



## Post No. 216

Ernest F. Oldenburg Post #216, The American Legion, 510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381  
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### Minutes of the April 15, 2008 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the proper opening ceremonies being observed.

Chaplain Bob Janoska gave the opening prayer.

#### Roll Call of Officers

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	John Nelson	x		
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente		x	
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Herron	x		
Adjutant	Charles Hoobler	x		
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	x		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	x		
Historian	Murray Burley		x	
Sergeant –at-Arms	Skip Davison	x		
Exec. Committee	Bob Godwin	x		
Exec. Committee	Jim Hunter	x		
Exec. Committee	Jack Winder	x		
Exec. Committee Aux	Linda Maxwell		x	
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	x		

#### **Minutes:**

Commander John Nelson presented the minutes of the March 18, 2008 General Membership Meeting, and the March 18, 2008 Executive Board Meeting Minutes, to the membership. Jack Winder made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction. Todd Herron seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Guests:**

Sergeant at Arms Skip Davison reported 6 guests had signed into the meeting.

John Lombardo  
Lynn Lombardo  
Lisa Andrews

Mike Andrews  
Rachel Huber  
Wade Hanna

### **Guest Presentations:**

- Joe Salvia made a motion to suspend the regular order of business to make awards. Support was Rich Chowaniec. The motion passed by voice vote
- Lisa Andrews was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by American Legion Post 216 for her relief and support on 2 occasions during 2007 to veteran's families.
  - a) Ms Andrews's class collected money through fundraisers to present a basket of Webkins to the family of a deployed veteran.
  - b) Ms Andrew's class under her leadership adopted a deployed veteran's family for Christmas 2007, and raised close to \$800.00. Using the funds raised the class members purchased gift certificates, and presents and delivered them to the family.
- John Lombardo a member of the Chrysler LLC Veterans Committee spoke to the membership about the programs that Chrysler LLC has initiated to support the veterans. They have the teleconference program which is in effect whenever the facilities are available. With May being Military Appreciation Month the Veterans Committee is collecting items for the deployed veterans on April 29<sup>th</sup> they will be packaged up and shipped to Iraq on May 5<sup>th</sup>. John asked to place a box to collect needed items in the Post and he will collect it on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to deliver it to the Chrysler LLC Complex for packaging and shipment.

Chuck Bowman made a motion that a donation box be placed b the clubroom door downstairs. Ron Nevorski seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

- Rachel Huber representing the Sewing Angels an organization that makes blankets and ships them to be distributed to wounded veterans at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl Germany spoke to the membership about their cause and the need for donations to support them. Started in August 2007 they have shipped 294 blankets costing approximately \$760.00 for Postage, and \$7200.00 for materials annually.
- Wade Hanna an Ensign in the USN who was mobilized on May 2006 spoke to the membership and thanked us for the support to his wife while he was deployed. Arrangements were made to plow snow and lawn service in the summer while he was gone. This was all appreciated by him. He also presented American Legion Post 216 with a flag in appreciate of their support to his family.

### **Annual Post 216 Election of Officers**

- Bob Janoska made a motion that regular business of the post be suspended to conduct the election of Officers for 2008-2009. Joe Salvia seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

- Bob Godwin and Chuck Bowman were selected as election tellers.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Commander	John Nelson	Janoska (1)	Hoobler	Adjutant 1 Vote
Sr. Vice Commander	Anthony Puente (2)	Salvia (1)	Homestead	Adjutant 1 Vote
Jr. Vice Commander	Todd Herron	Salvia (1)	Hayden	Adjutant 1 Vote
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	Janoska (1)	Winder	Adjutant 1 Vote
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	Matheson (1)	Godwin	Adjutant 1 Vote
Historian	Robert Maxwell	Janoska (1)	Olmstead	Adjutant 1 Vote
Sergeant at Arms	Skip (Doyle) Davison	Moore (1)	Winder	Adjutant 1 Vote
Executive Board #1	Jack Winder	Salvia (3)	Janoska	Adjutant 1 Vote
Executive Board #2	Jim Hunter	Salvia (3)	Janoska	Adjutant 1 Vote
Executive Board #3	Dennis Finkbeiner	Salvia (3)	Janoska	Adjutant 1 Vote

- (1) In that there is only one candidate for the office I move that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant is instructed to cast one (1) vote representing the entire voting strength of the Post for (see position) for the year 2008-2009
- (2) Anthony Puente accepted his nomination by email due to illness.
- (3) In that there are only three candidates for the three offices I move that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast one (1) vote representing the entire voting strength of the Post for (three positions) for the year 2008-2009.

