

4Mar2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 4March2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1904 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, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Member Jim Adessi, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim McCloughan, Member Art Farmer, Member Jim Neely, Member Bruce Thatcher, Member Josh Gunneson, Member Rob Stika, Member Tom Miller, Member Terry Page, Guest Terry Page.**

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

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

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: Guest Terry Page, daughter of member Terry Page.

Formal Meeting suspended at 1915 for an Awards ceremony and Special Presentation.



Jim Montgomery receiving the Meritorious Service Award



Tom Miller and Terry Page receiving 50 Year Membership Awards



Tom Breen receiving the Post 49 Legionnaire of The Year Award

-A Special Presentation

MoH Recipient Jim McCloughan made a special presentation covering his research on Post 49's first (Civil War) MoH recipient William H Wilcox. Jim generously allowed the Post to make copies of this copyrighted info for member review. Jim also noted that approximately 48 million US people have participated in all wars, only 3,508 of those have received the MoH and approx 1,700 since the Civil War, including 21 Medics.

Normal Business meeting resumed

1. Finance: The entire Finance report was approved as summarized below.

-Account status for 4Mar2021 \$100,842.30, including \$5,234.66 Bank CD and \$21,927 PPP draw 2 received.

-PPP first draw forgiveness was also approved for the full amount of \$21,927 by the Sturgis Bank.

-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.

-Ongoing/current costs approx \$10,000 per month (bldg/club management, unemployment insurance, utilities, club insurance, acct services, lawn or snow services, wages)

-A suggestion from the floor to place more funds into a bank CD was not seconded and will be revisited after Covid impact can be assessed later in CY2021.

2. Adjutant - Membership. Report approved as shown below:

-Achieved 85.66% membership versus target 90% for 1Mar21

-Paperwork for 3 new Members were circulated for review.

-Eleven (11) additional new members have been submitted bringing our actual/current total to 524 or 91%.

3. Service Officers Monthly report out.

-Steve reviewed his prior support of homeless veteran including 4 nights in hotel, tire replacement and cell phone bill payment, as authorized for payment in prior Exec Com and Membership meetings.

-Steve will invite Veterans Affairs Director Gary Easterling to our Post at some future date.

4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee

- Plexiglass mostly removed from bar but kept in place along one wall to support some bar patrons that want the barrier in place.
- Dinners start in Apr with 2April pizza night, Breakfast starting 2May, per commitment from Aux, SAL and AL.
- Suggestion box - not reviewed
- Calendar - military Holidays reviewed for Mar-Apr 2021 and highlighted below.

5. AL Events

- Funeral Honor Guard events: 27 Funerals and 5 other Ceremonies have been supported 1June2020 to date.
- American Legion Birthday 15Mar starting with cake at noon, courtesy of Guy Cherry. National Medal of Honor Day 25Mar and will be celebrated with a brief ceremony starting approx 1445 and ending with a 21 Gun Salute

6. SAL Events

- Corned beef and Cabbage dinner planned for 1700-1900 17Mar and will feature both eat in and take. Cost \$9.

7. Aux Events - None reported

Sick call - None reported

Unfinished business

- MoH recipient Jim McCloughan accepted the Post 49 Historian position.
- A motion passed to purchase new pull tab machine at cost of less than \$7,000 (\$6,645 plus \$600 for base if required). Next steps are considering financing, warranty and trade in questions answered.
- A motion passed to move forward with purchase of ceiling tiles. Next steps are establishing review/approval process, requirements and vendor selection and cost for printing.

New Business

- Former SAL Member disposition was discussed and banning the individual from club access was approved.
- Salute to Veterans first day event scheduled for 20Aug2021, with an 1800 ceremony at the Masonic Lodge and followed by the traditional 21 gun salute 21Aug2021.

Communication & Donations How can we further demo our "devotion to mutual helpfulness" ?

- Please feel free to contact any AL Officer any time to suggest ideas.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 1Apr2021 and will include nominations for 2021 elections (followed by elections 6May and installation of new officers 3June)
- Club Operations Com. Mtg. 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600 25Mar

Memorial to a departed post member

- Mike Kenny passed away, was cremated & service expected Apr. or May @ Ft. Custer.

For The Good of The American Legion.

- Americanism Flag Ceremony Training Video being planned
- AL Membership and Exec.Com Mtg minutes posted on website (meeting minutes tab).
- AL members were encouraged all Legionnaires to take the Basic Training Course offered on The ALegion website.
- Significant events posted on AL website homepage. Event calendar updated on regular basis.
- Next up holidays: Daylight Saving Time March 14, K9 Veterans Day March 13, American Legion Birthday March 15, St. Patrick's Day March 17, Medal of Honor Day March 25, Passover March 27 to April 4, 2021, Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29.
- AL Constitution/Bylaws encourage use of Robert's Rules for any member to bring up business items within the context of the agenda.

Post Commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared meeting adjourned at 2025

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