

**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Held on April 9, 2019**

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1833.

Chaplain delivered the opening prayer to open the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present.

Prior month's minutes were accepted by voice vote with no changes.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer reported the financial position of the Post, noting assets reported as of February 28, 2019 as \$124,532.21. Total expenses in March 2019 were \$10,978.25. Total income reported for March 2019 was \$10,740.50. Net worth for March was reported as \$85,225 reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above).

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** 1st Vice Commander noted membership stood at 83% renewal rate representing 854 active members. The names were then read of 11 new and 6 transfer memberships received during the previous 30 days. The names of the inductees were read, and a motion was made to accept new members, and the motion was seconded with no further discussion. MOTION APPROVED by voice vote.

**Chaplain:** Chaplain on excused absence. No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** It was noted that we still need more support from membership for events and bands held at the Post. Upcoming events, such as the band L.A. South on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and the young Marines Dinner and Kangaroo Court at 1700 on the 13<sup>th</sup> were highlighted. Also, Mother's Day is coming up and Sue Terry made a motion to pay for all Mothers breakfasts that day. The motion was seconded by Cassie and carried unanimously.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:** Great turnout for the Car Show and Fish Fry. Good money was raised, though the accounting is still being calculated by the Finance Officer.

Lastly, it was noted that a May 5<sup>th</sup> "Cinco de Mayo" event would serve fish tacos only.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** New SAA Dave Buck noted that there were 28 people in attendance. Nothing further to report.

**Historian:** Fish Fry pictures are needed, so if anyone has some, please submit them to Steve. Mimi DeBartolo is going to share the Queen of hearts (QoH) videos with the Historian as well.

**Boys State:** Seven boys accepted with one alternate also accepted. An indoctrination meeting will be held in May. We will need some transportation volunteer help in June to help with the boys going up. The Post will pay for your room.

In addition, there is a District One Golf Tourney coming in April 28<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the transportation costs.

A motion was made by John Edens to fund \$500 to the golf tourney to pay for a team to play. Motion was not carried. The costs of Boys State are \$450.00 per child per program, plus \$120.00 per child for transportation time 7 boys, plus \$3,400 for the bus to and from Tallahassee. A challenge was made by Scott Wetzel to raise \$500.00 for costs which Mr. Wetzel would match.

**Bingo:** Brief report that Wednesday night Bingo in the Event Hall continues to be well received. It was noted that Bingo still need the support of volunteers, and that Bingo currently receives approximately 85 to 120 attendees.

**Judge Advocate:** Nothing to report.

**Service Officer:** 30 veterans served representing 57 hours provided for the month. Mileage for services delivered were 230.

**Scholarships:** Receipt of scholarships are due by June 15, 2019.

**Children and Youth:** Two soccer teams will play this Saturday at 9:30am and 11:30am at the Escambia Sports Complex on Bauer Road.

**Blood Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Sons of The American Legion:** Finances reflect about \$3,000.00 in the bank, with overall finances doing well.

**Legion Riders:** No report.

Dave Viechec made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Angelman's Foundation which is the Rider's chosen charity ride on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion was carried.

**Lounge Report:** The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, informed the meeting that the Lounge had taken in approximately \$6,000 in Pull Tabs revenue for the month of February 2019, and that the Lounge had taken in approximately \$1,400 in revenue from food and beverage sales for the month. Other news of note is an upcoming Kentucky Derby Party on May 4<sup>th</sup>, to include horse races, a Pot Luck dinner and drink specials. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the L.A. South band will perform in the Lounge. And on May 18<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>, the band Clear Motive is scheduled to play in the Lounge. Lastly, there is some thought to having an Easter Egg Hunt in the Lounge and event Hall for the children on Easter. No decision is final yet on this.

**House Committee:** The House Committee informed the membership that there is a need for two cameras in the rear of the facility to help protect the building and grounds. It seems the build keeps getting clipped by autos as they traverse the rear of the building to one of the other of the parking lots. The cameras are estimated to cost \$1,300. Costs will include all upgrades to equipment and installation. Motion was made by Dan Quinn to contract for the cameras. Motion was seconded by Sue Terry and was carried by voice vote.

A motion was made to sponsor the Pool League again this year for a cost of \$50.00. Motion was approved by the Commander, no vote needed due to small amount.

**Unfinished Business:** reservations for the annual Legion Conference were checked on by Tony Hammerling. It was noted that the Lounge does not have need to attend as there are no Lounge Management Classes available contrary to previous perceptions. 3 People were voted to go to the Conference, with the Service Officer being one. \$500. Per person room allowance cited.

**New Business:** New business was announced to begin the nomination process for 2019 elections to be held in May. The Judge Advocate announced nominations and the results are below:

- For Commander: Dave Viechec was nominated by Cassie Viechec and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the meeting closed.
- For 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jaime Schendeleiter was nominated by Dave Lawhun and accepted. Donna Hudson (current Service Officer), previously nominated announced she was declining to run. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the meeting closed.

- For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Steve Stillwell (current Historian) was nominated by Tony Hammerling and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the meeting closed.
- For 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: No nominations proffered.
- For House Committee: Rob Mangan was nominated by Ray Hamel and accepted. Current House Committee member Dan Quinn declined nomination. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the meeting closed.
- For Sergeant-At-Arms: Scott Wetzel was nominated by Dave Viechec but declined. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the meeting closed.
- For Finance Officer: Ray Hamel was nominated by Dave Forsman and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the meeting closed.
- For Chaplain: Barry was nominated by Sue Terry and accepted.
- For Historian: No nominations were proffered.
- For House Committee: Ricky Bobby was nominated by Sue Terry but declined.

It was noted that the minutes and a statement about the elections would be added to the Newsletter and website.

Joe Viechec suggested weekly drawings on Saturdays to bring in business. No decision was made on this suggestion. No other business.

Memorial Day event at 0900 at Barrancas. We have been asked to be there by 0830 to participate. Need to have the Post's Flag and stand for the Memorial Day Service. Please arrive early. Vice Admiral Jerry Unruh will be the speaker at the event. John Edens encouraged Post members to attend especially for the reading of the names of the deceased from the last year.

Cassie asked about the flag planting and was informed by Scott Wetzel that the Boy Scouts handle that activity for Barrancas.

Sue noted that there will be \$1.00 Margheritas for Cinco de Mayo.

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Legion: Commander brought up that the Lamar billboard is being readied and researched to add a Post 240 billboard advertising the Post outside the main gate of NAS Pensacola. Costs for a three-month subscription is \$2,250, which includes billboard printing and \$600 per month lease. Sue made a motion to approve. Motion carried by voice vote.

Dave Buck raised the need for Hurricane supplies again as the season is fast approaching, in addition to volunteers for the time when collections need to be delivered.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

Chaplain delivered the closing prayer.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 2005.

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Dave Forsman  
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer  
Post 240 Adjutant