

**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Held on May 14, 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 April 30, 2019 as \$152,135. Total expenses in April 2019 were \$10,910. Total income reported for April 2019 was \$27,341. Net worth for April was reported as \$102,135, reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above). Finance Officer noted that Post income taxes were submitted the past week. It was noted also that over \$1,000,000 went through the Post last year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** 1st Vice Commander noted membership stood at 88% renewal rate representing 874 active members, and that we still needed 124 new/renewals/transfers memberships to reach 100% of prior year total. The names were then read of 15 new and 8 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:** No hospitalizations to report. Still looking for ministry of presence to show support for those infirmed or deceased. It was noted as a comment that sending our a broadcast email with pertinent information might help encourage or remind members about funerals or those that may be hospitalized and in need of a visit could be helpful. Adjutant is ready to transmit such emails if, and when needed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** It was noted that Mother's Day was a huge success and that the breakfasts were well-received. An upcoming event will be a Professional Wrestling Match outside in the Pavilion Area on June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1500. It will cost \$8.00 admission and food and drinks will be available from the Post for purchase. WWII Veterans will get in free. No glass bottles or cocktail glasses will be allowed, only solo cups.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:** It was noted that the Fish Taco sales at the last Car Show and Fish Fry did not go well despite nice weather. Regular fish sales will return next month. The Car Show had a good turnout with 21 cars on display.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** New SAA Dave Buck noted that there were 63 people in attendance. Nothing further to report.

**Historian:** Please share any pictures you may have of tonight's meeting with the Historian.

**Boys State:** The Boys State activities are on track with Orientation happening this week. Glenn Olsen volunteered to help in June with escorting the boys going up to Tallahassee. And it was noted that the District One Golf Tourney was coming on April 28<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the transportation costs and teams were still welcome to join.

**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:** Service Officer numbers for the year April 1, 2018 to April 29, 2019 were reported out as being: Veterans Helped – 399; Mileage Driven In-Service To Veterans – 2,278; Volunteer Hours Expended – 454; and, Postage Spent - \$34.61.

**Scholarships:** Nothing to report.

**Children and Youth:** Two soccer teams (Storm and Alley Cats) will play in their Tourney this weekend at the Escambia Sports Complex on Bauer Road.

**Blood Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Sons of The American Legion:** Nothing to report.

**Legion Riders:** No report.

**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 April 2019, and that the Lounge had taken in approximately \$3,000 in revenue from food and beverage sales for the month. With the winner of the Queen of Hearts contest now decided (congrats to Tere Beckman, the winner), the Lounge expected to turn over more than \$10,000 in Post share of the QoH pot – the Post keeps 30% of the total collected, the winner receives the rest).

**House Committee:** The House Committee informed the membership that there was a broken lock in the back that will be repaired, but that for April there were few expenditures - a quiet month. Hood cleaning was also done this month as it is a quarterly maintenance task.

**Unfinished Business:** A motion was made by Ronnie Busby to suspend the remaining Post unfinished and new business and move onto the elections. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

**Elections for 2019/2020:** The Judge Advocate announced nominations and took votes for each of the positions listed below. The candidates and their results are below:

- For Commander: No other candidates were nominated beside current candidates Dave Viechec and Dave Forsman. Mssrs. Viechec and Forsman then were asked to give and gave a 1-2 minute statement of their candidacy and why they were best qualified to lead Post 240 in the coming year. Subsequently, a secret ballot was taken and recorded. The results were as follows:
  - Dave Forsman = 34 votes, elected; Dave Viechec = 23 votes, not elected; N/A = 3 (disqualified votes).
- For 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jaime Schendeleiter removed herself from consideration (previously nominated). Tere Beckman was nominated and accepted. Dave Viechec was nominated and declined. 1 vote was offered and Ms. Beckman was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice.
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Steve Stillwell removed himself from consideration (previously nominated). Tom Williams was previously nominated. 1 vote was offered and Mr. Williams was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice.
- For 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander: No previous nominations proffered. Dave Lawhun was nominated and declined. Ray Hamel was nominated and declined. Office remains open.
- For House Committee: Rob Mangan was previously nominated. Bill Evans nominated and accepted. Tony Hammerling was nominated and accepted. Steve Stillwell was nominated and accepted. Hal Eyerly was nominated and accepted. Dave Viechec was nominated and accepted. Election by secret ballot of the five House Committee Positions from the six nominees then ensued with the results as follows:
  - Steve Stillwell = 52 votes, elected; Dave Viechec = 51 votes, elected; Rob Mangan = 49 votes, elected; Hal Eyerly = 46 votes, elected; Bill Evans = 41 votes, elected; Tony Hammerling = 32 votes, not elected.

- For Sergeant-At-Arms: Dave Buck was previously nominated. Jerry Dupont was nominated and accepted. Election by secret ballot then ensued with the results as follows:
  - Jerry Dupont = 30 votes, elected; Dave Buck = 27 votes, not elected.
- For Finance Officer: Ray Hamel was previously nominated. John Edens was nominated and accepted. Joseph Bodmer was nominated and declined. Tony Hammerling was nominated and declined. Election by secret ballot for the position of Finance Officer then ensued with the results as follows:
  - Ray Hamel = 30 votes, elected; John Edens = 26 votes, not elected.
- For Chaplain: Barry Hines was previously nominated. 1 vote was offered and Mr. Hines was elected as Chaplain.
- For Historian: Ronnie Busbee was nominated and declined. Bob Reinhardt was nominated and accepted. 1 vote was offered and Mr. Reinhardt was elected as Historian.

With no further business on the table, the Chaplain delivered the closing prayer.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 2035.

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Dave Forsman  
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer  
Post 240 Adjutant