### **Delegates to the 18<sup>th</sup> District Convention and Department of Michigan Convention**

John Nelson	Robert Maxwell	Jack Olmstead
Bob Janoska	Jack Weber	
Jack Winder	Joe Salvia	
Dennis Finkbeiner	Chuck Bowman	
Charles Hoobler	Bob Matheson	

### **Confirmation of Appointments**

Commander Nelson asked if Charles Hoobler would accept appointment as Adjutant for 2008-2009. Charles Accepted and was confirmed as the Adjutant.

- Bob Janoska made a motion that Commander Nelson be allowed to add to the list from the Post Membership. Support was Joe Salvia. Motion carried by voice vote.
- A motion was made by Bruce Hayden to destroy all paper ballots relation to the election of officers. Support was Robert Maxwell. The motion carried by voice vote.
- A motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Joe Salvia. Support was Jack Weber. The motion carried by voice vote.

### **Report of Officers**

**Senior Vice Commander:**

- Sr. Vice Commander Puente was absent due to illness.
- Commander Nelson reported that there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 10:00AM on April 19<sup>th</sup>. There are approximately 600 flags for retirement.
- Commander Nelson presented Brent Johnston with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual American Legion Baseball Texas Hold-em Tournament. The top 3 places split \$800.00 and the Post received \$800.00

**Junior Vice Commander:** Jr. Vice Herron reported that he had no report at this time.

**Finance Officer:**

- Finance Officer Ron Nevorski presented the March 2008 Finance Report. R. Nevorski made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by T. Herron. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Chaplain:**

- Chaplain Bob Janoska reported that he will enter the hospital on April 16<sup>th</sup> to have a Pacemaker installed.
- Commander Nelson reported that on May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a combined Legion, SAL and Auxiliary deceased member’s memorial service held at Chief Pontiac Post in Pontiac Michigan.

**Historian:**

No Report

**Committee Reports**

**Service Officer:**

Service Officer Bruce Hayden had no report:

**Membership:**

- Membership Chairman Bruce Hayden reported:
  - Post 216 is at 102.85% membership for 2008-2009.
  - Chairman Hayden made a motion that the following applicants be approved for membership in Post 216:

Richard E. Marcus	USA	RVN	Support: C. Hoobler
Robert Duff	USN	RVN	Support: R. Maxwell
Aaron Ashley	USA	Persian Gulf	Support: T. Herron
Charles E. McPhail	USA	RVN	Support: B. Janoska
George R. Brown	USN	RVN	Support: J. Weber

- All motions for membership in Post 216 were approved by voice vote.

**Auxiliary:** No Report

**SAL:**

- Mike McDonnell reported that the SAL Elections will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike McDonnell requested additional help for the kitchen.
- Hamburger Night and Fish Fry will continue every Thursday Night until the fish supply runs out...

**Veterans Honors & Ceremonial Committee:**

- John Moore Reported: there are a lot of requests for the Honor Guard coming up for the months of April - July. St. Patrick's Church Flag Ceremony, Hi-White Parade (5-17), GLNC Services, Lynch & Son's Funeral Services and Flag Presentations, Memorial Day Parade Ceremonies, and 4th of July Parade Ceremonies.

**Bingo:**

- Co-Bingo Chairman Bruce Hayden gave the March 2008, along with 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008 Bingo Reports and made a motion that both reports be accepted subject to future audit. Support was Hoobler. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Bruce presented a check for \$2700.00 for March 2008 to Post 216.
- Bruce reported that the next Bingo Jackpot should be close to \$3000 and 59 numbers...

**Clubroom:**

- Co-Chairman Mike McDonnell presented the March 2008 Clubroom Report and made a motion to accept the report subject to future audit. Supported by Hayden, and the motion passed by voice vote.

**Legion Riders:**

- Commander Nelson passed the gavel to Jr. Vice Herron and reported that the regular monthly rides will start again the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April.
- Bob Janoska reported that the Legion Riders had their Election of Officers yesterday. Jack Olmstead was elected director and John Nelson is Assistant Director.

**House:**

- Chairman Ron Nevorski reported that the ceiling tile is all that is left to be done to finish off the clubroom downstairs. The hold up is the electrical contractor has to have their work inspected and signed off on.
- The future projects in order of need are
  - (1) Repair to the roof to prevent further leakage.
  - (2) Air Make-up in the hall upstairs.
  - (3) Broken Front Step.
  - (4) Outdoor lighting for the flags and tank.
- Commander Nelson asked for support in a general Post clean-up for Memorial Day Ceremonies. We have the support of the Scouts and need membership support. A notice will be added to the newsletter...

