

# American Legion Post 250 General Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 August 2023

## Attendance:

Cmdr	XX	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	XX	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	XX
Finance Off	XX	Adj	EX	Hist	XX
Chaplin	XX	SVC Off	EX	SAA	XX
EB 1	XX	EB 2	XX	ASAA	XX
JA	EX	CANTEEN	XX		

## QUORUM: Y

**Call to order:** 1900

**Adjourn:** 1956

Chaplin gave the opening prayer.

Introduction of guests and Past Commanders.

## Reading of Previous General & E-Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Donnie James and seconded by Lowell Bernheimer to dispense with the reading of the minutes due to them being posted on our website. No discussion. Passed.

## Officer Reports:

### Finance Officer:

Beginning Balance: \$75,313.00

Ending Balance \$76,469.00

See Finance Officer for detailed report.

Motion was made by John Ruark and seconded by Lowell Bernheimer to accept the report as read subject to audit. Discussion was held about revenue streams and how we need to take a hard look at those that are not producing. Motion was voted on and passed.

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice:**

- Two new members were present: Julie Paget and Doreen Arndt. Motion by Donnie James seconded by John Ruark to approve these and the others that have joined in the past month. No Discussion. Passed.
- Membership is 41.77%. to make our September goal we need to be at 50% or greater. We need 71 more by September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- We have Buddy Check days scheduled for 12 August at 1pm and 23 September at 1pm.
- We received our 100% sash from Department, and it was placed on our flag. This reflects contributions to our membership drive by all hands.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Upcoming Events:**

- Food For Clay County Food Distribution is 22 Aug @ 1:30pm
- 22 Aug is also our Bike Night. Holeshoot Power Sports will not be able to make it, but we will still have the Jam Session outside.
- We have two upcoming Bingo nights: 28 Aug a free Bingo Night for those wanting to help call (there will be prizes); and 04 September to kick off our fall Bingo.
- 9/11 Ceremony will be held on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> as the ALR 372 9/11 Ride comes through (approx. 11:00am).
- 9 Sep we will start our College Game Day in the Tiki Bar
- 10 Sep will start our NFL Game Day in the Tiki Bar
- 16 Sep will be the POW/MIA 7 Bridges Ride ending with a ceremony at the Chapel of the Highspeed Pass at Cecil Field. If you can help with the Vietnam Wall set-up, please come out.
- 24 Sep will be the Santa Cause Ride kicking off from our Post.
- 30 Sep the Boy Scouts have been asked to do breakfast.
- 30 Sep will be the CVMA Rocketman Ride starting and ending at our Post.
- Family and Friends in Need Fundraiser will be on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Need committee members for the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion Formal Dinner on Mar 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Van Zant Bench dedication has been moved to April 6<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jimmy's death.

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## **Chaplains Report:**

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

Laurie Marshall (Ipar) Passed to Post Everlasting on 14 Aug. Services will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery on 24 Aug at 2pm.

Jessica Kenny-Barnhouse (AUX) passed to Post everlasting.

Devin Douglas (SAL) Passed to Post Everlasting.

**Judge Advocate:** NTR

**Service Officer:** NTR

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 can take up to 8 personnel with them.
- Started a new fund raising stream and will be working a concession stand at the football stadium for 12 events. If anyone wants to help, please contact Shannon.
- Starting a Passport incentive program for those that help out during events. At the end of the year, one lucky member will get all the tip monies raised.

**E-Board:** NTR

## **Riders:**

- Miles: 5,013
- Hours: 490.5
- Events

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- 22 Aug: Food For Clay County Food Distribution
- 22 Aug: Bike Night (Sponsored by Holeshoot Power Sports)
- 09 Sep: 9/11 Recognition Ceremony (in conjunction with ALR 372 Ride)
- 14 Oct: Family & Children in Need Fund Raiser
- 21 Oct: Host ALR 202 K9-Line Fund Raiser Ride

## **Committee Reports:**

**Baseball:** Season is over and our recognition dinner was 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:**

## **Commanders Report:**

## **Old business:**

- Signage remains our only unresolved issue. We had two estimates (one \$800 and one \$2490). The difference is the materials used and how long they are warranted. We will need to conduct another fund raise if we want to pursue this.

## **New Business:**

- Motion by Julie Paget seconded by Linda Story: to post our calendar to HOA site (Facebook, etc) to help reach out to veterans in the community. Discussion was held. Julie was introduced to our PR Chair (Shannon Wofford). Passed.
- Motion by Julie Paget seconded by John Ruark: to create a Phone Tree/Email tree for members to call and find out if our members need any assistance (a.k.a. Buddy Checks). Discussion was held. Julie was introduced to our Membership Chair (Cindy Anderson). Passed.

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## Good of the Order:

Our Kitchen Manager (Bill Neimeic) has resigned, and the E-Board has voted to replace him with Vince St John. Both he and Amy have been working on organizing the kitchen and pantry area. If you have not seen it yet, please take a look as they have done an amazing job!

## Vet Council Notes:

- Clay County Vet Council sponsored a VA MYHEALTHEVET.GOV training on 15 Aug starting at 10am. Training was held at the Middleburg VA clinic.
- Clay County Vet Council is close to obtaining building space at the Senior Center in Green Cove Springs.
- Aug 25 is a celebration by the VA for 100 years of Women's Health at the Gainesville VA Hospital
- 7-10 September will be a Military Spouse Retreat (see flyer).
- 6 September Clay County Veteran Council will meet at the Registrar of Elections office at 11am.

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

John Rosenau talked about the incentive program approved by the E-Board to help get our 31 Guns in 31 Days tickets sold.

The Commander recognized John Rosenau for his completion of the American Legion Basic Training with a pin.

No further business.

Closing ceremonies.

Meeting was adjourned at 1956.

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Ken White  
Commander

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Dick Rowe  
Adjutant