



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 Wednesday, 2-November-2016.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Rich Cherf	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Ed Merritt	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Gary Dykstra	X		
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Tom Kemper		X	
Judge Advocate	Tom Neff		X	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ron McCall	X		
Historian	Norm Tibbs	X		
Exec. Committee	John Robinson	X		
Exec. Committee	Bill Colegrove	X		
Exec. Committee	Joe Bishop		X	
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	X		

Guests: Bear Hall, Butch Maxwell

New Business: Commander Cherf led off general discussion related to the logistics of the Veterans Day ceremony to be held at Central Park. As Commander Cherf will not be in country, Tom Kemper will take the lead for the Commander's portion of the ceremony.

Robinson informed the board of several Veterans Day activities in and around the community, with several of the events listed on the Post's website.

Dykstra kicked off discussion related to the upcoming WWII veteran's dinner, that was discussed at the October general membership meeting to include Legion Korean War veterans. Board members agreed due to the projected number of WWII veterans and related guests that will attend the dinner, logistically we cannot support the inclusion of Korean War veterans. N. Tibbs made a motion to include only WWII veterans and related guests to the dinner, second by Williams. General discussion ensued in favor of this motion. Doors open at 5, dinner at 6. Singers to follow at 6:30ish. Bear Hall advises he has obtained committed donations for the dinner in the amount of \$600. This is in addition to the Meijer donation of \$400. The singers will cost \$400. Also, 4 turkeys have been donated. Other logistics of the dinner was also discussed. Voice vote passes.



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Commander Cherf advised the fall raffle is moving along, with about \$2,200 in net income to date. N. Tibbs advises if all the electrical repair work and upgrades being suggested by contractors, it would cost up to \$15,000. However, an alternate fix to install a like kind breaker will be about \$3,000. Add another \$1,000 for an upgraded new breaker box, if our existing wiring can be connected to the new box. The electrical is still being reviewed for a final recommendation.

McDonnell advises volunteers are still needed each week to work Bingo. This is the main money maker for the Post, and if Bingo fails there will not be a Post.

Any member that shops at Gordon Foods, mention Post 216, and there are reward points allocated to the Post to help reduce the cost of purchases.

Commander Cherf reminded Dykstra that following the WWII dinner, Laughs at the Legion will be the next social event to be held at the Post.

McDonnell advises of the upcoming SAL & Legion Christmas party to be held on Saturday, December 3, at about 1:00pm, in the Club Room, following the noon SAL meeting.

Tibbs advises that on November 5, he, and Colegrove, and the Cub Scouts will complete the Post's fall clean-up.

C. Merritt advises that the kid's annual Christmas party is scheduled to be held on December 10, and she is expecting about 100 kids for the party. Discussion ensued that there are also two other parties at the Post on the 10th, so can the kid's party be moved to December 17? C. Merritt & Butch Maxwell agreed to have the kid's party moved to December 17.

R. McCall advised that the Post's website is being updated and modified in its appearance. Also, he is suggesting a 2nd calendar on the website to help monitor when the hall is being reserved. This will help facilitate management of the hall rental dates, and McCall will work with Butch Maxwell to roll out this recommendation to move the hall rental system to available current technology. All board members are in agreement to move the hall reservation system to current technology.

Old Business: Commander Cherf reminded us of the upcoming Commander's Tour that will occur on November 13. Post 216 will be the lunch stop for this tour. This is a good way to show off our Post to other Legion members. McDonnell advised the SAL will be paying for the food for this event. E. Merritt suggested all officers be present for this tour to represent the Post.

Commander Cherf still looking for articles from members related to their military experiences, for inclusion in the Post's newsletter.

The canon repair is moving forward; McCall working on same.

Commander Cherf advised the stucco repair has been completed. However, in the spring, further painting will be necessary and we will solicit Post volunteers to complete the painting.

The meeting ended at 20:20. Date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant