



Middleburg American Legion Post 250 General Assembly Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025



Meeting was called to order at 1900

Roll Call:

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

Quorum: Yes

Chaplain gave an opening prayer

Conducted opening ceremony

Reading of previous General Assembly and Executive Board minutes: Motion by Chuck Turner / 2nd by Rick Chapman: to dispense with reading and approval of last General Assembly and Executive Board minutes as they are posted on our website. **APPROVED.**

Introduction of Guests & Past Commanders: Rita Robbs (PGR – Snowball Express) and Glen Edson (SAL). Past Commanders: John Ruark and Ken Whtie.

Officer Reports:

Finance (Sandy Greenway):	With Riders & SAL
Starting Balance: \$62,633.00	\$85,494.00
Ending Balance: \$114,290.00	\$134,526.00

- We received Installment 3 & 4 of the ERC monies from the IRS.
 - Canteen also had a \$12,000 profit
 - Sunday Wings profit: \$1655.00
 - Anyone wanting a more detailed report, please see Finance Officer
- Motion by John Ruark / 2nd by Gary Fleming: to accept subject to audit. **APPROVED.**

First Vice (Bill Niemiec):

- Currently at 87.14% (881) Our next Goal is 100% (1011) by May 7, 2025 (Department Goal Date) / May 14, 2025 (National Goal Date). Our final goal will be 100% +1 by May 31, 2025. Please help reach out to our members and get them to renew as we are only 130 members short.

Second Vice (Julie Paget – Given by Doreen Arndt):

- Children’s Easter Carnival is this Saturday. Still need a couple of volunteers.
- Draft of the May Calendar will be sent this week.
- May is another busy month: 17 May Luau, we will also be holding a Memorial Day Ceremony
- Our 3 FB pages are doing outstanding and getting a lot of new followers



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Chaplain (Kenny Greenway)

- Gene Manwarren passed to Post Everlasting Sunday evening. Service is TBD
- **Continued prayers for:**
 - Burl has been moved to home care and is doing better.
 - Jim McCormick had surgery on 19 March and is recovering.
 - Service for Gene Manwarren is TBD.
 - Need Prayers for John Rosenau's Grandson who was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes
- We will be dedicating the meeting room to the Chappy's on 26 April at 12:00pm. It will coincide with the blood drive happening that day.
- Please pray for the victims and all affected by the FSU Shooter.

Historian (Vacant): NTR

Sargeant-At-Arms (Mike Sibel): NTR

Judge Advocate (John Ruark):

- John Ruark is now the President of the Clay County Veterans Council
- CCVC new office location: 2497-1 CR220, Middleburg, FL 32068
- CCVC and Operation Lifeline will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Veteran Housing at 606 Spring St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 on May 8th at 2pm.
- We will hold another AED/CPR training session on May 7th at noon in our Post
- Need to get the list together for the names to add to the Memorial Wall
- Middleburg Civic Center: Next Meeting is 30 April at Dalton's Sprots Grill

Service Officer (Gary Fleming):

- Introduced himself to some of our newer members
- Continues to stay busy even when on the road.
- Talked about the VA's effort to help reduce the suicide rate among Women Veterans

SAL: (Bill Niemiec):

- Membership is 107.30%

Riders (Ken White):

Total: 67

TAL: 49

SAL 5

Aux: 13

Miles: 6909

Hours: 689.5

Donations: \$1750

- ALR In-State Unity Ride: \$1000 (through member donation pages)
- ALR In-State Unity Ride: \$250 (Check donation)
- ALR Chapter 83 Ride: \$250
- ALR Chapter 372 Ride: \$250



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Baseball (Cindy Anderson):

- Currently on hold as we are waiting for the High School Season to end

School Medals (Danny Tarrant):

- We currently have 21 schools that have responded.
- Waiting on 7 more to get their information in. Will need volunteers to help hand them out.
- First ceremony will be held on 13 May and the bulk will be on 29 May.

Women's Veterans (Donna Rosales – Excused):

- Next gathering will be 26 April at 9am in the Chappy's meeting room.

E board (Doreen Arndt & Jeffrey Pickard): NTR

Disaster Prep:

- Hurricane Season is almost upon us again. We are putting together a list of preparation items that are recommended we all have available. The list will be sent out in an email this week.

House Committee (Kenny Greenway):

- Tiki Bar Roof has been repaired
- Working on replacing the exterior doors (Jeff Pickard is working with Home Depot Foundation)
- Front Marquee is a work in progress. Company in CA wants to charge \$450 for a new Wi-Fi bridge. Another option is to load the program on a laptop and take it out to the parking lot to upload to the sign.
- working on a monitoring system for the bartenders so they can see the parking lot before they leave the building.
- Need some volunteer painters to help paint walls. Please see Sandy Greenway.

