

**American Legion
Palm Valley Post 233
General Membership Minutes
September 4, 2014**

Commander Havekost called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Opening prayer offered by the Commander.

Roll call of ten members present.

Minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander recognized Past Commander Don Mills, SAL Commander Tex Ward, ALA President Judy Mills, MIAP State Coordinator and ALR Treasurer Kathy Church, SAL 1st Vice Howard Sheble, VFW Post 3270 Commander Jim Durnal, 5th District Historian Corey Glasner, and 5th District Commander Tom Gora.

Long-time SAL member Jack Hord passed away on Saturday, August 30th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6th at the Palm Valley Golf Course. Everyone is invited to the Post immediately after the memorial.

Applications/Transfers: New Members: John Thomas Bell (Navy), Galen Steele (Army), Thomas Durkin (Army), Bill Joransen (Navy), Phillip Mock (Army), Michael Diangelo (Army), Walle Waters (Air Force), Ronald Swanson (Navy), Terry Pasket (Navy), Eliyanna Helig (Marines), and Daniel Moreland (Marines). Transfers: Theodore Rusnack (Army, Post 62), Aaron Kaiser (Navy, Post 400), and Mychale Fraser (Post 316). A motion to accept applications and transfers as read was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Fifth District Historian Corey Glasner asked if the Post has a Historian. We do not have one so he pointed out that it falls on the Commander to make sure information is sent in for the Centennial.

Fifth District Emergency Preparedness Chair Corey Glasner stated that the Post should have a list of our members that live alone or are housebound so that we can check on them in the event of an emergency.

The ALA report was read and attached.

The ALR and MIAP Reports were given and will be emailed.

The SAL report was given.

The drawing for a \$50 gift card to Outback was held. Members who had renewed on or before September 4th were eligible for the drawing. Dieter Arnold's name was drawn and the Commander will make sure he gets his prize.

The Public Portion of the meeting was closed at 7:36pm.

Correspondence

The Veterans Council of St. John's County is looking for donations to complete the K9s for Warriors documentary. This topic was tabled until New Business.

Unfinished Business

The Commander reported that the Canteen Manager will make sure all bartenders complete their training by December 31, 2014.

The Commander thanked Ted Veber and Sheri Martinez for the creation of the recruiting flyer that was used at the Del Webb recruiting event.

The BVMP was informed by letter of the Post's withdrawal from their group.

The new stage carpet has been installed. It was donated by Beaches Flooring.

The Commander reported that the email vote regarding raising prices at the Post passed with only one officer not voting. All votes received were in favor of raising prices. Food and drink prices will increase effective September 6, 2014.

New Business

The Commander reported that the Department of Florida's Fall Conference will be held in November. He stated that he would like to reserve two rooms for two nights at \$109/night so that he and the Adjutant can attend. Motion to allow the Commander to reserve two rooms for two nights at \$109/night was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Veterans Council of St. John's County is looking for donations to complete the K9s for Warriors documentary. Motion to donate \$250 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Dan Wortmann submitted a receipt of \$57.19 for window reflective material. Motion to reimburse Dan Wortmann \$57.19 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Commander reported that Mike Shaar will no longer cook on Fridays. He informed the Commander that he has been doing this for a long time with barely any time off. He said it was time for him to take a break.

Report of Committees

Past Commander Mills reports that the Past Commander's Club has not met recently.

The House Committee minutes were summarized and are attached.

The Adjutant, Third Vice Commander, and Service Officer reports were read and attached.

Finance Report was read and attached. Motion to accept report for audit was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The website report was read and attached.

The Commander's Report was read and attached.

For the Good of the Post

New member Jim Crutchfield stated that he is glad to be here and is ready to help.

Fifth District Commander Tom Gora thanked the Post for meeting the 60% membership goal and he presented the Commander a gift certificate to Carrabba's. He noted the new National Commander is Michael D. Helm.

The Commander presented the Adjutant the gift certificate for Carrabba's for all her work in meeting the membership goal.

Upcoming Events

9/6 Post 233 Law and Order Awards
9/14 District Meeting at Post 401
10/4 District Picnic at Post 137
11/29 District Cruise on the Casino Boat

Dan Wortmann told the District Commander that Post 233 had asked members to consider naming Post 233 as their beneficiary in the free A&D Disability policy offered by American Income Life.

There was nothing further for the good of the Post.

Closing Prayer offered by the Chaplain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes transcribed by Adjutant from an audio recording.

Unapproved