



## Post No. 216

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Minutes of the April 20, 2010 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, proper opening ceremonies were observed. Chaplain Janoska gave the opening prayer.

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	John Nelson	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Herron	X		
Adjutant	Ike Eickholdt	X		
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	X		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	X		
Historian	Robert Maxwell	X		
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowaniec	X		
Exec. Committee	Joe Salvia	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Sheila Maxwell	X		
Exec Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	X		

Motion was presented by Chuck Bowman to accept the minutes, subject to future corrections as required. Motion was seconded by: Bob Janoska. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Guests Introduced:** 18<sup>th</sup> District Senior Vice Commander Kent Shoenbach  
SAL Squadron 216 Adjutant, Fred Morin

**-Motion was made by \_Bob Janoska\_ to suspend the regular order of business and proceed with the election of Officers. Motion supported by \_John Robinson\_. Passed by voice vote**

-Appoint Election Tellers. Bob Matheson, Jack Weber, Chuck Bowman were appointed election tellers.

-Election of Officers

Election order	Candidate	Support	Winner
Commander	John Nelson	Bowman	Nelson, Unanimous
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente	Robinson	Puente, Unanimous
Junior Vice Commander	Open	Open	
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	Winter	Nevorski, Unanimous
Chaplain	Joe Bishop Bob Janoska		Janoska wins vote
Historian	Bob Maxwell	Redeman	Maxwell, Unanimous
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	Redeman	Davison, Unanimous
Executive Committee at large	Norty Caswell Rich Chowaniec Bob Godwin Don Reddeman Joe Bishop		Caswell Chowaniec Godwin

Commander lists off other committees and their delegates.

Delegates to the Department of Michigan Convention

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Motion to accept eleven delegates – Support Redemen      Motion carries

Appointment Confirmations:      Adjutant      Ike Eickholdt

Motion to host a District 18 meeting at Post 216. Support Redeman. Discussion: November, January, March and June are proper days for the meeting. Recommended Post 216 host the March 2011 meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

Motion was made by Janoska to return to the regular order of business. Motion supported by Maxwell; approved by voice vote.

### **Reports of Officers:**

#### **Sr. Vice Commander:**

- American Legion Baseball: Post pays for insurance for baseball team. Motion for \$380 for this years insurance. Support: Maxwell.
- Scouting: Scouts are doing well. Trailer fund raising is proceeding well. Thanks for all the support, fish fry etc. have over \$900 gross.

**Jr. Vice Commander:** No report

#### **Financial Officer:**

Ron Nevorski presented the March 2010 report. All accounts have been moved to the new bank, we are much happier with the new service.

Maxwell made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit.

**Chaplain:** Sick Call: No report

Commander: Ken Dean, while in Florida, he learned that he has throat cancer – he had lung cancer. He came back to Michigan to be treated. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

**Service Officer:** Two veterans were helped from poppy this month

**Historian:** No report

**Auxiliary:** Still collecting coupons that can be used at the PX. Also, Poppy Days is coming up. Linda M. and Marie Jackson are the chairpersons. Regulations will be posted downstairs. Contacting Milford Police to support.

Memorial Day, Jody Dowd will be the Point Person. Lots of great ideas for food service.

Auxiliary has not yet met the goal of members yet. Looking for new members. More new members are joining the meetings.

**SAL:** Last hamburger night, May 20<sup>th</sup>. First steak fry May 27. Third Thursday of month through September. May fourth Thursday. Fred Kowal Memorial Golf Outing July 17<sup>th</sup> at Hartland Glen. 8:00 am shotgun start/ \$65 per golfer. SAL convention is in Dundee the first weekend of June. Squadron 216 presented \$200 to Post 216 for the Memorial Day Parade.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Bruce Hayden made a motion that the following applicants be approved for membership in Post 216:

James P. Wilfong Trf 025	USAF	Korea	Support Davison
William R. Cooper	USAF	Persian Gulf	Support Herron
Sean C. Stoehr Trf 225	USArmy	Lebanon/Greada	Support Bowman

Motion was approved by voice vote.

Post now has 390 members, two short of 100% of goal

**Veterans Honors & Ceremony Committee:** Assisted three vets. March 31<sup>st</sup> St Mary's Herbert Bylow, US Army. John Robinson read the Color Guard report: upcoming events for special olympics, opening of Milford Youth Baseball, Highland Community parade.

**Poppy Committee:** No letter out yet – will shortly. Poppy Days will be May 20-22

**Honor Walk:** Skip Five pavers ordered so far. Two have not been installed. Intend to have all pavers in the walk by Memorial Day. Commander: We also intend to have a directory of pavers so they can be more easily found.

**Memorial Day Parade Committee:** Joe Salvia reported everything is moving along. Next year we will be short \$3,500 to \$5000 to cover police and public works support. Commander: This is a family event, all Post 216 orgs are welcome and invited. Last year we served 400 hot dogs. We should buy food service gloves and foil sheets. Mike M. What about money for the two drinks per person. Tickets are usually \$1.50. Joe Salvia – what about one drink ticket? Sheila M. Auxiliary is concerned with Food Service. Too many 'non-participants coming upstairs eating.' Bruce Hayden: Recommend the committee get together and come back with request for funds. John Robinson – do we have enough flags for the cemetery. Commander, yes.

**Scholarship Committee:** Skip Davison reported we have received applications from both Milford and Lakeland HS's. The senior honors convocation will be the last Wednesday and Thursday in May for Milford and Lakeland, respectively. Skip asked for help evaluating the applications: Ike, Bob Janoska, Chuck Bowman volunteered to help.

