

American Legion Post 250 E-Board Minutes

Date: 9 August 2023

Attendance:

Cmdr	XX	1 st Vice	XX	2 nd Vice	XX
Finance Off	XX	Adj	EX	Hist	XX
Chaplin	XX	SVC Off	XX	SAA	XX
EB 1	XX	EB 2	AB	ASAA	XX
JA	XX	CANTEEN	XX		

QUORUM: Y

Call to order: 1830

Adjourn: 1946

Chaplin gave opening prayer.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer:

Beginning Balance: \$75,313.00

Ending Balance \$76,469.00

See Finance Officer for detailed report.

Motion was made by Gary Fleming and seconded by Cindy Anderson to accept the report as read subject to audit. Discussion was held about the continuation of our CPA, Shirley Hatcher and the work she will need to put in to get our books straight. Motion was voted on and passed.

Chaplains Report:

Steve Meek (TAL) passed to Post Everlasting on 18 July. Services were held with family at Jacksonville National Cemetery on 04 Aug.

Jessica (last name unknown) (AUX) passed to Post everlasting

Devin Douglas (SAL) Passed to Post Everlasting

Vet Council Notes:

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- Clay County Vet Council is sponsoring VA MYHEALTHTHEVET.GOV training on 15 Aug starting at 10am. Training will be held at the Middleburg VA clinic.
- Clay County Vet Council is close to obtaining building space at the Senior Center in Green Cove Springs.
- Operation Lifeline is seeking Veteran homes that are in need of handicap ramps. They will get them installed. We are asking for a ramp to our stage and the house.

1st Vice: Membership is at 39.2%. to make our September goal we need to be at 50% or greater. We need approximately 100 more by September 7th. We have Buddy Check days scheduled for 12 August at 1pm and 23 September at 1pm.

2nd Vice: Upcoming Events:

Joshua Henry will be playing an acoustic set on 12 Aug 5-8pm. Riders will have burgers and dogs available. There are many expected from Camp Blanding as his mother works out there.

Baseball Recognition Dinner is 13 Aug.

Food For Clay County Food Distribution is 22 Aug @ 1:30pm

9/11 Ceremony will be held on Sept 9th as the ALR 372 9/11 Ride comes through (approx. 11:30am.

Seven Bridges Ride in Conjunction with the National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the Church of the Highspeed Pass at Cecil Field will be held on Sep 16th.

CVMA RocketMan Ride will start and end at Post 250 on Sep 30th.

Family and Friends in Need Fundraiser will be on Oct 14th.

Need committee members for the 115th Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion Formal Dinner on Mar 15th.

Van Zant Bench dedication has been moved to April 6th to coincide with the 8th anniversary of Jimmy's death.

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Judge Advocate: Handed out American Legion Americanism handbooks so everyone has an idea of what programs fall under the pillar. He also encouraged others to step up and take on a program.

Service Officer: Has been fulfilling his role as a resource officer and ensuring veterans and their families are getting the information they are looking for. Also, we have two Clay County Veteran Service Officers (VSO): Rich Carry and Deslie West. They are in Building 400 on College Dr.

Historian:

Monthly newsletter has been started. If you want to get any information out to the masses, contact Shannon Wolford.

Blood Drives: Last Blood Drive we had 6 units collected (4 Whole Blood and 2 Red Blood). Next will be on Aug 26th 8-11am.

SAL: Our SAL Squadron has informally adopted Clyde Lassen Veteran Nursing Home in St Augustine. They go one Saturday of each month and help them play bingo and talk to the veterans. They are able to take up to 8 personnel with them. They have also started a new fund raising stream and will be working a food booth at the football stadium.

E-Board: Nothing to Report

Committee Reports:

Baseball: Season is over and our recognition dinner is on Sunday 13 Aug.

Boy Scouts: Our Boy Scout Troop will be conducting a day out in St Augustine and visiting some of the historic sights. Just a note: all the trips are designed by the Scouts themselves with guidance from the parents.

Cub Scouts: will be conducting their Round Up in Oct (date to be determined) and using our meeting hall.

Canteen Report:

The 2 new bartenders are working out well on their 90-day trial period. When they get to their 90-days the Canteen Manager will inform the E-Board so we can vote to hire permanently or let go.

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A question was asked on how to handle a loud officer making inappropriate comments at the bar. Manager was informed to try one-on-one first and if no luck, bring to Commander and Judge Advocate

A question was raised about what the Canteen can do to raise money for different things (i.e. Canteen Improvements, Bartenders Party, etc.). The Manager was informed they can continue their raffles and 50/50's. Any game of chance outside of these needs to be addressed to the E-board and thoroughly researched to ensure we are able to conduct them (IAW Florida State Laws).

Commanders Report:

Our Kitchen Manager (Bill Neimeic) has resigned.

I Will have surgery on 5 September. I will be off my feet for a bit, but still available through phone and email.

Old business:

Signage remains our only unresolved issue. We had two estimates (one \$800 and one \$2895). The difference is the materials used and how long they are warrantied. We will need to conduct another fund raise if we want to pursue this.

New Business:

Motion by John Rosenau / second by Gary Fleming: to add an incentive in the form of gift cards for the ticket sellers. Discussion: In order to get our ticket sellers to sell the remaining tickets, it is proposed we offer a \$25 gift card to anyone that sells 100 or more tickets and a \$50 gift card to anyone that sells 250 or more tickets. Motion Passed.

Motion by John Rosenau / second by Shannon Wofford: to add four more gaming machines temporarily, while we wait for the Van Zant bench. Discussion was held. Motion Passed.

Motion by John Ruark / Second by Gary Fleming: to appoint Vince St John as the new Kitchen Manager. Motion Passed.

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Motion by Wayne Elliott / Second by Linda Story: to keep Shirley Hatcher as our CPA and have her help us get our books back in order. Motion passed.

Good of the Order:

Shannon Wofford talked about the Sea Cadet Program that the American Legion has decided to adopt. He is in contact with the Cadet program at NAS Jacksonville and gathering information about how we can adopt them.

No further business.

Chaplin said closing prayer

Salute to Flag

Meeting adjourned at 1946.

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Ken White

Commander

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Dick Rowe

Adjutant