Canteen Manager (Sandy Greenway):

Old Business:

Nominations for Elections: The nominations for Post officer positions was re-opened.

- Commander:

- Don James was nominated in March. Still accepts nomination
- John Rosenau was nominated in April. Respectfully withdrew from the nomination
- No further nominations. Commander nominations closed with one candidate.

- 1st Vice Commander:

- Cindy Anderson was nominated in March. Still accepts nomination.
- Bill Niemiec was nominated in March. Still accepts nomination.
- No further nominations. 1st Vice Commander nominations closed with two candidates.

- 2nd Vice Commander:

- Julie Paget was nominated in March. Declined the nomination
- Danny Tarrant nominated John Rosenau. John Accepted the nomination.
- No further nominations. 2nd Vice Commander closed with one candidate



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- Finance Officer:
 - Sandy Greenway was nominated in March. Still accepts nomination
 - No further nominations. Finance Officer closed with one candidate.

- Chaplain:
 - Kenny Greenway was nominated in March. Still accepts nomination.
 - No further nominations. Chaplain closed with one candidate.

- Sergeant-At-Arms:
 - Chuck Turner was nominated in March. Chuck respectfully withdrew his nomination
 - Bill Niemiec nominated George Torrence. George Torrence accepted the nomination
 - Chuck Turner nominated Dave Fogle. Dave accepted the nomination.
 - George Torrence respectfully withdrew his nomination
 - No further nominations. Sergeant-At-Arms closed with one candidate.

- Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms:
 - Michael Sible nominated George Torrence. George accepted the nomination.
 - No further nominations. Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms closed with one candidate.

- Historian:
 - No nominations at the March meeting.
 - Dave Fogle nominated Chuck Turner. Chuck accepted the nomination
 - No further nominations. Historian closed with one candidate.

- Executive Board Member (x2)
 - Doreen Arndt was nominated in March. Still accepts the nomination
 - John Ruark nominated Julie Paget. Julie accepted the nomination
 - Doreen Arndt nominated Leah Fogle. Leah accepted the nomination
 - No further nominations. Executive Board Member closed with three candidates

All Nominations are closed with only two positions being contested: 1st Vice Commander and Executive Board Member (x2).

New business:

- Motion by Gary Fleming / 2nd by Leah Fogle to have the adjutant cast a single unanimous vote for all the unopposed officer positions: Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-At Arms, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, and Historian. **APPROVED.** The Adjutant cast the unanimous vote.

- Motion by Sandy Greenway / 2nd by Ken White: to close the Post and Canteen on Easter Sunday 20 April 2025. **APPROVED**

- Motion by Ken White / 2nd by Danny Tarrant: to spend \$60 to join the Middleburg Civic Association. Discussion: this association is similar to a Chamber of Commerce and will allow us to talk directly to businesses that we may want to have as Sponsors at the MCA meetings rather than going door-to-door. **APPROVED.**



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- Motion by Ken White / 2nd by Chuck Turner: to suspend the June Meetings (E-Board and General Assembly) as it is Convention month. **APPROVED.**

- Motion by Ken White / 2nd by Chuck Turner: to donate \$250 to the PGR Snowball Express Fundraiser. **APPROVED.**

Good of the Order:

- Ken White talked about the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), A.K.A. the End of Year Report. For all the program Chairs, he needs inputs NO LATER THAN May 1, 2025. For everyone else, please provide your mileage and hours volunteered by May 1, 2025.

- Ken White talked about the new LEGION+ app. It allows us to have digital membership cards on our phone. It also has a podcast and news feed in it.

- John Rosenau asked about the District Constitutional Convention (DCC). It will take place on May 4, 2025, at Post 137. Breakfast and registration will start at 8:30am, Post Everlasting Ceremony at 9am and DCC to start directly afterward. If you want to be nominated to be a delegate at the American Legion National Convention, please show up and get nominated OR ensure someone going has your name.

- Rita Robbs talked about the Patriot Guard Riders and their partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation for Snowball Express. It is one week of relaxation at no cost to Gold Star Children (a child that has lost a parent on active duty) at Disney World Resort.

- John Ruark would like to see Chapter 250 Rider's Rep at the Veterans Council Meeting on May 7, 2025, to be held at Post 250.

Chaplain gave closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1959

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Don James
Commander

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Ken White
Adjutant