**Bingo:**

Bruce Hayden gave the March 2010 Bingo Report and 1Q 2010 report.

Bruce Hayden made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support Finkbeiner. The motion was passed by voice vote. The Bingo team submitted a check to the post for \$3,500,

**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** No report

**Clubroom:**

Mike McDonnell presented the March 2010 clubroom report and made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by Janoska. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Legion Riders:** Robert – flag raising at Veterans Memorial at GLNC – supported Patriot Riders. Raised 100 flags in two hours. Quite exhilarating. Mike M. This Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> is the first scheduled ride of the Legion Riders. Meet at Post at 10:00 am. Kick stands up at 11:00 am. Out to Oxford Post 108 – "The Museum Post" Three walls of old uniforms, and other military items.

**House:** Electrical problems, outside lights, bulbs burning out and flashing. Mike M. had idea, instead of lights in corner, tap into ramp lights and overhang. Other light problems in parking lot, still one out. Rich C. the WW1 dough boy statue has been repaired. Maxwell, coins that were donated by Tom Kielian are now in a display case.

Commander: Cleaning garage, 01-May, Legion Family effort as to what to keep and where to keep it. Also intend to add a side entry door. Need to better store flags that need to retire, have enough that will take at least four hours of retire them all.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Subject:** Texas Holdem Poker – Commander: Proceeding. See previous minutes for days and times.\_

**Notes:** Need to decide what to do with the income. Sheila – I believe the Poppy Fund would be a good place. Robert M. The parade should be a recipient. Two people fro the org for 10 hours per day to handle money and chips and to do accounting at end of event. Commander: I intend that for each of the four events there will be an “Event Captain” who is responsible to recruit the team who will be on hand of the event. Each captain would be associate with the activity that will benefit from the poker proceeds, ie, Baseball, Debt reduction, Poppy Fund, Parade, other.

**Subject:** Newsletter deadline is coming up. Get input to Ray Chaplin by end of this week.

**Subject:** Jr. Shooting Sports – Dean Hayden need to be certified instructors – working on this

**Subject:** In preparation for the Smoking Ban, third hand smoke mitigation of smoke residue – walls, ceiling etc. Commander: We need to support the smoking ban properly. We do not need the government involved in our lives but for now, it’s the law and we need to comply. The bar staff should not have to be the enforcers. Lets take this slow and respectfully. “In the state of New York, the business went up by 50% after the ban”

**Subject:** Commander: Sidewalk extension – spoke with village, no report yet.

**Subject:** Commander: Bingo Chairman – no one has yet stood up to even be in there one week per month. Need to see all officers after this meeting.

**Subject:** Commander: Invitations sent out to invite them to a recognition event “welcome aboard, stick with us, we appreciate your involvement. May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Subject:** Salvia: It’s been three years, are we going to light up the Legion sign? Nevorski: Last quote came in, we need to know what we are going to do? With the new lights on the building on the front porch, I am questioning if we still need to light it up. At the time we were short of funds.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Subject** May 07 District Meeting – Chaplain will give a memorial of members that have past in the last year.

**Subject:** May 24 – Tight Lines for Troops. June 12<sup>th</sup> Tip Ups for Troops. Bonnie, I had asked for donations. Fourth year we are supporting this. 800 or 900 coming to Tip Up for Troops. Demo Days – new technologies for those with disabilities.

**Subject:** Donation being asked to support Beast Cancer – Jennifer Hurst. Motion that we table the decision till next month for review. Support Reddeman. Motion carries.

**Subject:** Keith Famie video taped our parade last year. Doing the same thing to honor Vietnam Vets. Need fund raising support. Motion that we table the decision till next month for review

**Subject:** Davison Elementary is asking for money to support their flag pole. The Holly Post was asked to provide a flag pole. Holly told them they needed to raise half the money. We, Post 216, are not supporting this.

**Subject:** Post beautification, plants, flowers, perennials etc. Need help by Memorial Day showing.

**Subject:** Fund Raising – staff a concession booth, DTE Energy, Palace, Meadow Brook. Need 10 people per session. This would be twice a month, \$400 net average per day. Would be a tremendous commitment and long travel for the benefit. Consensus to not pursue this.

**Correspondence:** Boys State certificate received recognizing consistent support to that program during the past four years. (Incidentally, Commander Nelson is the Director of Michigan Boys State)

## **GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

**Subject:** Guest 18<sup>th</sup> District Sr. Vice Commander Kent Schoenbach shared

- membership: we are 97% of our 95% goal – great work.
- Up to \$1,000 available to vets in true need from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund. Make an appointment with our secretary.
- Concerning the Consolidated Post Report, report any community service. This time is recorded and is of value. This reported time, to the Federal Government, helps to provide money to Veterans Hospital as an example.

**Subject:** Bowman, on the worst day of winter, at GLNC, the wife of one of the vets honored noted how the Post 216 honor guard was undeterred by the weather and was motivated to do something for veterans. She is making thank-you cards to honor veterans, and any active duty service men and women. If you would like to help distribute these see Chuck Bowman

**Subject:** Janoska, last Saturday the American Legion Department of Michigan Commander testimonial was held. Commander Carnie Jackson (of our district) was honored. Both Bob Janoska and Commander Nelson attended, supporting this event. Other members of the Post 216 family present were the commander's wife, Dawn, and Roger and Brenda Dees, Past SAL Detachment Commander and Past Department Auxiliary President, respectively

There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by: Ike Eickholdt, Adjutant