

AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
5 March 2020

Commander Jason Turner conducted **Opening Ceremonies** and ordered roll call.

Adjutant Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Sean Russell, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Chuck Aubrey, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Judge Advocate Stan Wakild, Board member Tom Dryer, Board Member Glen Higgs, Club Manager Heather Hahn, Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Member Jed Fall, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Auxiliary Pres. Billie Coone, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Linda Teeter, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Jim Addressi, Member Guy Cherry, Member Willy Reinhardt, Member Bruce Thatcher.

Quorum (of at least 7 legion members) **present**.

Reading of last meeting minutes. 6Feb2020 minutes approved as written.

Introduction of guest(s): None present

Committee reports

1. Finance:

- Funds available reported as \$57,616 and accepted subject to audit.
- Jan2020 performance \$4,851 loss, July-Jan2020 performance \$10,268 loss vs \$15,663 loss last year.
- Donations for July2019-Jan2020 \$17,140 this year vs \$25,264 last year.

2. Adjutant: Dept. accredited membership/renewal level is 92.3% versus an 90% target. Report approved.

3. New Member Applications: 43 New Members, 33 PUFL, 131 on-line, 572 total members.

4. Service Officers. Steve reported: One person transported to VA for appointment, 1 vet at BCVA TBI, 1vet transported to to Paw Paw for benefit review, working on paperwork for disabled veteran family support, Gary Easterling visit tentatively scheduled for first 2 Wed's in April and awaiting confirmation, Mike Kinney stable.

5. Club Operations.

- March Cal available and updated but not reviewed
- Received 3 quotes for lawn care and one supplier approved pending verification of license/insurance.
- King of Diamonds license expires 26March and 6 month renewal. Chuck working on economic analysis.
- Cornbeef and cabbage dinner scheduled 14March

6. Family Meetings AL.

- 3May District meeting in Hastings. Corn hole competition being sponsored with finals at District mtg..
- Nomination for district officers in process. Guy Cherry will be nominated by Jason for District Commander
- Nomination for AL Post 49 Officers begins next month. Jason asked that Heather post formatted forms from last year to start self-nomination process.

7. Family Meetings AUX.

- No representation, no report out
- No update on Marry's support of auction for Comiskey Park chair, quilt and three (3) lighthouses

8. Family Meeting - SAL

- Steve's 16Aug2020 planned event for "Salute to Veterans and First Responders" at Flywheelers, an extension of Bruce's steelheader 14,15 Aug Salute to Veterans on the south pier in process
- May ceremony for deceased veterans being planned. Submit names.
- Account balance approx. \$10,000, Membership >100%.
- Late March benefit being planned. Date TBD.
- 29March 9-11 salute to Vietnam era Veterans being planned, including simple breakfast, ceremonial guard salute, prayer.

9. Americanism Committee:

- No further events planned

10. By laws Committee: No recommendations for changes to current By-Laws to date.

Sick call. Mike Kinney in BCVA facility and stable.

Unfinished Business

- Clubroom floor replacement estimated cost of \$13,500, AUX agreed to support 1/3rd.
- Tank photo restoration recommendation TBD from Chuck.
- Outside legion logo replacement renegotiated back down to \$195 (from \$345) by Steve.
- Corp Janoski's name still not added to SH City Hall Korea memorial plaque. Mike will follow up with Brian deBest.
- Bruce donated Vietnam memorial print for framing. Tom will take to North Shore Paint and Patio store for framing by Debbie Zuckerman when she returns to the area in April.
- Bruce investigating electric sign constraints/requirements with city of South Haven

New Business No additional new business

Next meeting- 2April 2020

Communication & Donations- \$17,140 from individual donations through jan2020.

Memorial to a departed post member-None reported

For The Good of The American Legion-

- Student Oratory contest announced
- Volunteers needed to place flags 25May
- Jason introduced a calendar of 2020 events and suggested that individual members may want to adopt and sponsor a holiday celebration for the AL family

2020 American Legion Holidays

Holiday	Date	Holiday	Date
New Years Day	1 January	Coast Guard Day	4 August
MLK Birthday	20 January	Purple Heart Day	7 August
Vietnam War ceasefire	27 January	National Suicide Prevention Month	September
Four Chaplains Sunday	2 February	Labor Day	7 September
Presidents Day	17 February	VJ Day	2 September
Iwo Jima Day	19 February	Patriot Day	11 September
American Legion Birthday	15 March	Citizenship/Constitution Day	17 September
Medal of Honor Day	25 March	USAF Birthday	18 September
National Vietnam War Veterans Day	29 March	Air National Guard Birthday	18 September
National Former POW Day	9 April	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 September
National Military Appreciation Month	May	Gold Star Mothers Day	27 September
VE Day	8 May	Columbus Day	12 October
Mother's Day	10 May	USN Birthday	13 October
Armed Forces Day	16 May	National Veterans & Military Families Month	November
Poppy Day	22 May	USMC Birthday	10 November
Memorial Day	25 May	Veterans/Armistice/Remembrance Day	11 November
D-Day	6 June	Family Week	23-29 Nov
Women Veterans Day	12 June	Thanksgiving	26 November
Army Birthday	14 June	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	7 December
US Flag Day	14 June	US National Guard Birthday	13 December
Father's Day	21 June	National Wreaths Across America	14 December
Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday	23 June	Christmas	25 December
PTSD Awareness Day	27 June	Kwanzaa Week	26 Dec-1 Jan
Independence Day	4 July	New Years Eve	31 December
National Korean War Vet's Armistice	27 July		

Closing ceremony

Commander Jason Turner conducted closing ceremonies and meeting adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted by John Barkley for:

Tom Breen, Adjutant

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