

**American Legion
Palm Valley Post 233
General Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2014**

Ceremonial opening conducted by the Commander.

The Commander called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Roll call of twelve members present.

The Commander recognized guest Lisa West from the American Income Life Insurance Company. Ms. West presented a program that gives each Member of the Post a free AD&D Policy of \$3,000 if they sign up for it.

The Commander recognized Judy Mills, ALA President, Tex Ward, SAL Commander, Kathy Church, MIAP State Coordinator, Howard Sheble, SAL 1st Vice, and Jim Durnal, VFW Post 3270 Commander.

It was announce that ALA First Vice Linda Williams is having multiple medical issues and ALA member Cecilia Kale is paralyzed from the waist down.

The Minutes of the May 1, 2014 General Meeting were read. A motion to approve Minutes as read was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Applications/Transfers: Chuck Shoals (Navy), Teresa Lesko (Air Force), Robert Lesko (Army), Arthur Thompson (Army), and David Boyd (Marines). A motion to accept applications and transfers as read was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Reports of Committees

The MIAP, ALR, ALA, and SAL reports were read and attached.

The House Committee Chair reported that a Bingo Night is being explored. He also reported that a new Happy Hour with drink specials will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00pm. In addition, the Post will now open at 3:00pm on Saturdays unless an event has been scheduled. He noted that the VEMA Poker Run will include Post 233 on their June 12th run.

Officer's Reports

The Website and Commander's reports were read and attached.

The Second Vice Commander reported that the volunteers have been doing a good job keeping the kitchen clean.

The Finance Officer's report was read and attached. A motion to accept the finance report for audit was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Adjutant's Report was read and attached.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:00pm.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Wortmann will be completing the beam and wall painting.

The Commander reported that the Post License plates should be here soon.

The Pure fans were picked up and the Post received \$450 for their sale. The Commander added that he authorized a payment of \$404 to John Richardson to install ceiling fans to replace the Pure fans.

The Commander reported that it cost \$1,120 for the window installation.

The Commander thanked the Memorial Day Committee for their work on the event. The Adjutant noted that having high-end liquor as raffle prizes made the raffle a huge success. She asked that members consider donating \$10 toward a purchase of future raffle items.

The Commander reminded members that the next phase of the Post renovations would be the removal of the paneling so that sheetrock could be installed. A motion to remove the paneling and install sheetrock was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

New Business

Al Hernandez has proposed that the Legion go to the Del Webb Men's Club in Nocatee to recruit new members. The Commander and Adjutant stated that they would be willing to attend. E-Board Member Ted Veber and Adjutant Martinez will work together to create a recruiting flyer for this event.

The potential removal of the pool table was discussed.

The Commander reported that Post #174 is without a Post Home but they are being taxed for their land. He suggested that we donate \$500 toward the payment of their tax bill. Motion to donate \$500 to Post #174 was made, seconded, and passed with one opposed.

After discussion, motion to donate \$2,250 to VFW Post 3270 was made, seconded, and passed with one opposed. VFW Post 3270 Commander and American Legion Post 233 E-Board Member James Durnal abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest in the outcome.

The American Income Life Insurance Company presentation was discussed. Mr. Wortmann stated that we should suggest to members that they sign up for the policy and consider making Post 233 their beneficiary as a Legacy Donation. Motion to allow American Income Life Insurance Company to use Post 233's member's addresses one time to offer a free AD&D Policy was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

There was nothing further for the good of the Post.

Closing Prayer offered by the Chaplain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm. Minutes transcribed by Adjutant from an audio recording.