

## Regular Business Meeting

May 4, 2017 1905

Opening ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was called to order.

Roll Call: Present ---Cmdr. Stan Wakild, 1st Vice Jed Fall, 2nd Vice Jim McCloughan, Chaplain Larry Girard, Sgt. at Arms Jim Montgomery, Historian John Lammert, SAL Steve Hamilton, Club Manager Heather Hahn and Adjutant Tom Breen.

Guests: Dist Cmdr Bob Borden, Col. Don Alsbro, Mike Andruch.

Members: Bruce Thatcher, Dick Kennedy, Dave Orr, Sergio Orozco.

The minutes of the past meeting were distributed and read. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and passed without objection.

Commander Wakild introduced the 4th District Commander Bob Border. Cmdr Borden then presented Post 49 with a \$444 check, a Certificate of Meritorious Service and a 100% honor ribbon for reaching 100% membership in December.

After the ceremony Cmdr. asked Cmdr. Borden about holding a district meeting at Post 49. After a short discussion it was decided the Nov. district meeting will be held at a Post 49. Also, the subject of having a district picnic at Post 49 was discussed with the possibility of one being held here this summer.

The adjutant then introduced Col. Don Alsbro U. S. Army (ret) of the Lest We Forget Organization. Col. Alsbro informed the meeting that his organization has teamed up with the Mendel Center at the Lake Michigan College to produce the play "Letters from Home" about letters from the Iraq/Afghanistan war veterans letters. Col. Alsbro had discounted tickets for

anyone that is interested. Col. Alsbro then invited anyone from Post 49 to attend Lest We forget meeting that are held at the Benton Harbor on the first Wednesday of the month at 1000. Col. Alsbro then announced that Lest We Forget usually sponsors Vietnam war enactments, but this year on Aug 5&6 they are sponsoring rides in 3 WWII landing crafts. A Duck, Gator, and Higgins boat. The rides will be at Descornia beach out past the lighthouse and back.

Finance: N/A

Adjutant: Membership is currently reported at 112.50% but that is without the cards that are being processed and have not been sent in to state. I believe the number would be closer to 120%. The adjutant states he will get the cards processed and the June meeting will be more accurate. The adjutant said that only 18 posts in Michigan have a better average than 49. A motion was made to accept the report, it was seconded and passed without objection.

Board of Directors: N/A

SAL: Mr. Hamilton reports the SAL is at 86% and at \$6000 with \$4500 earmarked for different charities. Mr. Hamilton then advised the meeting of the plan to put a deck outside the kitchen and turn it into a bar with a overhead. The Tiki bar, which is an eyesore, will be dismantled with just the roof remaining which is over the outside grill. This will enable the grill to be used for any outside event scheduled at the post. Also the installation will include insulating the outside wall before constructing the deck in an attempt to keep the pipes in the kitchen from freezing over in the winter. A motion was made to accept the SAL report seconded and passed without objection.

Ladies Aux: Ms Hahn reported the the ladies made a \$2000 payment toward the principle of the loan of the wall.



New Applications: 4 applications were presented to and viewed by the board. A motion was made to accept the applicant's it was seconded and passed without objection.

Sick Call : None.

Service Officer: None.

Old Business: Poppy sales are coming up. Mr. Fall state he has a permit that is on file. The sale will be Aug. 18, 19 and 20 and the sign up sheets are on the table in the club. It is suggested that the legionaries wear the legion cover at the minimum. All the poppies are here and the canisters are ready to go.

The veteran fishing event is coming up in Aug. This post will provide the 21 gun salute when the veterans return coming up the river and the high school will play the national anthem, also the service of the bus shuttle is in the works. It was suggested we get a tent to service the extra people that will be at the post, this will be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting was suspended to count the results of todays election.

The results of the election was given and a formal report is attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Adjutant Post 49