

AMERICAN LEGION PALM VALLEY POST 233
General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 1915 hours, by Commander Sonny Kirkwood

Opening prayer by Commander Kirkwood, placement of POW-MIA chair cover by SAA JR Mathis.

Roll call, 17 members present.

Commander Kirkwood recognized Northern Area Commander Jeff Durden, and Past Commanders Roy Havekost and Don Mills in attendance.

NA Commander Jeff Durden addressed the meeting speaking about Boy's State 2016, The Department Commanders upcoming visit this weekend, and the recent passing of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient J.T. Barfoot. Cdr. Kirkwood also reminded everyone that the Department Cdr. Breakfast would be held at the Post on Saturday, Dec.5.

Sick call: BJ Atkins and Wilbur Burnett.

Minutes from the November meeting were posted on the website, minutes were approved as posted.

SAL Commander Howard Sheble gave SAL monthly report (attached).

Auxiliary monthly report (attached) given by Kathy Church, Membership Chairperson.

Riders monthly report (attached) given by Kathy Church, ALR Treasurer.

MIAP, Kathy Church, State Coordinator, reported that the Sarasota internment went well and also that there will be a South Florida internment this coming weekend.

NEW MEMBERS: James Krause, US Marine Corps; Michael Waterman, US Army; and Steven Ferro, US Marine Corps, motion to accept all for membership by Dan Wortmann, seconded by PC Don Mills, passed unanimously.

The following members were recognized for their recent donations to the Post, Dan Wortmann for patriotic beer cozies advertizing Post 233; and Joe Finnerty for the popcorn machine.

OLD BUSINESS: Reminder that ALR 233 will be holding a poker run in February 2016. Kathy Church announced that she will coordinate a general Post cleanup for the first Saturday in January and requests all members-entities to help out.

ALR 233 will sponsor a New Years Eve party this year, including a buffet at midnight.

House Committee Chairman JR Mathis thanked everyone for their donations to the Post.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Tom Leppeard gave a summary report . Motion to accept report as presented at E-Board, for audit by 1st Vice Cdr. James Durnal, seconded by Dan Wortmann, passed unanimously. Amended report to be posted on bulletin board.

NEW BUSINESS: NA Commander Jeff Durden stated that the Northern Area Ball will be held on March 5, 2016 at Post 129. Details will be posted on the District website and Facebook pages.

Dan Wortmann suggested that change or beer product to 16oz v/s 12oz cans. James Durnal reported that the VFW purchases the 16oz size from their distributor for the same price as 12oz. Cdr. Kirkwood to investigate.

Ted Veber reported on a hard luck story involving one of our members, Jim Bragg. A complete narrative will be forwarded to PC Roy Havekost, Social Media Chairman, for action involving the American Legion Social Media network.

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A discussion regarding serving breakfast to our senior members resulted in a motion by BJ Atkins not to charge our WWII and Korean War members when breakfast is served at the Post. Seconded by JR Mathis, passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, SAA JR Mathis retired the POW-MIA chair cover and Commander Kirkwood closed the meeting in due form.

Meeting adjourned at 2004 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

PC Roy Havekost,
Acting Recording Secretary