

# American Legion Palm Valley Post 233

## General Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2016

Commander Dan Wortmann called the assembly to attention. With the colors of our country in place all hand saluted. Opening prayer offered by PC, E-Board Member, District 5 Adjutant Sonny Kirkwood. SAA Mike Williams placed the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice James Durnal lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the recitation of the preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion Commander Wortmann declared the General Membership meeting of Palm Valley Post 233 convened at 1939 hrs.

Roll call by Adjutant Ted Veber determined quorum. 10 members present.

Past Commanders Roy Havekost and Sonny Kirkwood, and Auxiliary President Linda Williams, SAL Finance Officer Howard Sheble, and Kitchen Manager Kathy Church were recognized.

Minutes from the July meeting- MM 2nd to accept minutes as shown on Post website. All were in favor.

Adjutant Veber read in 2 new members, MM-2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to accept these men as members of Post 233.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adjutant stated we presently have 53 WW2 veterans on our roster. We will not pay their 2017 dues until we can verify their current status. Finance Manager Ben Matthews will assist in contacting these men. After contact is made we will seek volunteers to sponsor a WW2 vet by paying for his member dues. J. R. Mathis mentioned he would support this effort.

### NEW BUSINESS-DECISION

Adjutant requested a donation of \$150 in support of our Sunday Football Events which begin on September 11. MM 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

A discussion took place regarding our current financial situation and cutting back on canteen hours. MM 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to change the Saturday opening hours from 11:00am to 4:00pm on a trial basis during the month of August. This will be discussed again during our September meetings.

Executive Board member Mathis mentioned routine canteen maintenance is not being performed by our bartenders in accordance with their Job Descriptions. House Committee Chair Susan Severson and Canteen Manager Pam Behrendt will discuss during a meeting with the bartenders after a review of our

current cleaning service contract.

Judge Advocate/PC/Department Social Media Director Roy Havekost mentioned the Florida Highway Patrol Academy has recently instituted a program for youths 16-18 years old similar to the Boys State Program we presently support. Roy will provide additional details when they become available.

#### Entity Reports

SAL - Finance Officer Howard Sheble reported Bingo attendance increasing along with operating balance. Meals are now being served. Sonny Kirkwood, Kathy Church, Betty Bacom, Roger and Pat Akey, Brad Kees, Susan Severson, Bob McAfee Sylvia Bass, Robbie Bacom, Patty Williams and Jim Whaley were recognized for assistance during SAL meals. A Special Wings Night and Cigar Club Dinner with Bogey's wings has been scheduled for 8/17.

KITCHEN- Manager Kathy Church reported the Food Hygiene Certificate is presently being updated. The linen service company will be retained. The average monthly charge is approximately \$120. Kathy expressed her thanks to all who work hard to keep our kitchen in good shape.

ALA- President Linda Williams reported box tops for the Ocean Palms School and \$12,694 in coupons for overseas veterans families. ALA members assisted during most meals during July. They created flyers, sent info to newspapers and calendars and updates to Social Media outlets. Beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup> the first Wednesday of every month will be the ALA Cookbook Dinner night. Members attended ShAdCo and NEFVC during the month.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, SAA Williams retired the POW-MIA flag and Commander Wortmann closed the meeting in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 2029 hrs.

Ted Veber  
Adjutant  
Executive Board

Approved by,  
Dan Wortmann  
Ted Veber