5DEC 2024 American Legion Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes

After the Opening ceremony was conducted, Commander John Barkley called the 5 DEC2024 American Legion Post 49 membership meeting to order at 1900.

Order of Business

Adjutant Roll Call: **Cmdr. John Barkley**, **1st Vice Cmdr. Earl Lash,** 2nd Vice Cmdr Jim Addessi**, Adjutant Bob Dargis,** Finance Officer Sean Russell, **Judge Advocate Jason Turner,** Sgt. at Arms Sieg Freitag, Chaplain Larry Girard**,** Service Officer Steve Hamilton**,** Historian Jim McCloughan**, Trustee Bruce Thatcher,** Trustee Patrick Whitlatch, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Trustee Rich Ely**,** Trustee Guy Cherry, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch**,** Trustee Josh Gunneson, **Service Officer Jason Mayer**, Trustee Dan Gomez, member Tim Gregory, member Brad VandenBerg, member Glenn Higgs, **Member Dan Thompson**, member Kane Goodson, member Don Karrus, Member Richard Schmidt, SAL member Paul Middleton.
Quorum (of at least 5 AL members) **present.**

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None.

Award Presentation: None

Meeting Minutes Membership Mtg minutes dated 7 NOV 2024 reviewed/**approved** on motion of Earl Lash, properly seconded, on voice vote.

Committee reports

1. Finance. Report by Commander Barkley:
-Account status:$195,850.81 4Dec2024 vs $230, $174.06 26Nov2023, $220,307.37 4Nov2024
-Quickbooks: $ 12,687.96 loss Oct2024 (incl, $6,500 memorial brick add, $800 Poppy purchase) vs -$7,494.45 Sept.2024 vs $ 1,062.74 Oct2023.
-Transfer $15K from each Pull Tab, KENO, $10K from Bldg. and $5k from Vet's Acct to the GO.
-Finance Report motion for approval was made by Earl Lash, properly seconded, was approved by the members.
-SAL funds available: $21,831.69
-Aux funds available: $27,623 plus $10,000 "reserved for ADA improvements" plus $6,579.99 BankCD.

2. Adjutant
-Membership status as 27 Nov: 27 new, 46 PUFL, 374 renewals, 3 transfers for 450/667 = 67.47 % with a 65 % target for 14 Nov and next 11 Dec target of 75%.
-Two new member applications were circulated and a motion to approve those new members and the adjutant's report was made by Earl Lash, properly seconded, was approved by the members.

3. Service Officers report Jason Mayer reported that 4 Thanksgiving meals were provided by the Post to needy families

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4. Club Facilities and Operations Committee Staff Mtg scheduled date for 9Nov2024.
-Dec2024 calendar review highlighting special/OTP events
-1500 Sat. 14Dec. Post 49 viewing of the Army/Navy game. Feel free to bring a snack to share.
-1700-2000 Saturday, 21Dec.traditional Tom N Jerry event for Post 49 members (Shelley Ammerman)
-Continued clean bill-of-health from recent Health inspector.
-Request for additional bar service help during known "busy" periods.

5. AL Events
-1100 6 Dec.Move Christmas decorations from the storage area to the meeting room.
-1200 7 Dec Pearl Harbor remembrance salute, Honor guard here at 11:30.

-11Dec Lest We Forget open pizza dinner meeting at Post 49 from 1830-2000.
-Wreaths across America Honor Guard salute at Bangor 12Noon 14Dec. Followed by Post 49 and other volunteers laying wreaths at Lakeview cemetery. Bus will leave the Post for Bangor at 1115.
-1500 Sat. 14Dec. Post 49 viewing of the Army/Navy game. Feel free to bring a snack to share.
- AL Exec Meeting rescheduled from 26Dec to 19Dec2024.

6. **SAL Events**
None.

7. Aux Events.
-Sat.14Dec. Post 49 Children's Christmas Party. RSVP @ 269-470-9072 or patti.sheehy@gmail.com for 1100-1230 or 1400-1530 reservations. Shelley also asks that you consider volunteering support by contacting her at 269-906-7025 or shelleyammerman@gmail.com.

Old Business
-Lakeview Cemetery Flag replacement survey update, none.
-Clubroom sound reduction. Aux will not support a cost share of $22,593 for 40% noise reduction. They will purchase wall panels, conduct baseline noise testing and compare to noise level after panel install.
-Memorial brick addition work in process for 5 additional rows of bricks added to each side (1680 bricks total), additional gray brick edger material (237 pcs. total), repair/leveling of main walkway.
-Landscape leveling proposal plan approved and waiting funding.
-State funding for Post 49 improvements TBD.
-Fund raising brainstorming in process (Jason Turner, Shelley Ammerman, Angela Ely, Mary Fitzgerald, Emily Fitzbaker, Gerry Durkee, John Barkley) report out from 4Dec mtg.
-Front entrance support posts replacement completed.
-Kitchen plumbing moved from the outside wall.
-4 Thanksgiving dinners received from VA distributed.

Other/New Business
-We received some complaints about the parking lot not being properly plowed.
-Dan Thompson reported that he revised and remounted a plaque describing our post history and His relative, Edward R. Thompson, whom the post is named after, which will be hung in the club area
-Christmas bonus cards were signed by members present and those along with the debit cards will be placed in the club area for additional signatures, and will later be distributed to our staff .
-On motion of EarlLash, members approved a $500 donation to be spent on the Children's Christmas Party.
-Per Jason Turner, Lakeshore Carpet/Tile cleaning quote will be: Bar area $585, Mtg rm strip/wax $795, $1,380 total. Members approved going forward with this work on motion of Bruce Thatcher, properly seconded.
-Electrician scheduled to replace the bar under counter lights.

Sick call
Dan Farmer still dealing with brain tumor concerns. Rodney Tolbert recently had Hernia surgery. Steve Hamilton is also sick, and Seig Freitag dealing with cancer and heart problems.

Communication & Donation Announcements (to/from AL)
-Commander reports approximately $5,000 has been donated by Legion members towards improvements around the club so far.

Next meetings

-Membership Mtg 1900 2Jan2025.

-Fourth District Service officers training at 11:00 am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Meetings 1:30 pm: 5Jan2025 Coloma 362(6505 Red Arrow Hwy), 2March2025 Hickory Corners 484 (3801 W.Hickory Rd.), 18May2025 Dorr 127(4310 18th St.)

-AL Dept. of Michigan Winter Meeting Feb. 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2025 @ BlueWater Convention Center, 800 Harker St., Port Huron, MI

For The Good of The American Legion.

-Dec: Sat Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance day, honor guard to do salute.

Friday Dec 13 Natl Guard Birthday. SAT Dec 14 Wreaths across America salute at Bangor Cemetery, Bus to leave Legion at 1115. Saturday Dec 14 Children's Christmas Party.

-Wednesday Dec 25 Christmas Day, Thursday Dec 26 Kwanzaa (first day), Tuesday Dec 31 New Year's Eve.

Commander John Barkley conducted the closing ceremony and declared the meeting adjourned at 1942 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by
Adjutant Bob Dargis, American Legion Post 49