

American Legion Post 233
General Membership Meeting - Minutes
October 11, 2017

OPENING CEREMONY

Conducted by Adjutant Ted Veber. Meeting commenced at 1920 hours.

QUORUM

Determined by Adjutant Ted Veber with the following present: Jeff Tupper, Roy Havekost, Michael Klim. Jerry Boland, Mike Williams, Caroline Merrilat, Howard Sheble, Kathy Church, Josh Wathen, Bill Reno, Kaye Sodenkamp

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

Last month's General Meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Irma, therefore no meeting minutes exist.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Officer Al Sodenkamp – Post financial bottom line continues to improve as evidenced by an end of September Canteen Account balance of over \$4500.

ALA REPORT

President Kathy Church – ALA hosted the Jody Mons Celebration of Life and a Wing Night on Saturday 9/30 and agreed to do this on Saturday 10/14, cooked breakfast on 9/24 and will prepare the brunch for the Law and Awards Event on 10/22. Ms. Church went to the Foundation Academy and did a POW/MIA presentation and then accompanied students and teachers on a trip to the JNC. ALA members participated in

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the 9/2 Labor Day Event during which Sylvia and Ronnie Bass sold fish dinners resulting in a \$574 donation to the Post. An ALA Membership Drive took place during the Event. Members assist the AL, ALR and SAL during their meals and also at Bingo. 3 plaques were purchased for the Girls State Program and will be displayed at the Post and at BTHS and PVHS.

ALR REPORT

Secretary Kathy Church – Members cook breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month, tacos on every Tuesday, assisted during the Labor Day Event, helped during the grounds cleanup in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, attended the ALR 5th District meeting at Post 283, participated in the Chapter 283 Poker Run for the 5 Star Veteran Center and donated \$150. We donated \$123 to the Post to help pay the premium due for an Insurance Policy. Member Jerry Boland is raising a puppy for K9's for Warriors and BJ Atkins picks up bread every week at Publix.

MIAP REPORT

Kathy Church, MIAP Florida State Coordinator detailed the recent activities of the MIAP/POW Organization. She reported Florida's progress as of 10/1/17 as follows: 124 funeral homes visited,

1,000 cremains found, 152 veterans interred, 72 spouses interred, 1 dependent interred, 43 missions pending and 13 call to honors.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Roy Havekost, Post 233 and AL 5th District Social Media Chairman – Provided details on our Post Website and Facebook Group activities. During the 3rd quarter of this year the Website was visited 7,396 times by individuals who viewed more than 14,950 pages of information. The site currently contains 711.3MB of information. The Facebook Group currently has 708 members. All postings are approved by the group administrator.

Personal comments, if you must make them, should be made on your personal page.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Roy Havekost, 5th District Vice Commander spoke on notes taken during the 5th District Meeting on October 8th. State Commander Steve Shuga's District will be from 11/19-25. The Department ALA President, SAL Commander will also be in attendance during the visit and possibly the AL National Commander. 5th District Commander Troy Horsley should be emailed when our IRS 990 is filed with the IRS.

2018 Boys State dates are 6/17-23. St. Augustine Post 37 Grand Opening is scheduled for 11/11 at 12-2 and

Hilliard Post 401 Grand Opening is tentatively scheduled for the same day.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals applied for Post 233 membership: Jeremiah Blocker, a transfer from Post 129, Jason Odom, William Moore, Orlando Rosello, Clifford Moore, Margaret Hannan, John Ward, a non-paying transfer from Post 245, Tom Clark, and Jeffrey Peterson. MM2nd to approve all applicants. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss for the benefit of Post 233, after the closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Ted Veber
Adjutant