AL Post 49 Membership Meeting Minutes
6Aug2020

Commander Jason Turner conducted **Opening Ceremonies** starting at 1900 and ordered roll call.

Roll Call: Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Guy Cherry, **Adjutant Tom Breen,** Finance Officer Sean Russell**, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash,** Chaplain and Service Officer Larry Girard**, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco, Trustee Tom Dryer, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch, Member Bruce Thatcher, Member Rudy Rodrigaz, Member Marty Welker, Member Josh Gunneson,** Club Manager Heather Hahn, Auxiliary Pres. Billie Coone or Representative
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) present ?

Reading of last meeting minutes. 2July2020 minutes approved as written

Introduction of guest(s): New AL members Rudi Rodrigaz and Josh Gunneson introduced themselves as new members. Welcome to both !

Committee reports

1. **Finance**: report approved as summarized below
   -Funds total funds available reported to be $66,661.63, up from a reported $59,679 2July 2020 with $15,180.70 in the operating fund.
   -Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -$4,850.67, Feb2020 $4,292.82, Mar2020 -$8,775.42, Apr2020 -$12,001.36, May -$10,521.76, June -$ 4,888.43
2. **Adjutant**: report approved as summarized below
   -166 new membership cards issued takes us to 26.2%
   -Current member count 550 of 572 or 96.15% renewals for 2020. We currently have 633 on roster, including those that have moved/passed in the last 2 years.

3. **Service Officers**.
   -Steve reported working currently working with one veteran who needs transportation to Battle Creek VA
   -Gary Easterling's next visit put on hold, to be rescheduled at a later date.

4. **Club Operations.**
   -Club operations turned positive in June
   -Club open to the public 1,7,8,15 Aug and 5,6Sept.
   -King of Diamonds status - 1730 6Aug drawing conducted after minimal (1 day) of ticket sales..
   -Member feedback for Club Operations ? None reported

5. **Family Meetings - AL**
   -15Aug Honor Guard should be at Post 49 at 1030 to support the Thank You to Citizen Heroes ceremony starting at 1100 with fly over planned for 1200. Also expect Bob Filbrandt and other special guests, an estimated 75 people..SAL will support the food service process.
   -1 Nov district meeting Post 49, Aux supports with luncheon.

6. **Family Meetings - SAL**
   -Sept 6 district meeting in Dorr, MI and 17-19Sept. state fall conference in Flint.
   -Can drive successful with $1,700 cash, $4,700 from can/bottle returns reported.
   -John Barkley will replace Jed Fall as AL liaison to SAL

7. **Family Meetings - Aux**
-53 fish dinners were sold in June and 65 in July, now serving 4th Friday of month 1700-1930. Plan to use profits from fish dinners to support purchase of new convection oven. The current oven is becoming more difficult to use due to uneven temperatures.

Sick call None Reported.

Unfinished business
-Korean War veteran Corp Janoski's grave leveling/cleaning completed. A motion to authorize up to $500 for city hall plack modifications was passed.
-Flywheeler President Pat Engles requested that we release our prior reservation.

New Business
-New member Rudy Rodrigaz suggested that we sandblast and paint the M60A1 tank currently on display. Trustee Willie Reinhardt stated that DOD would not care if the tank was restored/painted with appropriate color paint. Further investigation required to determine type/color of paint and cost estimate to complete.The initiative will be led by Historian (Art) Sergio Orozco.
-Korean War memorial proposal deferred until Sept meeting.

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Communication & Donations
-Next Membership meeting 1900 3Sept
-AL Club Operations Meeting 1530 27 Aug-open meeting
-Exec Comm Mtg 1600 27 Aug-open meeting
-Family Mtg 1745 27 Aug-open meeting

Memorial to a departed post member : Jed Fall, Stan Wakild

For The Good of The American Legion.
-48 star flag will be displayed in the meeting room adjacent to the current display case. Donations being solicited to cover framing cost.
-Post 49 will honor the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93, who on 11Sept2001 gave up their lives to stop the terrorists from reaching their target. SAL will support a simple, fast, open to the public breakfast for those who would like to attend the ceremony, starting at 830AM, followed by the 930-1015AM ceremony.
-August/September days to celebrate: Coast Guard Day 4 Aug., Purple Heart Day 7 Aug., VJ Day 2 Sept., 9/11 Patriot Day 11 Sept., USAF Birthday 18 Sept., Air National Guard Birthday 18 Sept., National POW/MIA Recognition Day 18 Sept., Gold Star Mothers Day 27 Sept.
-11Aug Covid testing available at South Haven High School

Closing. The Commander conducted closing ceremonies and ended the meeting at 2020.

Respectfully,
John Barkley for
Tom Breen, Adjutant
American Legion Post 49