

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Held on August 27, 2019

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1832.

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present. Chaplain was excused and Finance Officer was noted as attending late.

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

Finance Officer. Finance Officer reported the financial position of the Post, noting total assets reported as of July 31, 2019 as \$174,598, (representing \$61,486 in General Funds and \$113,112 in Money Market Funds). Total income reported for July 2019 was \$18,200. Total expenses were \$13,189. Net worth for July 2019 was reported as \$124,598, reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above).

1st Vice Commander: 1st Vice Commander noted that there would currently be 6 new and 2 transfer memberships for September's meeting to-date.

2nd Vice Commander: Reported that all things are going well with the Post. There is a possibility that we may begin a new Pool (billiards) tourney on Saturdays at 1800. Sue Terry added that the tourney will be self-sufficient – no dues – and that it will be open to the public. Discussions are also underway to consider and plan for an "Open Mic Night". More on this to come as logistics are worked out.

3rd Vice Commander: Great turnout for the Fish Fry though the Car Show was rained out. A motion was raised to change suppliers for the type of fish used for the Fish Fry from Maria's to Perdido Bay Seafood. Discussion resulted in the motion being tabled.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report. It was noted that the SAA may be out in the near future for a planned surgery which may require someone to fill-in for a short time.

Historian: Karaoke pictures and other pictures are being taken at various events. A request was made to share pictures with Adjutant to use in Newsletter and Website.

House Committee: It was a quiet month for the House Committee. There was a new cleaning crew contract with a different form; currently monitoring and evaluating the results. Cleaning contract is between \$1,400-\$1,500 a month. The Property and Liability Insurance was

renewed with a \$675,000 limit, but with an exploratory discussion to look at increasing the liability limits to \$1,000,000, depending on costs and exclusions. A new IP (internet protocol) phone line was installed in the kitchen. It was noted that the phone messaging system code to change voicemail and to listen to messages is 0000. Inventory was noted as coming up on the following Saturday.

Lounge Report: The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, informed the meeting that the Lounge had party was scheduled for the 31st of August and a volunteer duty officer was needed. Ray Hamel volunteered.

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 70-80 attendees, but that this reduced number is normal for the summer months. There have been equipment issues, and the weekly Bingo Fund is looking to purchase an upgraded bingo machine (\$5,500) with necessary monitors , as-needed. More research will be done to determining how the upgrade will be done and what will be needed. Commander noted that the Bingo Fund has sufficient funds to absorb any associated costs.

Judge Advocate: Nothing to report.

Service Officer: The Service Officer reported 813 miles traveled, amounting to 159 hours worked, 67 veterans served and 83 phone calls received and answered.

Children and Youth: Chairman reported that soccer leagues and tourneys would be starting up again next month, with a schedule forthcoming.

Boys State: Nothing to report.

Chaplain: Nothing to report.

Sons of The American Legion: We received a \$12,300 donation from Crown Health Care Laundry Services in the form of 810 thermal blankets we in turn gave to the Riders of Post 240 for their Homeless Veterans ride this month. WUWF radio donated \$1,000 in airtime in the form of 26 radio ad spots promoting the American Legion. Finally, Lamar Advertising donated \$250 in the form of electronic billboard advertising. It is the same "Join Us" billboard that is located on Navy Boulevard a half-mile from the main gate at NAS. That "Join Us" billboard will now also be on their electronic billboard at the corner of Garden and "D" Streets. The ad ran from August 26 to September 1.

Legion Riders: Our Rider's Grill on Tuesdays starting at 1700 continues to show strong support by the Post. We are planning for our first Meat Bingo for Saturday, September 7th. Bingo starts at 1400. It should be a hoot, with bingo winners receiving prime butcher cuts of meats versus cash prizes. And also coming this month on September 14th, we will have our 12th Annual Homeless Veterans Poker Ride. ALR will need escort riders for the 9-11 event. The Blessing of the Bikes, originally scheduled for the September 14th Homeless Veterans Ride has been rescheduled to October 12th. Parking for Riders, and the need for painting of "no-parking" etc., on the lot is still wanted by ALR. The issue, however, was tabled due to lack of cost and logistical information.

Auxiliary: There is a Casino Night event coming on the 21st of September, and sales have been slow to-date, but the gift prizes that have been donated to-date are pretty cool. There will also be a Fall Fest in October to celebrate Halloween and will include activities for the kids.

New Business: A rat/vermin infestation to plague the Cook Shack. Our contract with Orkin will take care of this, but House Committee needs to pursue results on this issue. Ladies Auxiliary has started "Crock Pot Mondays" at 1700. Finally, Steve Stillwell noted that Fantasy Football has need of more members to join at a cost of \$25.00. Winning team payouts will be for first and second places.

Unfinished Business: Scott Wenzel submitted his matching gift of \$225 to the John Wyers Memorial Fund and the Post donated \$500. Lounge Bingo will begin next month on the 9th at 1700, and will be priced at \$.50/card. Need to rotate responsibilities for Lounge Bingo between SAL, ALR and the Ladies Auxiliary. Auxiliary agreed to do the 1st Monday, ALR agreed to do the 2nd Monday, Wreaths Over America on the 3rd Monday, and SAL on the 4th. There will be 20 gamesplayed for 2 hours, not the previous four hours of games. A minimum of 10 players on a Monday will be required.

For The Good Of The Legion: Unaccompanied Veterans Services (Memorial Services at Barrancas Cemetery) are in need of volunteers to attend. House Committee will look to create a messaging board or similar effort to get the word out as needed.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1930.

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Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant