

# Middleburg American Legion Post 250

## General Assembly Meeting Minutes

### January 16, 2025

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	EX	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 Danny Tarrant / Gary Fleming 2<sup>nd</sup>: to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as posted on our website. **APPROVED.**

#### Introduction of Guest / Past Commanders:

- Glenn Edson (SAL)
- Past Commander John Ruark
- Past Commander Ken White

#### Correspondence Received:

- Middleburg Civic Association is asking for Sponsors for the Spring Festival (22 Mar 25)
- Florida Veterans History Program reached out to ask if anyone would like to give an interview about their time in the service and beyond. These interviews will be added to the Florida Veterans History Program website and submitted to the National Archives.

#### Officer Reports:

##### Finance (Sandy Greenway):

Starting Balance: \$61,021.00

Ending Balance: \$86,138.00

##### With Riders & SAL

\$92,984.00

\$117,119.00

- Anyone wanting a more detailed report, please see Finance Officer

Motion by Ken White / 2nd by Jeffrey Picard to accept subject to audit. **APPROVED.**

##### Canteen Finances (Sandy Greenway):

Starting Balance: \$27,312.00

Ending Balance: \$32,252.00

- Lottery machine is back and operational

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#### **Chaplain (Kenny Greenway):**

- John Murphy is in Pruitt Assisted Living facility in Fleming Island. Please keep him in your prayers
- Keep Russell Kimmey in your prayers as he continues to struggle with good days and bad days.
- Keep Dick Rowe in your prayers for continued recovery
- Keep Chappy's family in your prayers as they deal with the losses. For information about the funeral services please contact John Ruark.

#### **First Vice (Bill Niemiec):**

- Currently at 78.33% (792) Our next Goal is 85% (859) by February 5, 2025. Please reach out to Bill and see if you can help him make phone calls.

#### **Second Vice (Julie Paget):**

- Check the calendar, lots of events coming up
- Comedy Night at the Post 25 Jan 2025
- Chili Cook Off 8 Feb 2025
- Valentines Party 12 Feb 2025
- Luau date is changed to 17 May 2025

#### **Judge Advocate (John Ruark):**

- Recently completed the update to the Canteen and Premise Rules. They are posted so please review them.
- Recently completed the update to the Post Standing Rules. They are posted so please review them.
- The NE Florida Elder Justice Summit will be held at the UNF Conference Center on February 8, 2025. For more information, please contact John Ruark.
- The Clay County Veteran Council will be holding a "Coffee with a Vet" at Black Rifle Coffee in Fleming Island. Please see John Ruark for more information.

#### **Historian (Pete Lewandowski): NTR**

#### **Service Officer (Gary Fleming):**

- Continuing to stay busy helping with claims and getting them to the County Veteran Service Officer.
- Gave out the POC for the FDVA Women's Veterans Programs and FDVA Veteran POCs.

#### **SAL (Bill Niemiec):**

- Current membership is at 79%

**Boys State (Wayne Elliot):** Reminder that this Sunday the Boy State interviews will be taking place in the meeting room 12-5pm.

#### **House Committee (Kenny Greenway / Jeffrey Picard):**

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- Working on replacing the chain link and privacy fence around the pond. Funds will come out of the Home Depot Foundation grant. There will be a field day in the near future to get the work done.

#### **House Committee (cont.)**

- Getting some good weed killer to spray by the back fence to keep the weeds down.
- Working on getting some stain for the back fence to help preserve it.
- Clay electric fixed some of the outside lights. The one in the back will need to finish its life before they replace it.
- 2 security cameras went out during the past power outage. They have been repaired
- We thought the standup freezer in the kitchen was going out. When announced in the Canteen, members gave over \$500 dollars to replace it. New freezer is in the kitchen and old one will be set up outside kitchen door.
- There is a growing gnat problem. Reached out to Bug Out, waiting on them to come. Meantime, Jeffrey Picard will reach out to his 'bug lady' to see if she can help.
- Working on placing a monitor behind the bar for the bartenders to keep an eye on things outside.
- Floor repair guys came by to look at the floor. It is under warranty, we just need to decide what 3-4 days we want to shut down for the work.
- Ramp for the outside stage is in planning
- Bug out came and we no longer are fighting gnats/fruit flies.

#### **Disaster Preparedness/Relief (Don James): NTR**

#### **Riders (Ken White):**

- Miles Ridden: 3959.5
- Hours Volunteered: 456.5
- Monies Donated: \$0

**Baseball (Cindy Anderson):** We are looking to have two teams: Orange Park and Oak Leaf (they reached out to us recently)

#### **Old Business:**

- AC Units: Sandy Greenway gave an update on the status. The issue continued to be **TABLED** while more funds are being gathered.

#### **New business:**

- Motion by Ken White / Bill Niemiec 2<sup>nd</sup>: to put funds from the ERC refund toward the AC Units. Discussion: Through the efforts of Russell Kimmey working with the ERC program to recouple monies from the Covid years, we were given a refund of \$13,681. **APPROVED**
- Motion by Ken White / Bill Niemiec to spend \$100 for sponsorship of the Middleburg Civic Association Spring Festival. Discussion: this will allow us to put a 4x6 banner (which we already have) in addition to our recruiting tent. **APPROVED**

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- Motion by Ken White / John Ruark 2<sup>nd</sup>: to spend up to \$100 for flowers for the Chappy's services. **APPROVED**
- Motion by John Ruark / Danny Tarrant 2<sup>nd</sup>: to endorse Ken White for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Florida for the 2025-2026 Legion Year. **APPROVED**

#### **Good of the order:**

##### **Sandy Greenway**

- Clay County Fire Department will be installing and maintaining a new AED system for the Post. This will be a free service for us. It will also have NARCAN capsules. Free CPR/AED/NARCAN training will come with this program. Please contact Sandy Greenway to get on the training list.
- Some income profits from meals and other events:
  - o Sunday Wings: \$1680 (December)
  - o Jags Games: over \$3000
- The Canteen Manager received a call from the President of the Student Body of Orange Park High School inviting members to attend their Black History Month Celebration on February 7, 2025, starting at 5:30pm. Whoever attends will be recognized as local veterans from our organization.

#### **Ken White**

- Just a reminder that the next District Meeting will be held at our Post on February 9, 2025. Riders will start at 12:30pm with the TAL and AUX meetings starting at 2pm.
- Our District Commander has had quadruple bypass surgery. He is doing fine, resting and recovery at home.
- At the District Meeting one of the guest speakers was JP Patterson from Post 283. He works with the Community Hospice Veteran Program, and they are looking for volunteers. If you would like his contact information, please contact Ken White.

Chaplain gave closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1950

Don James  
Commander

Ken White  
Adjutant