

AMERICAN LEGION POST 233  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MAY 20, 2020 (ZOOM)

Commander Caroline Merillat opened the meeting at 1903 hours. Adjutant Ted Veber determined a quorum existed with 12 Legion members present and advised there was no correspondence to be read.

COMMANDER SUMMARY. Advised the Finance Report remains unchanged from April due to the Post shutdown caused by the Coronavirus. MM2 to approve the report for audit. All were in favor.

The SBA PPP Loan Program application which we applied for was approved for \$10k. \$7.5k must be used for employee pay, the remaining \$2.5k may be used for ongoing operating expenses (utilities, insurance, security etc.). Any unused portion of the loan remaining at the end of June must be returned to the SBA. Our employees during the shutdown will be paid to perform post deep cleaning in our main room, kitchen and pavilion and also for disinfecting all contact surfaces.

POST RENOVATION- Activities during shutdown were discussed. Bar ceiling replacement is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Volunteer workers, Dan Wortmann, Ronnie & Sylvia Bass, Mike Williams & Jimmy Donovan are handling the labor involved. Total material cost including new light fixtures totaled \$1k. Dan Wortmann, Ronnie and Sylvia Bass donated \$700 of this amount. An estimate of 2k was received for the post well modifications which include the installation of an automatic system chlorinator, extension of the height of the well terminus, increasing the size of the well concrete pad and adding cement grouting around the 3" well pipe to a depth of 20 feet. We were advised the grouting work could result in damage to the 48 year old pipe. This damage would require a new well at a cost of 10k-15k, depending on the actual depth needed. In addition to this cost the required Health Department permit will be \$600. We contacted the St. John's County Health Dept. who eased our concern somewhat by stating the majority of the grouting mods are successful. Discussions also took place regarding additional post renovations needed. These include interior & exterior

painting, suspended ceiling tile & vent replacement & resurfacing the club bar surface. All agreed we will consider performing these additional tasks after completion of the bar ceiling project.

PROGRAM/ENTITY REPORTS- No reports received from the SAL or ALR. Linda Williams, speaking for the ALA entity reminded us that May 22 is the Annual Poppy Day.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES- Adjutant advised April minutes have been posted on our AL233fl.org website. No additions, omissions or corrections were noted. MM2 to approve as posted.

MEMBERSHIP- Adjutant submitted 2 applications for approval. Both applications included acceptable DD214's. Non-paying transfer Greg Lavin from Post 400, Navy, Grenada Lebanon, New member Steven Piper, Navy, Viet Nam. MM2 to accept both applications. All were in favor. Our membership stands at 104%, term end is expected to be in the 105-106% range. We are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Commander advised we still have art work items from American Classics which we planned to use in a Silent Auction during an event that was cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic. Details are being worked out to schedule a silent auction during a future event.

FINAL OFFICER NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS- Adjutant stated each officer position was filled with a nomination with the exception of our Chaplain. No new nominations were made. Judge Advocate Roy Havekost motioned the Adjutant cast 1 ballot to elect all officers currently nominated for the 2020-21 term. This motion was seconded, all were in favor. Judge Advocate suggested we contact new/transfer members to determine if any had an interest in handling the Post Chaplain duties. Adjutant agreed to handle. Commander made the following appointments, Roy Havekost-Judge Advocate , Ted Veber Adjutant. With no further business for the good of the Post the Commander adjourned the meeting at 1947 hours.

Submitted by Ted Veber, Adjutant

