, Silver Star Service Banner Day May 1, National Day of Prayer May 6, Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 7, VE Day May 8, Mother's Day May 9, Children of Fallen Patriots Day May 13, Armed Forces Day and Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15 Memorial Day May 31

**Post Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared meeting adjourned at 2030**

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