**Boys State:**

- Post 216 has approved 4 nominations for Boys State. 2 from Post 216 and 2 fro SAL.
  - (1) Lakeland High School ahs selected their candidates.
  - (2) Milford High School still needs to select their candidates.

### **Scholarship:**

- Skip Davison reported that the Post has approved two (2) Scholarships, one (1) for each High School.
- Milford High School turned in 7 Scholarship applications all of them had administrative errors. Skip reported that he contacted the counselor at MHS and gave them one (1) week to make corrections or no scholarship would be issued.
- Lakeland HS still ahs not sent in any scholarship applications...
- If no scholarships are presented that meet all of the requirements then no scholarships will be awarded for this year.

### **Memorial Day:**

- Committee Chairman Joe Salvia presented a prepared list of funds and details to the SAL and Auxiliary for Memorial Day Support.
- Joe reported that the preparations for the parade are going well and he will continue the mail out to the membership for donations.
- Joe asked the membership to invite all veterans.
- Commander Nelson reported that Independence Village needs driver with a bus endorsement on their CDL License to transport people to the parade. Mike McDonnell reported that John Lombardo has a Bus Endorsement on his CDL and might donate his time to drive the bus.

### **Poppy:**

- Bob Janoska reported that Poppy Days is in May. We need lots of volunteers to solicit donations on May 15 thru 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Letters will be sent out to members with a self addressed and stamped envelope in them along with a Poppy. The stamped envelope is to be used for Poppy Donations it is not for Memorial Day Parade Donations. Please pass the word.
- Based upon Rachel Huber's presentation Bob Janoska made a motion that the rules requiring that Poppy Funds be used only for local veterans be waived and that a \$500.00 donation is presented to the Sewing Angels to support their cause. Support was Rich Chowaniec. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Outdoor lights and Flag Array:** Joe Salvia asked for a status on the project since the money for it had been approved last year and it keeps getting put off. Ron Nevorski reported that the outdoor lighting was not a high priority project and would be looked at after some of the other work was completed.

### **New Business:**

- **Installation of Officers:** The installation of the Post 216 new officers will be conducted by the 40 ET 8 Ceremonial Team on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Motion to Endorse:** Bob Janoska made a motion that Post 216 endorses Commander John Nelson for the position of Sergeant at Arms for 18<sup>th</sup> District, Department of Michigan. Support was Chuck Bowman and Jack Weber. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- **Cemetery Flags:** Dennis Finkbeiner reported that it will require about 1000 flags for Memorial Day to cover all of the cemeteries. The placement of the flags will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> leaving form Post 216 parking lot at approximately 8:00AM. The village will purchase 200 flag holders for the veteran's graves at Milford Memorial Cemetery, and the committee will purchase 200 flag holders for the veteran's graves in Oakgrove Cemetery.
- **American Legion Yard Sale:** Flyers will be passed out to the bingo participants on Friday Night.

### **Good of the Legion:**

- **Milford Times Article:** Rich Chowaniec reported to the membership that after reading the Milford Time Article this past Thursday relating to the Post 216 Honor Guard Certification was poorly written and not factual. He called the Editor and was assured that a new article would appear in the next issue along with pictures.
- **Correspondence:** The Adjutant read the following correspondence: planners the normal cost for the rent on the Hall and then donated the rental fee back to the event.
  - (1) Thank you card form the Culham Family to Post 216 for the flowers and support at Jimmy Bingham's Funeral.
  - (2) Fundraiser notice for Butch and Connie Sakofske on 4-27-08 (Cindy Rescoe's Brother) who has colon cancer.
  - (3) Invitation to dedication of the lest they be Forgotten Memorial on 5-10-08 in the Brighton Hills Cemetery Veteran's Section. Honoring Army SSG Thomas W. Christensen – Son of Post 216 Member killed 12-23-03 in Iraq, and Army SGT Andrew P. Daul killed 12-19-06 in Iraq.
  - (4) Thank you letter from NewsMaxMedia for the donation made for the legal defense of the falsely accused Marines from Haditha, Iraq.
  - (5) Notification of the American Legion Yard Sale scheduled for 6-21-08 in the Post 216 Parking Lot.

There being no more business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by:  
Charles L. Hoobler  
Adjutant.