

# General Assembly Meeting Minutes

## October 17, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 1900

### Roll Call:

Commander	XX	First Vice	EX	Second Vice	XX
Adjutant	XX	Finance Officer	XX	Historian	XX
Judge Advocate	XX	Sargeant-At-Arms	XX	Chaplain	XX
Asst SAA	EX	E-Brd 1	XX	E-Brd 2	XX
Service Officer	XX				

**Quorum: Yes**

**Chaplain gave opening prayer**

**Conducted opening ceremony**

Motion by Jeffrey Picard / Danny Tarrant 2<sup>nd</sup>: to dispense with read of last General Assembly Meeting minutes as they are posted on our website. **APPROVED.**

Reading of the last Executive Board minutes. Motion by Jeffrey Picard / Gary Fleming 2<sup>nd</sup>: Accept the minutes as read. **APPROVED.**

**Introduction of Guests:** Brad Roberson ( SAL Member)

### Officer Reports:

		<b>With Riders &amp; SAL</b>
<b>Finance:</b>	Starting Balance: \$65,169.00	\$95,994.00
	Ending Balance: \$72,492.00	\$106,392.00

Motion by John Ruark / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny Tarrant to accept subject to audit. **APPROVED.**

### Chaplain:

- Keep Bill Niemiec in your prayers as he recovers from back surgery at home.
- Keep Russell Kimmey in your prayers as he continues to struggle with good days and bad days.
- Keep Leslie Paget's (Patsy) wife in your prayers. She was moved to rehab center.
- Held a Celebration of Life for Siifredo Ramos on Monday. Family came in from California and made a \$500 donation to the Post.
- Keep the family of Deb Blankenship (Auxiliary) in your prayers as she passed on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Funeral fro Paul Schneider (long time member of Legion and Riders) will be on 23 Oct at 10am at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

### First Vice: (Excused):

- Currently at 53.02%. Our next Goal is 65% by November 6, 2024. Please reach out to Bill and see if you can help him make phone calls. We need 121 Renewals or new members to reach our next goal.

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- We have 10 new members: Norman Mendoza; Joel Johnson; Russell Brooks; Michael Campbell; Henry Lowery; Debyn Brown; Kevin Collins; Michael Lease; Kacie Simmons; and Hugh Simmons. Motion by Ken White / Danny Tarrant 2<sup>nd</sup>: Accept new Members as they do not subscribe to any organization that wants to overthrow our form of government. **APPROVED.**

**Second Vice:** Check the calendar, lots of events coming up (Highlighted events for next week).

**Historian:** NTR.

**Judge Advocate:** NTR

- CCVC has a table for us at the Clay County Veterans 5k Run/Walk on November 9. We need people to help staff it.  
- The E-board is reviewing the Canteen and Premise Rules. Once complete, we'll post on our bulletin board and website. Please read them. Next review will be our Standing Rules.  
- Just FYI...VFW 1988 in Green Cove Springs had the roof of one part of their building come off and crash into another part of their build. They are still open but will be making repairs over time.

**Service Officer:**

- Continuing to stay busy helping with claims and getting them to the County Veteran Service Officer.  
- Read article on AFFF and the effects of working with it.

**Riders:** Miles – 6029

Hours – 1167.75

**School Medals:** Reaching out to the schools in the coming days. We hope to break another record with the number of schools again. For those that have put their name on the presenter list, thank you. We will need more presenters.

**Disaster Prep & Relief:** Our Post is a collection point for donations going to different parts of Florida. We are continuing to accept donations, to include new underwear and sox (still in package). Don't know when or where the next delivery will be scheduled.

**Baseball:** NTR

**Women Veterans:** Department of Florida created a Women's Veterans Task Force. There are specific goals: 1 September – Appoint Chairperson; 1 Dec – Planning meetings; 1 Mar 25 – gathering to flesh out the program. Our Chairperson is Donna Rosales. She would like to scheduling a luncheon meeting to get some ideas from our women veterans.

**Law & Order:** Waiting on the elections before scheduling more events. Department of Florida Law Cadet program is on hold awaiting further direction.

**E board:** No report

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### House Committee:

- Replaced the Pump House in the front
- Cleaned out on the side of the house
- Continuing to work other issues:
  - Remove Dumpster fencing
  - Repair Light at flag pole
  - Setting up Building & Grounds workdays to help get our property back in shape
- The wooden area that holds the bottles behind the bar is in need of repairs (Jeffrey Picard is working it).

### Canteen Manager:

- Some income profits from meals and other events:
  - Sunday Wings: \$1119.54 (September)
  - Football Pool: \$375.00
  - Jaguars Game: \$1027.00
- Veteran Enforcers Motorcycle Association (VEMA) would like to meet in our facility the first Monday of each month
- Camp Blanding would like to know if we want a table at their Veteran Day Event (afternoon of Veterans Day).
- For Jaguar games we need a few people to be certified as Alcohol Leads. We also still need more volunteers to step up for these games.

### Old Business:

- AC Units: Sandy Greenway is still trying to get into the SBA Account to check the loan status. Sandy did speak with Vystar about an Equipment Purchase loan or a Business Line of Credit. Waiting for the Business Loan department to give an answer. The topic remained tabled.
- Lottery system Update: all paperwork has been submitted we are waiting for on-site survey and final approval.
- JA brought up the Canteen and Premise Rules review. E-Board has minor changes. Once complete, he encouraged everyone to read them.

### New business:

- Motion by Jeffrey Picard/ Jim Shields 2<sup>nd</sup>: to build out an extra storeroom, for no more than \$850.00, in the meeting so our extra kitchen supplies don't have to be out in the open. After discussion, Motion was **TABLED** pending AC work.
- Motion by Ken White / Gary Fleming 2<sup>nd</sup>: to dispose of old, unused and broken equipment: steam table, change machine, and two old cash registers. **APPROVED**.

### Good of the order:

- We need volunteers to work a recruiting table at the Clay County Veterans Day 5K.
- John Ruark mentioned the Veteran Day Proclamation will be read on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the County Administration Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Asking for as many Veterans to be present as possible.
- Ken White talked about early voting in Clay County starting next week and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
- Sandy Greenway talked about the fire pit fundraiser and the monies going to the Post.

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- Julie Paget mentioned, starting in December we will have a DJ one Friday of the month instead of a band.

Chaplain gave closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 2006

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Don James  
Commander

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Ken White  
Adjutant