

Middleburg American Legion Post 250

General Assembly Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 1900

Roll Call:

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

Quorum: Yes

Chaplain gave opening prayer

Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Motion by John Ruark / Bill Niemiec 2nd: to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as posted on our website. Discussion: Ken White reminded everyone that the E-Board voted to approve \$500 for the Employee End-of-Year bonuses. **APPROVED.**

Introduction of Guest:

- SFC Ed Fisher (possible new member)
- Anneliese Fisher
- Bonnie Bailey
- Sylvia Sheldon
- Brad Roberson (SAL)

Officer Reports:

Finance (Sandy Greenway):

	With Riders & SAL
Starting Balance: \$72,492.00	\$106,392.00
Ending Balance: \$50,838.00	\$85,139.00

- Had to pay out over \$24,000 for queen of hearts.
- Anyone wanting a more detailed report, please see Finance Officer

Motion by Bill Niemiec / 2nd by John Ruark to accept subject to audit. **APPROVED.**

Chaplain (Kenny Greenway):

- Charley Willis (long time member) passed recently
- Keep Russell Kimmey in your prayers as he continues to struggle with good days and bad days.
- Keep Doreen Arndt in your prayers for recovery from knee replacement
- Keep Dick Rowe in your prayers for continued recovery
- Keep Chappy and Mama Chappy in your prayers. Chappy had a stay at a VA Hospital, and has hospice visit 3x a week.

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- Participated in the Veteran Days Ceremony at Magnolia Ceremony.

First Vice (Bill Niemiec):

- Currently at 62% (624) Our next Goal is 75% (759) by December 4, 2024. Please reach out to Bill and see if you can help him make phone calls.
- While the Department Commander is here on 5 December, we will be holding a Buddy Check Call Day. Please come out and help.

Second Vice (Julie Paget):

- Check the calendar, lots of events coming up
- 24 Nov we will be packing give-away boxes for Thanksgiving
- Don't forget about the Thanksgiving Potluck at the Post
- December 1st is Be The One day. Please wear your Be The One attire
- Department Commander Visit will be 5 December 12:30 – 2:45 Lunch and Visitation with Post 250/202/373 (wants to participate in Buddy Checks)
- Employee/Adult Christmas Party: 14 December
- Children's Christmas Party: 21 December
- Christmas Eve we will have a potluck and karaoke

Judge Advocate (John Ruark):

- CCVC had a great showing for the Veteran's Day 5K Run/Walk. Over 230 participants
- Middleburg Civic Association will host a Christmas Festival and parade at the Clay County Gun Range on CR215.

Historian (Pete Lewandowski): NTR

Service Officer (Gary Fleming):

- Continuing to stay busy helping with claims and getting them to the County Veteran Service Officer.
- Talked about submitting evidence for claims through the VA website.

SAL (Bill Niemiec):

- Current membership is at 60%

E board (Jeffrey Picard / Doreen Arndt): (Excused)

- Getting plenty of things done around the Post:
 - o Large Shed was cleaned out again
 - o Back fence and gate were replaced
 - o Two loads of dirt were delivered to help level the area around the pump house
- Projects still needing to be addressed:

INSIDE:

- o 3 AC units need replacing
- o Need to check the roof for leaks
- o Canteen Walkin (Beer Cooler) cooling unit needs replacing (approx. \$8K)

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- Finish painting the Canteen
- Replace all doors to the Canteen (rusting out) (approx. \$5K)
- Get the crack in the floor (seam) repaired

OUTSIDE:

- Replace chain link fencing around pond
- Pressure wash and paint the house
- Pressure wash the Motorcycle parking cover
- Pressure wash and paint the Tiki Bar
- Build a ramp for the outdoor stage
- Redo the electrical for the stage
- Fix all the outside lights around the Post
- Working with the Home Depot Foundation to see what they can help with. They approved \$2395 based on the cost of the back fence supplies.

House Committee: (See E-board Notes)

Disaster Preparedness/Relief (Don James):

- Don James has been appointed to be the 5th District Disaster Relief Chair. To that end, he will be compiling a list of all that are able to help with logistics of moving donations (i.e. vehicles, trailers, hand trucks, etc.)

Riders (Ken White):

- Miles Ridden: 6721.5
- Hours Volunteered: 693.5
- Monies Donated: \$750.00

Scouting:

- We have more than doubled the Cub Scout numbers this year.

Baseball (Cindy Anderson): NTR

Old Business:

- AC Units: Sandy Greenway gave an update on the status. The issue continued to be **TABLED**.
- Lottery system Update: based on the way the last round went with the Lottery, we need to have a "bond" of \$6K for two years. (Commander will ask other units (AUX/SAL/Riders) for help.

New business:

- Motion by Sandy Greenway / Bill Niemiec 2nd: to put up \$2000.00 towards the Lottery Bond. Discussion: Riders have approved \$2,000.00 to be used for the Lottery Bond. **APPROVED.**
- Motion by John Ruark / Ken White 2nd: to suspend the December E-Board and General Assembly meetings due to historic low attendance. **APPROVED.**

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- Motion by Ken White / Bill Niemiec 2nd: to spend up to \$200 to purchase primer, paint and sealer for the Tiki Bar. **APPROVED**
- Motion by Bill Niemiec / John Ruark 2nd: to dispense with the Queen of Hearts drawings on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. **APPROVED.**

Good of the order:

Sandy Greenway

- We need to advertise in the Post and elsewhere to help get volunteers for the Jags games.
- Some income profits from meals and other events:
 - o Sunday Wings: \$863 (October)
 - o Football Pool: \$250
 - o Other Meals: \$383

Bill Niemiec: Thank you to everyone that helped while he was out for surgery and illness. Joh Ruark asked about toy collection box for Operation Santa Cause. It was noted that we have one for our Children's Christmas Party and one for another organization (in the back meeting room) already.

John Rosenau talked about Suicide Awareness and those close to him (and the Post) that have committed suicide recently. Ken White mentioned setting up Suicide Awareness training with the Fire Watch (Commander Don James will make the arrangements) Commander Don James asked the body about holding Queen of Hearts drawings on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve (see motion above).

Chaplain gave closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1942



Don James
Commander



Ken White
Adjutant