

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Held on October 29, 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 with the exception of the Historian, who was absent.

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 October 31, 2019 as \$168,586, (representing \$55,389 in General Funds and \$113,197 in Money Market Funds). Total income reported for July 2019 was \$20,877. Total expenses were \$8,986. Net worth for July 2019 was reported as \$118,586, reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above).

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** 1st Vice Commander noted that total membership was approximately 53%, representing 534 new, transferred, or renewed members.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** Informed committee that New Year's Eve would need volunteers to set-up and help organize. There would be a band for New Year's called "Southern Breeze". In other news, the Rider's event with the Blessing of the Bikes and TK-101 went well. So well, in fact, that the Lounge took in \$1,900 in bar receipts. We are looking at doing the Ride and our Post's support of it again next year. Karaoke on Saturday's ends this month. There is a Singles Dance on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and members are encouraged to attend to support the event. There is "Scary-oke" on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for Halloween, which will include a costume contest.

**Chaplain:** Jimmy Lee's wife, D.J. "Tink" Martin passed away. No further details were available on arrangements. DL was a member of the Auxiliary. Mary "Mama" Duke suffered a fall and broke three ribs (Sandi and John Dickson's mother). Mark Rathbone was in ICU for cancer, but was doing well (also had a case of pneumonia) and resting comfortably.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander:** Steve Stillwell and incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Dan Quinn will be doing turnover of the job, and this will include support of the last Fish Fry for 2019 coming on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sergeant-At-Arms:** Nothing to report.

**Historian:** Absent. No report.

**House Committee:** Brian Nichols came in to replace the AC Unit thermostat. The Property and Liability Insurance is currently at \$650,000 limit, but with an exploratory discussion to look at increasing the liability limits to \$1,000,000. It appears that the increase will bump the price up approximately another \$2,300 or so raising total insurance costs to between \$14.5K and \$15K. Motion was made by Tom Williams to approve increase, and seconded by Tony Hammerling. Must now raise issue for a vote to the General Membership. Steve Stillwell to share a copy of proposed policy with Adjutant for further review.

**Judge Advocate:** Post has received a complaint on an Auxiliary member made by a Legion member. JAG to investigate and coordinate any response before any hearing before the Executive Committee will be scheduled.

**Service Officer:** The Service Officer reported 38 walk-ins, 53 phone calls taken, 87 volunteer hours worked and 490 miles driven in support of services to veterans.

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

**Scholarships:** November 15 is the current due date. No applications have been received to-date.

**Boys State:** Currently names are in and being coordinated for Counselors and ROTC.

**Sons of The American Legion:** Purchased two signs for the youth soccer fields. SAL will be operating the Lounge Bingo this coming Monday.

**Legion Riders:** Next Meat Bingo is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Taco Tuesday's continue to go well. There are no further rides anticipated or planned for the remainder of 2019.

**Bingo:** Nothing to report.

**Auxiliary:** A report from Earlynn Stillwell was that a Harley Davidson-branded Ice Chest raffle would be taking place this coming month and next (until mid-December) for a fundraiser for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary supported this year's "Bras Across the Bridge" event to raise money for breast cancer awareness and Baptist Hospital's Mammogram Services. On November 16<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will begin putting up the annual Christmas Trees displays. November 28<sup>th</sup> is the annual Thanksgiving for the Troops dinner event here at the Post. December 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a charitable gifting of dinner brought to the Ronald McDonald

House. There is also a Dance-a-Thon planned for February 28 and 29 next year, more to come on this. Lastly, there is a Spring Clean-up and Yard Sale planned for April of next year.

**Lounge:** Inventory is this coming Saturday, which has been moved due to scheduling conflicts. Volunteers are requested to help. There will be a band at the next Fish Fry (Two Old Guys).

**Unfinished Business:** Reservations for the Convention are complete and have come in less than previously thought at \$99 per night per room. Discussion ensued about the Post paying for former Commander John Edens room, and that this was not approved by the General Membership. It was noted that the Area Commander position receives one-night accommodations paid by the Department, and that Kim Edens likely also has a night's reimbursement as District Auxiliary President. The Executive Committee agreed that the Post would pay for a single night at approximately \$189 per night.

**New Business:** Entry/Door key Cards need to be ordered. House Committee to see to this requirement. Executive Committee minutes are to be made available at the General Membership meetings going forward – Adjutant to be responsible for this. Commander then discussed an issue that arose involving a scam against the Post. It seems the Commander was scammed into believing that the Post had not paid its electric bill and erroneously purchased \$1,355 in cash cards to pay the bill. A Milton phone number was used in the scam. The Finance Officer could not be reached in time to better inform the situation, and so the scam succeeded (Electric bills are on auto-pay, so late payment was not possible.) A police report was filed, with little hope of any recovery of the lost funds. Need to contact the other Posts and inform them of this issue so they don't get taken. In other news, the Wreaths Across America order forms are the same as is the cost. The event date is December 14. Need to make the forms available behind the lounge bar for patrons. There will be a "We Remember" Escambia High School Memorial Service honoring graduates who made the ultimate sacrifice in the military services, to be held on the morning of November 20, with an RSVP due date of October 29. RSVP number is 850-453-7535.

**For The Good Of The Legion:** No report.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1945.

/s/

Dave Forsman  
Post 240 Commander

/s/

Joseph Bodmer  
Post 240 Adjutant