The regular meeting of the Edward W Thompson Post 49 convened at 8 PM. Officers present were: Commander-Vern Harsch, Adjutant-Geno Dulik, Finance Officer-Jim Polezoes, Historian-John Matthews, Chaplain-Ed Garfield. Absent but excused were: 1st Vice Commander vacant, 2nd Vice Commander-Glenn Pulliam, Sgt at arms-Bill Ross, and Service Officer-Mike Rigozzi. Other members in attendance were: Dale Thompson, Richard Shaffer and SAL member Dale Sherriff. & Don Allen. The minutes of the previous meeting dated April 13,2000 were read. Motion by John Matthews, support by Ed Garfield to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Pinance Officers report: Building Ioan \$8,965.04, Checking \$1,145.20, Building fund \$793.38. Of the \$8,965.04, The Legion owes \$3,406.69 plus Interest. The (PTA) Pull Tab Association owes \$5,558.35 plus interest. Motion by Ed Garfield support by Don Allen to accept the financial report as read. Motion carried. The Membership report was given by the Adjutant. Balance on hand \$473.97, deposit \$273.00 Total Credits \$746.97 Debits were: Dept of Michigan \$183.00, Legion insurance fund \$500, National Emblem Sales \$23.95, Adjutants expense, \$20.05. Total debits, \$727.00 Balance as of 4-30-00 is \$19.97. Our membership goal is 358. We have 323 paid renewals plus 23 new members for a total of 346 paid up members or 96.65 %. We need 12 more paid up renewals to reach our goal of 358. Sick call: Don Youngblood, Ray Guminski, Gordon Nichhuis, John Bartholomew, Ray Overhuel, and Floyd Carpenter. 1 death, Thomas Clickner, a Korean Veteran died Floyd Carpenter will be operated on to remove a cancerous tumor in the chest area. Motion by John Matthews support by Don Allen to accept the membership report as read. Motion carried. The Commander gave a report of the members running for office or the board. However there were quite a few that gave no indication of what office they were running for. The Commander will make a notation on the ballot sheet on this matter, so we all know just who is running for what position.

The 3 LST"S That were to land in South Haven has been cancelled. It was asked that we write a letter to Chief Petty Officer Mike Early to see if he could possibly changed his mind on this matter. Ted Kozlowski stated that he will hold an Organizational meeting in regards to the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday the 20th of May at 1900 hrs or 7pm.

Motion by Jim Polzoes support by Dick Shaffer to have the Legion pay for the meat at Tom Clickners luncheon on Sunday the 7th of May. Tom Clickners visition will be held Sunday the 7th of May at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home across from the hospital from 2PM until 5PM. At approximatly 5:15 the honor guard will render the 21 gun salute for Tom Clickner. Dwain (Butch) Deback will blow taps. At 5:30 we will have a luncheon in the hall. Dick Shaffer has asked if the Legion would donate \$25 a hole for two holes of golf at South haven Golf Course. This was put on hold temporarily. Dick Shaffer, Mike Warren and Jack Huminsky are in charge of this outing.

Bruce Maas a new applicant was voted on with proper credentials of his DD214

Motion by Don Allen support by Ed Garfield to accept this man as a new member of the American Legion. Motion carried. No further business to come before the membership. Motion by John Matthews support by Ed Garfield to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjutant---Geno Dulik

