



American Legion Post 250 General Membership Meeting 19 September 2024

Meeting was called to order at 1900

Chaplain gave opening prayer
 POW/MIA empty chair was recognized
 Sgt at Arms led meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
 The Preamble to the Constitution was recited in unison.

Roll Call:

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

Quorum: Yes

Motion by John Ruark / 2nd by Bill Niemiec to forgo the reading of the minutes of the August General Assembly meeting and the September E-Board meeting as they are posted on the website. Motion Approved.

- Introduction of guest / New Members:
- Jim Suarez (new SAL Member)
 - CCSO Sgt Mike Campbell (New TAL Member)

Officer Reports:

Finance (Sandy Greenway):	Starting Balance: \$58,737.00	With Riders/SAL \$95,320.00
(Read by Doreen Arndt)	Ending Balance: \$65,169.00	\$95,994.00

Motion by John Ruark / 2nd by Dick Rowe to accept subject to audit. Motion passed.

Chaplain (Kenny Greenway):

- (Given by John Ruark)
- Continued prayers for our past Chappy's
 - Continued prayers for Russell Kimmey and his Wife, Debbie
 - Memorial service for Serfrido Ramos will be October 14, 2024, time to be determined.
 - Memorial service for Kenny Hyatt (Past SAL Commander) will be September 21, at the VFW 3-7pm.

First Vice (Bill Niemiec):

- Currently almost 50% Membership.
- Next goal is 55% by 09 Oct 2024 (Department) / 16 Oct 2024 (National).



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Second Vice (Julie Paget):

(Read by Doreen Arndt)

- Activity agendas are on the tables.
- This Saturday will be our first Game Night. Come out for a good time with good friends.
- Get you membership paid by 31 December so you can get your Early Bird Dinner on 01 Nov.
- Commanders Quarterly Town Hall is on 28 Sep.
- Commanders Dinner and the Comedy show are also on 28 Sep.

Historian (Pete Lewandowski): NTR

Judge Advocate (John Ruark): NTR

- Reminder about the Clay County Veterans 5k Run/Walk on November 9. This will be followed by a Veterans Softball game.

Service Officer (Gary Fleming): NTR

E board (Doreen Arndt / Jeffrey Pickard): NTR

Boys State / JROTC (Wayne Elliot):

- Chairman Packages have been received from the Department. I'm Currently in the process of assembling packages to be delivered to Clay HS, Fleming Island HS, Middleburg HS, and Ridgeview HS, Guidance Counselors and NJROTC SNSI's next week.
- BOYS STATE INTERVIEWS will be conducted Sunday 19 January 2025, starting at 12:30PM - until 7PM or when completed. I've asked Shannon to reserve Bingo Room for these Interviews.
- JROTC: Sandy has ordered Military Excellence and Scholastic Excellence Medal/Ribbon Sets. Emails will be sent out 2ND Week in January 2025 requesting Inputs for the Awards.

SAL (Bill Niemiec):

- Still need more volunteers for the stadium events. See Bill or Shannon
- Membership is at 45%

School Medals (Danny Tarrant):

- Notices to schools will go out mid-November.
- We are increasing in number of awards each year, so may have to ask for increase of funds for more medals.

Old Business: NTR



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New business:

- Commander reminded everyone that the E-Board voted to keep Queen of Hearts as is (allowing those from other VSO's to participate. Motion by Dick Rowe / 2nd by Danny Tarrant to accept E-Board recommendations for Queen of Hearts. Discussion held. Motion **APPROVED**

Good of the order:

- Ken White talked about the National Commander's visit date changes: 12-19 January 2025. The closest he will get to 5th District is MacClenny Post 83. Ken will forward date/time when available.
- Jim Suarez introduced himself as a new member and his job as a mortgage broker to help Veterans reduce interest rate on home loans.
- Ken White talked about The Clay County Community Development Block Grant available to help improve housing and neighborhoods that are in disrepair. Website: <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/community-development-block-grant>
- New Member CCSO Sgt Mike Campbell introduced himself.

Chaplain gave closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1941

Don James
Commander

Ken White
Adjutant