



Middleburg American Legion Post 250
2608 Black Creek Drive
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Chaplain gave opening prayer

POW/MIA flag was recognized.

Sgt at Arms led meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

The Preamble to the Constitution was recited in unison.

Quorum: Yes xx No –

Call to Order: 1903

Guest: Past Commanders Donnie James and John Rourk. Brad Roberson, Leonita Bernheimer, Wnedy Yuknis, Ronald Melanson, Amanda Adams and Maggie Beckerman from K-9 Line who presented a plaque to Post 250 to recognize all the support provided over the years.

Previous meeting minutes not available at time of meeting. A request was made to provide details on the website and newsletters on how to find the meeting minutes on the website. Minutes were provided to member after meeting.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer: Beginning balance: \$92,302; ending balance \$89,552. Non-ordinary expenses this month included the signage on the building and repairs to the grill; however, both of those items were paid for through specific fund raisers.

If you wish to see a detailed report see the Finance Officer

A motion was made by Donnie James and seconded by Gary Fleming to accept the finance report as read, subject to audit. Discussion was held. Voted on and passed.

First Vice: Membership is at 95.1%. We need 47 more new members or renewals to reach our 100% goal.

Second Vice:

- Comedy night this Saturday night at 8:00, no charge to attend. Rib Dinner by Donnie 6-8 pm.
- The Children's Easter Carnival is April 30th – need help setting up beginning 9:30 am.
- April 6th is the Combat Vets Meeting followed by a yard sale at 11:00



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- April 20th is the Bear/Butch Ride, followed by music – DCL and several other bands. There will be food/raffles/etc.
- April 27th will be another comedy night at 8:00 pm
- May 4th will be the Legion Officer elections

Chaplain: Dick Rowe is resting at home after heart surgery

Judge Advocate:

- May 4th is in person voting for 2024-2025 Officers. Nominations begin during tonight's meeting and will continue at the next General Meeting 4/18/24. Absentee ballots will be available behind the bar. They will be numbered. To request, ask the bartender, fill it out and return it to bartender. You can also request/return by mail, the deadline to return will be the Saturday before the in person voting.
- Everything is in place for Boys State, all information has been submitted.
- JROTC – medals and certificates are coming in from schools.

Service Officer:

- The Service Officer's responsibilities have been reduced – he can get forms, etc. Richard Carey is the Clay County rep – he can help fill out forms, follow-up on claims, etc. See Gary Fleming for the number.
- USAA has changed their auto insurance policy – Part B: Personal Injury Protection. It now only covers the main person insured and family members. It no longer includes coverage for non-family members.

Historian:

- This past Monday the Post was honored during the baseball game – the first pitch was thrown out by members of Post 250.
- The SAL is sponsoring a team, and the Post is sponsoring the Orange Park team

SAL: Membership is at 103.3% and the SAL qualified for 4 awards.

Riders: 5210 miles and 601 hours of time in support of veteran events

School Medals: The medals have been received and there are enough for 25 schools. If you are interested in presenting see the Commander after the meeting



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Disaster Prep: 2 ½ months until hurricane season – be prepared. The Post is available as a shelter if needed.

House Committee:

- Looking for 2 more bartenders (pay is minimum wage + tips).
- There was discussion around how to report repair/issues with the post and how it is paid for. It was noted that there is no assigned budget and that we need to build up the Building Fund.

Old Business:

- The last sign was installed this week.
- Added a room at the convention for the incoming Commander

New Business:

- Gary Fleming made a motion that our Commander be nominated for the 5th District 1st Vice Commander. Seconded by John Rourk. Endorsement letter from Post read by John Rourk. Voted on and passed.
- Commander opened the nominations for Officer Positions for 2024/2025 year. Nominations are as follows:
 - Commander: Wayne Elliot nominated John Rosenau – accepted. Shannon Woffard nominated Donnie James - accepted.
 - 1st Vice: Linda Story nominated Cindy Anderson – accepted. Donnie James nominated Bill Niemiec - accepted
 - 2nd Vice: Gary Fleming nominated Linda Story – accepted. Donnie James nominated Julie Paget – accepted via letter.
 - Finance: Donnie James nominated Sandy Greenway – accepted. Gary Fleming nominated Russ Kimmy – declined.
 - Chaplain: Bill Niemiec nominated John Rourk - declined.
 - Historian: Donnie James nominated Shannon Woffard - declined
 - E-Board: Donnie James nominated Doreen Arndt – accepted. Donnie James nominated Jeffrey Pickard - accepted.
 - Sgt at Arms: Donnie James nominated Kenny Greenway - accepted.
 - All nominations are closed for tonight but remain open until the next meeting.

Good of the Order

- A member asked about the funds that were identified as missing during the audit and wanted to know why a police report was not made. The Commander noted that there was



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no evidence of who/how the funds were taken. All bartenders and the canteen manager had access and with evidence there was nothing to investigate. Financial safeguards have been put in place to prevent further issues.

- Dave thanked everyone for helping with the signs on the building and the picnic table refresh.
- It was noted the this will be a busy weekend for Post 250 and the 5th District. Clay County Vietnam Vets activity and the Unity Ride. We need a good turnout for the Unity Ride because we would like to be the start/stop for the fall ride. Friday night is dinner, and the Boogie Freaks and Saturday is Ribs by Donnie and the comedy night.
- John Rosenau noted that we have 100 more tickets to sell for the 31 Guns
- John Rosenau also noted that the Children's carnival is supported by local businesses; however, this year they have not been able to donate as much as they have in the past. He requested that members support the event by donating \$10. Any money left over after the cost of the carnival will go to the Gary Sinise Snowball Express

Chaplain gave closing prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 1957

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Ken White
Commander

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Dick Rowe
Adjutant