

## Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 19:30, Tuesday 15-Sep, 2009

Opening Ceremonies observed.

### 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       | Mike Allen     |         | X       |        |
| Exec. Committee       | Rich Chowaniec |         | X       |        |
| Exec. Committee       | Joe Salvia     | X       |         |        |
| Exec. Committee Aux   | Sheila Maxwell |         |         |        |
| Exec Committee SAL    | Mike McDonnell |         | X       |        |

Motion was presented by Bob Janoska to accept the August 2009 Executive Committee and Post 216 Legion Minutes. Motion was seconded by: Bruce Hayden. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Guests Introduced:** No guests

Introduced member Mel Easterday has been a member for 17 years but was attending his first meeting.

### Reports of Officers:

#### Sr. Vice Commander:

Baseball: Baseball ended for Milford team first week in Aug – third place in districts.

Fifty years after a Michigan team (Detroit) won the American Legion Baseball World Series, another Michigan team, Midland Berryhill Post 165, in 2009 won the American Legion Baseball World Series.

Scouting: Scouting – lots of camping.

**Jr. Vice Commander:** No report

#### Financial Officer:

Ron Nevorski presented the August, 2009 report and made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Motion was supported by Bob Janoska. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### Chaplains Report:

One deaths to report: Russell Ford – previous post member – moved to Florida and transferred.

**Service Officer:** Helping a vet process claim for disability, help a vet get a job, referred some vets to various agencies.

**Historian:** No report

**Auxilliary:** No report

**SAL:** No report. Final Steak Night is this coming Thursday. First hamburger night – first of October

# COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## Membership:

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

| 1.<br>Full Name   | Branch of Service |     |      |      |      | Military Theater |   |    |     |    |
|---|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|------------------|---|----|-----|----|
|   | USA               | USN | USMC | USAF | USCG | WW2              | K | VN | L-G | PG |
| Michael A. Pineiro  | X                 |     |      |      |      |                  |   | X  |     |    |
| Support was John Robinson. Motion was approved by voice vote. |                   |     |      |      |      |                  |   |    |     |    |

Bruce Hayden gives the membership report verbally. Goal is 392 – over 60% of goal currently  
Motion to accept new members carried by voice vote.

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**Ceremonial Unit:** No report

**Education & Scholarship:** No report

**Bingo:** Bruce Hayden gives the bingo report verbally. Report available upon request – see Bruce Hayden. Bruce Hayden made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support Ron Nevorski, The motion was passed by voice vote.

**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** No report

## Clubroom:

Bob Janoska presented the August 2009 Clubroom report and made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support was Bob Godwin, The motion passed by voice vote.

**Legion Riders:** No report

**House:** Ron Nevorski – Parking lot has now been repaired. Crew came in Monday morning Sep-14<sup>th</sup>. First down payment was made. Two more payments owed. City water came in and asked for back flush valves to be installed. Valves for sprinkler had to be changed. We now have a clean bill of health.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Subject: Joe Salvia - Yankee Airforce Bill not paid yet** Ron Nevorski did not have a contact address or phone number. Joe Salvia will provide. Bill is two months late.

**Subject: Joe Salvia - Memorial Day Activities  
Commander Nelson...**

Donation from Hartland of \$800.00. This post was contacted by American Legion Post in Hartland and they intend to make a donation of \$300.00 to thank us for our activities. Also, beyond the parade, this body voted to approve drink tickets and also a meal that we would provide for those that would partake, after the parade. Additional liquor sales offset these expenses. The decision about spending money to thank folks for visiting our post is important and those expenses are included. When the topic of a public donation of small U.S. Flags came up, no one was taking an initiative to organize this. The AMVETS asked if they could go out on the street and ask for donations for a small American flag. AMVETS have also donated to some of the parade expenses – vehicle fuel was mentioned. “The parade was a break even event”

# NEW BUSINESS:

**Correspondence:**

- Americanism Award from Michigan Legion
- Thanks from Jennifer for Legion donation
- Letter from Village of Milford requesting that we consider adding sidewalk on our N.E. corner of property to continue the walk that abruptly ends at our boundary. 50-60 of sidewalk would be required. Motion that we consider this by Bob Janoska – Maxwell seconds.  
Discussion: Bob Godwin – I just got a notice that my sidewalk had a few spots that were raised or cracked. It cost me \$700.0 to fix with a \$70.00 permit. I put in seven 4x5 ft slabs.  
Skip Davison asked several questions: when will they require this – will they require a permit – impact study?  
Commander Nelson: Reads from the letter directly.  
Chuck Bowman – who owns the property? – Commander Nelson – we do.  
Joe Salvia – we may be grandfathered to not require sidewalks.  
Bob Matheson – ask township/village if they will wave permit fees  
Vote failed to pass.
- POW/MIA Recognition Day is at Oakland Memorial Cemetery (12 Mile and Novi Road) on Friday September 18
- Support Our Troops 5k Run is on October 10
- Possible reduction in our gas bill – letter from Gary Price a Utility Broker. American Legion in Howell and the American Spirit Center in Brighton have changed to this supplier; the claim is a net savings of up to 10% per year.  
Nevorski – folks have been marketing this and want to see your last two gas bills. This was on Channel 4 last fall – some folks bill went higher than it was previously after a while.
  - Mel Easterday – I used to do investigation of this and your bill still comes through consumers but with extra taxes added on for transportation etc.
- Commander Nelson – I will check with Howell and Brighton posts to learn of their experience and how much they have saved

## **GOOD OF THE LEGION:**

**Bob Janoska** – This coming weekend is Legion Fall Conference – Commander is attending. Motion that the post pay his registration and one day of his lodging. Bruce Hayden supports, Nevorski seconds. Commander Nelson commented that he will not be staying overnight; Janoska amended the motion to provide one day round trip mileage in lieu of lodging. Motion approved by verbal vote.

### **Jack Weber**

Reading of e-mails – U.S. Pueblo and a Navy recon plane shot down – 31 guys shot down and we did nothing. This post was represented by Joe Salvia and medals were presented. Barry Coyman who was a shipmate of mine and is out of Grand Rapids. Harry went into the restroom after the presentation and a gentleman was in tears.

E-mail from Lee Calsh – one of the survivors of the plane crash in Midway.

E-mail from Dean Wall – Blue Water Reunions – final reunion of his ship – wanted medals to present to his shipmates.

Call for any further business...

There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:31 with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by: Ike Eickholdt Adjutant