

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 12, 2020

GENERAL Opening Ceremonies Chaplain's Prayer / Moment of Silence

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Roll call of Officers: Commander: Earl Lash III (x) Chaplain: John Michael McCormack (x) 1st Vice Commander: Marc Till (x) Adjutant: Gregory J. McCormack (Exc) 2nd Vice Commander: Brett Novy (x) Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Hollis (Exc) Finance Officer: Jerry Durkee (x) Historian: Steve Hamilton (x) Legion Liaison: Jed Fall (Exc) *Members & Guests Present:* Members: Ronnie Sinkler, Ben Newton Guests: Terry Gregory

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes were read from the April Meeting. It was stated that although a quorum was reached, due to an echo in the phone conference meeting, it was impossible to hear and understand each other. Therefore, officially, the April Meeting was cancelled. However, unofficially, a suggestion was made to keep the current Officers in place for another year. Motion made (Ben N.) to accept the Minutes pending corrections and 2nd (Brett N.). Motion Carried. Because there was no official meeting in April, the minutes from the March Meeting were read and discussed. Topics discussed were the incident between Dale Sheriff and Kim Dobbins; the benefit dinner planned for a local veteran, Alan Quinn; the plaque presented to Mr. Montgomery; the Mardi Gras party for the B.C.V.A.M.C. Veterans; and more. Motion made (Ben N.) to accept the March Minutes pending corrections and 2nd (Brett N.). Motion Carried *Finance Report:* Gerry reported the activity on the accounts and the totals in both accounts. Gerry will report on all bank activity and support of Veterans next month. Motion made (Steve H.), to accept the Financial Report pending audit and 2nd (Brett N.). Motion Carried.

Commander's Report: No Report

Adjutant's Report: Steve Hamilton presented the report provided by Adjutant (Greg McCormack) on the following items: 1.) State Stats (Report Available) shows Squadron 49 easily hit 100% Membership for 2019-2020. 2.) Squadron Stats (Report Available) current roster has 533 members (370 renewals/66 new). 3.) New Member/Transfer Applications: Eric C. Stockwell (Transfer) 4.) Ms. Gregory has done a good deal of work gathering data on members for a database 5.) Membership Account (Report Available) report presented on deposits and checks written and account balanced. 6.) May 2020 SAL Newsletter was sent out May 1, 2020.

Committee Reports:

1) Letters from Candyland has one troop we are currently supporting. This young lady is deployed in Afghanistan. Ben made a motion to allow packages to be sent to troops up to \$300.00, without prior authorization. Brett gave support and the motion was carried. 2) Salute to Veterans and First Responders has been cancelled for 2020. The entire Michigan Flywheelers Museum event will be cancelled. The Steelheaders will still take veterans fishing and the Hooligans will still do a fly-over. There may yet be an opportunity for the S.A.L. to show our appreciation to veterans on that day.

Sick Call & Relief:

The loss of our brother, Paul Couturier was reported. A moment of silence was observed for Paul. He will be missed.

Unfinished Business:

• Steve moved that we recognize the current year officers for an additional year, as outlined in the National guild lines. The motion was supported by Ben and carried.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. Brett informed the S.A.L. body that he and Tammy are currently housing an Afghanistan Army veteran who has nothing. A motion was made (Steve H.) to donate the Meijer Gift Card with \$200 balance and 2nd (Ben N.) Motion Carried. 2. A motion made (Ben N.) to purchase a mini-fridge for no more than \$100.00 and 2nd (Brett N.). Motion Carried. 3. Terry volunteered to get the word out for donations for household and/or canned goods. 4. Steve reported the Legionnaires held a very successful bottle/can drive. A motion made (Steve H.) that the S.A.L. hold a second drive, promote it on the radio, and donate the proceeds to Alan Quinn Family in lieu of the benefit dinner and 2nd (Brett N). After an extensive discussion, Motion Carried. 5. The SONS will donate the Office Desk to the next Legion Yard Sale

For the Good of the Son's:

Ben made a donation of firewood to a veteran.

Closing Ceremonies:

Chaplain's Prayer – John McCormack

Next Meeting will be June 9, 2020

Respectfully Submitted
Steven J. Hamilton
S.A.L. Historian (2019-2020)