

AMERICAN LEGION PALM VALLEY POST 233

General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 7 , 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Commander Sonny Kirkwood

Opening prayer by Commander Kirkwood, Placement of POW-MIA flag by SAA Mathis

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Durnal lead the pledge of allegiance.

Commander lead the recitation of the Preamble to the Congressional Charter

**Roll call** 12 members and 3 guests present. Quorum determined.

**Report of sick and distressed.** Commander visited Wilbur Burnett at his home. He is on oxygen and is very frail. BJ Adkin had open heart surgery. Roger Delaney had partial foot amputation due to diabetes. Bill Marshall is battling cancer. Keep these members in our prayers.

Commander Kirkwood introduce special guest Lawson Dukes 5<sup>th</sup> District commander. D5 Commander brought greeting from Department Commander. Thanked all post entities for their support and participation.

**Minutes** from February meeting were read. Past Commander Havekost asked for the minutes to be amended to reflect that the February newsletter did go out a few days late. Motion made, second, and passed to accept minutes as read and amended.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice CDR /Adjutant Durnal read in 4 new memberships and 3 transfers in. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> ,passed to accept new members and transfers

**Auxiliary reports.**

ALA member Church gave the ALA. ALA membership is at 76.67%. ALA presented the post with a \$170 check for their portion of the kitchen supplies.

SAL Commander gave SAL report. SAL membership is 99.98%. SAL will start regular call bingo on Thursday nights.

ALR Member Schum gave ALR report.

MIAP state representative gave MIAP report. Next service in south Florida April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee reports.**

Boys State- interviewed two boys and alternates The Post hosted the boys and their parents at a recent breakfast.

Entertainment- under budget looking for more.

**Social Media-** given by Chairman Havekost. 6345 visitor viewed 14,000 pages. Most viewed E calendar.

Newsletter- get inputs in before end of the month.

**Correspondence-** Jacksonville Suns sent a flyer inviting the post to baseball games. This will be posted on the bulletin board.

Letter from Post 255 Deltona asking us to participate in their post refurbishment fund raiser raffle. \$300 for ten tickets. E Board voted to not support this due to current financial position. Motion made ,second, and passed to accept the E board recommendation.

**Unfinished business-** none

**New Business-** Commander Kirkwood presented an outline on the current condition of the building . Commander recommended we form a special committee consisting of 4 Legionnaires, 1 SAL, 1 ALA, and 1 ALR to start researching the requirements and cost of building a new building. Motion made, second, and passed to form a special committee.

Commander Kirkwood discussed recent bartenders meeting. Bartender is the person in Charge behind the bar. Only person to override this authority is the CM. The CM is relieved of this authority once they have consumed any alcoholic beverage. The bartenders were instructed to collect after each sale and not serve multiple patrons and then go back around and collect the money. Directed not to pay out anything than \$300 on the gaming machines. For larger amounts instruct winner to come back the following day. Employee evaluation will be done this month. Discussed appropriate attire for bartenders. Discussed the responsibility of the bartender to stay neutral when patrons are voicing personal opinions.

Commander Kirkwood asked D5 commander if he had any guidance on the video poker machines. No specific guidance just follow local authorities directions without delay.

POS still on track should be up and running by end of the month.

### **Officer reports**

1<sup>st</sup> vice report - membership last report from Department showed 99.105% . Adjutant stated he had 4 transfers returned from Department with no explanation why and he thought our membership was actually higher than Departments figures. Past Commander Havekost stated that Department does not count new or transferred members till end of the year. D5 Commander reiterated the same adding that a paying transfer does count . With new members tonight Post is well over 100% membership.

2<sup>nd</sup> vice report- Trivia starting March 23rd

3<sup>rd</sup> vice report- Nothing

4<sup>th</sup> vice- no report- Nothing

Adjutant- Nothing

**Finance report** – Commander Kirkwood gave finance report. Post made money last month \$2298.03. Motion made, second, and passed to accept finance report for audit.

SAA/HCC – filled holes in parking lot and fixed sump pump. Legionaire McAfee researching what needs to be done to repair fence on the south side of property and talking to the neighbor we share the fence with. Flags are at half staff for former First Lady Nancy Reagan.

**Judge Advocate-** Before starting with nominations, June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> is Department convention in Orlando, consider going to convention and attend training. Look at training addenda and take the courses you need.

Commander opened the floor Nominations for 2016-17.

Sonny Kirkwood nominated for Commander. He accepted the nomination.

James Durnal nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. He accepted the nomination.

Susan Severson nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. She accepted the nomination.

Bob Bleak nominated for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander. He accepted the nomination.

John Schum nominated for 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander. He declined the nomination.

Will Spence nominated for Finance Officer. He was not available to accept.

Warren Rohouser nominated for Chaplain. He accepted the nomination.

J R Mathis nominated for Sergeant at Arms. He accepted the nomination.

Bob Bleak nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Mike Williams nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Bob McAfee nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

John Schum nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Dan Wortman nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Maury Lazenby nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Bill Savage nominated for Executive Board. He accepted the nomination.

Historian No nomination.

**Good of the order**

The district meeting will be held March 13 at Post 194 at 1400 hours. District Commander stated we should invite new members to this meeting.

D5 Commander stated the National Commander will be in Florida in April. His project is the walk for Vets. All posts are encouraged to participate in this. Get photos of members in legion ball caps and yellow shirts.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Commander Kirkwood gave closing prayer and closed the meeting in due form. SAA Mathis retired the POW-MIA flag.

Meeting Adjourned at 2033 hours

Respectfully submitted

James Durnal, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice CDR/Adjutant

Approved and accepted

Sonny Kirkwood, Commander