

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

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 19:30, Tuesday 20-Oct, 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	X		
Exec Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	X		

Motion was presented by John Robinson to accept the September 2009 Executive Committee and Post 216 Legion Minutes.

Motion was seconded by: Joe Waldron

Motion carried by voice vote.

**Guests Introduced:** No guests

Bill Finley is a new member and attended his first meeting today

Motion to suspend standard business:

Motion was supported by Chuck Bowman

Motion carried by voice vote.

### Reports of Officers:

#### Sr. Vice Commander:

Commander : Scout Troop 33 is looking to get a new trailer. Troop 33 may more than double. Need a more visible presence as the trailer will be parked visibly on the property. This will also help to transport materials. Tony P. is working on funding – have ~ \$600.00 so far.

**Jr. Vice Commander:** No report

## **Financial Officer:**

Ron Nevorski presented the September, 2009 report. Nevorski then made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Motion was supported by Bob Janoska. Motion carried by voice vote. Report available upon request. Note: An audit will occur at 11:00 on Thursday.

- **Audit Committee report:**

## **Chaplains Report:**

No post deaths to report:

- SAL – John LaClair has passed

Individuals who are interested can access through the Legion website regard the passing of Legion members.

**Service Officer:** No report from officer. Chaplain “we are helping with a family member of a vet – making rent etc.”

**Historian:** No report

**Auxilliary:** Thanks for the help to the community. We supported six families, gift cards, meat and other such items. We received some thank you notes – more coming in. Nov-14<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday, will be a cleaning and organizing day. Hooks on the walls, get things off the floor etc.

A coupon event is in the works where coupons will go overseas for military families and they can use manufacturers coupon.

## **SAL:**

Final Steak Night is this coming Thursday 5-8 – need help – signup sheet is in the kitchen.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## Membership:

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

1. Full Name	Branch of Service					Military Theater				
	US A	US N	US MC	US AF	US CG	WW 2	K	VN	L-G	PG
Support was John Robinson. Motion was approved by voice vote.										

Goal - At least 55% of its past years membership – Post 216 has 66% (259 members – 10 are new)

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Report available for membership if needed

**Ceremonial Unit:** Eight vets on September 29<sup>th</sup> at GLNC – 14<sup>th</sup> Lawrence Colby – Oct 19 Kenneth Dye (Rose Center) – Kenneth Dye was Army and the Army flag could not be found

Commander: Post 149, our Honor Guard rendered honors in Holly for Mr. Colby.

Class was held on 20-Oct for field stripping a weapon (Springfield)

Commander: Few items for future 1) Paralyzed Vets Annual Gala – Nov-11 at Schoolcraft College. 2) Need to decide Veterans Day Parade details. Start at ~ 18:00

**Education & Scholarship:** No report

**Bingo:** Jackpot is up to ~\$2,700 – will be up towards \$2,800. 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

**Commander:** What about updating our surveillance cameras?

**Mike McDonnell** – our surveillance folks are “fly by night” Mike has a friend that is unemployed that could change some of this out. Waiting on the person to perform the work.

## Clubroom:

Mike McDonnell presented the September 2009 Clubroom report.

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

Hard copy available. Support was Bob Janoska, The motion passed by voice vote.

Check presented to Finance Officer.

**Legion Riders:** No report

**House:** One more payment due on the first of the month then all paid up.

**Mike McDonnell** – A large animal is living under the garage – hole is on left side.

**Chaplain:** What about using a live trap.

**Poppy:**

**Brick Paver:**

**Memorial Day Parade:**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Subject: Commander:** Letter from village of Milford regarding our vote to ‘not’ pursue sidewalks. The property line extends quite a bit north of our property. We ‘may’ be required in the future to mow the grass being that, currently, the nursing home mows the property (about 60 feet).

**Mike McDonnell:** The sidewalk has a drop off and someone could get hurt.

**Commander:** More discussion to come.

**Subject:** Shiela M. - Nov 14<sup>th</sup> date – each group should send a representative so the division of the space can be made.

## **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

No new business

### **Correspondence:**

- Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds – voting capabilities for overseas military
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**Commander:** presenting a plaque to Post 216 for Class ‘A’ posts for our News Letter – Ray Chaplain is our editor. We took second place. Post 269 (White Hall) took first.

**Commander:** 18<sup>th</sup> District meeting – first Sunday of November – Nov-01. Tour starting in Pontiac or Auburn Hills, then through Milford middle of day (noonish) Have not seen an e-mail or a letter. Last year we provided breakfast – should we provide a mid-day snack? Need representation from Post 216, SAL and Auxilliary.

**Sheila M.** Mr.s Dees has informed Sheila that we are from 12:15 to 12:45.

**Commander:** Local resident, Master Gardner, would like to design a different, improved, planting in our flower boxes. Commander will meet with the woman on Sunday to review plans. Those interested can be here Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 13:00.

**John R:** Saturday Nov-28 is the Christmas Holiday Parade where Santa comes to Milford. Post 216 will provide Color Guard.

**Shelia M:** Are we supporting a Veterans Day Walk to the park? **Commander,** this is in the middle of the week, middle of the day, so we may not get a lot of attendance.

**Commander:** Should we have a Veterans Day parade?

**John R:** We could meet down at the park. Hard to block of downtown Milford in the middle of the day.

**Chuck B:** Suggest we do it on the 8<sup>th</sup>?

**Chaplain:** Do it on the 11<sup>th</sup> and we can do it in the park as John R suggested.

**Commander:** I will ask the Sr. Vice Commander to put something together. We will want the Color Guard. Meeting at the park prior to 11:00 with a ceremony.  
Motion by Bob Janoska, Second by Chuck Bowman. Motion carries.

**GOOD OF THE LEGION:** No report

**Commander:** Topic of Veterans Day, at Applebee's you can get a free meal if you provide proof of military service. American Legion card will suffice.

**Commander:** Attendance is small. We go through committee reports. There must be something to make the meeting more substantial. Talk about something important to veterans that is outside the normal reports.

**Mike M:** Are you trying to get more attendance?

**Commander:** No, just trying to make sure folks are getting the most out of the meeting. We can do better.

**Bob:** At the police department we had a large attendance but offered food and playing cards and have some beer.

**Commander:** At Fall Conference at the U.P. posts district gathering. There is a meal, 50/50, discussions, drinks etc.

**Waldron:** Amateur Radio Meetings – we bring in equipment to review, refreshments.

**Commander:** Guest speaker?

AMVETS is bringing in a dog trainer – showing service dogs for vets.

**Call for any further business...**

There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:36 with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by: Ike Eickholdt Adjutant