



POST #216  
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**Adjutant Notes – Executive Committee Meeting – Milford POST 216**

**Commander Cherf called the meeting to order at 19:00 on Tuesday, 1-March-2016.**

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Rich Cherf</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Senior Vice Commander</b>	<b>John Schimetz</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Junior Vice Commander</b>	<b>Jerry Guest</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Dennis Dobransky</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Ray Williams</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Tom Kemper</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Vacant</b>			
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Ed Merritt</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>John Robinson</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Robert Matheson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Sam Poel</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Exec. Committee Aux</b>	<b>Cathy Merritt</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Exec. Committee SAL</b>	<b>Mike McDonnell</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Guests:** None

**New Business:** A notice has been received from the Village of Milford regarding a possible high-rise residential building being built near the area of the Post. A Post member that is a Milford resident may want to sit in on any planning commission meetings so we are kept informed.

Williams mentioned a safety deposit box we have at PNC Bank that has a cost of maintaining. Williams and E. Merritt will take a look at the contents of the box, and we may decide to close out the box and purchase a fire-proof safe to store any needed historical records and documents.

Wilwin Lodge has submitted a letter requesting donations to assist the Lodge. Membership will need to decide at the next general membership meeting if we will send a donation to this Lodge.

We need to look forward to planning the Post's picnic for August 2016, but not to conflict with the golf outing.

**Old Business:** Commander Cherf advised that a leak that was found in the roof due to faulty flashing has been repaired and paid.

The Riders will be hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, March 19; still time to sign up to participate.

General Election materials were completed by Dobransky and a bulk mailing and electronic mailing have been completed to general membership. The General Election will occur at the May 17 membership meeting.



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Ron Nevorski is working on getting the tank painted for about \$500. A motion will be needed at the next general membership meeting to allow for this cost item.

C. Merritt is working on the kids Easter party, and has been granted up to \$200 to help cover the costs associated with the party.

E. Merritt working on the Post's centennial page, but is missing minutes from 1950-1985. He is looking for anyone that has info related to Post events during this time period to come forward so he can be 100% current on the Post's past history.

Membership dues will be voted upon at the March 15 general membership meeting. Without a dues increase, according to information provided by R. Williams, the Post will lose \$1,200 on membership costs due to increases in dues by National and likely by Department for 2016. We may also need to eliminate the past practice of providing a dues discount for members 65 years old and older, with 5 years or more membership at the Post. Right now these members pay \$35 vs. the current regular membership fee of \$40.

Poppy Fund Raising will be May 19, 20 and 21. Rich will want to involve N. Tibbs. Also, Rich is not looking to do a mass mailing for this event due to the cost vs. return on the investment, with the cost of mailing about \$400. Board would prefer that we not do a mass mailing to membership for donations as the fund is currently strong and can probably be adequately maintained by using volunteers on the street. If the Poppy Chair decides that a mass mailing is necessary it will only be done using the bulk mailing permit. If a mass mailing is desired, then this would require the approval of General Membership to release the funds.

Hanging of plaques on the walls of the hall still needs to take place. The Riders received a plaque for the legacy ride that will be donated to the Post.

Ray Williams indicated that one of the \$1,000 scholarship selectees, David Vernon from Lakeland High School, still has not come in to a meeting to accept his money. However, this student appears to be able to come to one of the upcoming meetings to collect the money.

Commander Cherf advised he received a phone call by a new member that he did not receive a welcome letter. We need to work on getting a welcome letter out to new members, signed by the Commander. This is a function of the Senior Vice Commander and Membership Chairperson.

The meeting ended at 19:55. Date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant