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Post No. 216

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Minutes of the January 2008 General Membership Meeting

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

Chaplin Archie Noon 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 Nelson presented the minutes of the December 2007 General Membership Meeting to the membership. Bob Janoska made a motion to accept the minutes subject to correction. Jack Winder seconded the motion. John Moore noted one correction under Ceremonial Unit. The unit had participated in 80 interment honors instead of the 84 that were printed.

Guests:

Fred Morin, SAL Adjutant

Report of Officers

Senior Vice Commander:

- **Scouts:** No Report
- **Baseball:** No report

Junior Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer:

Finance Officer Ron Nevorski presented the December 2007 Finance Report. Benson made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by Rich Chowaniec. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chaplain: No Report

Committee Reports

Service Officer:

Bruce Hayden reported that the Post had helped a couple of area veterans.

Historian:

- Murray Burley brought several pictures of past members for the membership to look at. Murray also reported that he is compiling a list of area WWII Veterans, and would appreciate any help in completing this project.

Membership:

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

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| • Steven Przybyla | US Navy | Persian Gulf | Support Skip Davison |
| • Manual Eipkldt | US Navy | Grenada | Support Skip Davison |
| • Mark C. Francis | US Army | Viet Nam | Support John Robinson |
| • William Golden | US Army | Korea | Support Bob Matheson |

The motion was approved to include all applicants by voice vote.

Bruce Hayden reports that he Post has 372 paid members including 30 new members for 2008

Auxiliary:

- Planning is under way for the annual Easter Party in March.

SAL:

- Mike McDonnell requested additional help for the kitchen.

Veterans Honors & Ceremonial Committee:

- John Moore gave a summary of 2007 activities that the Honor and Color Guards had participated in. A summary sheet was turned in to the Historian and the Commander. Eighty interment services were conducted at the Great Lakes National Cemetery and other local cemeteries and

funeral homes. The Post Color Guard participated in all of the major parades and many other community functions during 2007.

- Rich Chowaniec reported he has been in contact with M/Sgt. Richter regarding certification of our Honor Guard. This training and certification should take place at the Post sometime in early February, and allows our team members to be reimbursed for travel expenses by the Veterans Administration. A motion on the suspension of mileage reimbursements provided by the Post was made by Rich Chowaniec and seconded by Ron Nevorski. During discussion it was recommended that Rich Chowaniec confirm that the VA reimbursements would cover funeral services other than those rendered at Great Lakes National Cemetery. A motion to table the original motion was made by Ron Nevorski and seconded by John Robinson. The motion to table passed by voice vote.

Bingo:

- Bruce Hayden presented the December 2007 Bingo Report. He made a motion to accept the report subject to future audit. Support from Jack Winder. The motion passed by voice vote.
- A check from Bingo to the Post in the amount of \$1656.21 was turned in to the Finance Officer.

Clubroom:

- Mike McDonnell presented the December 2007 Clubroom Report and made a motion to accept the reports subject to future audit. Supported by Bruce Hayden, and the motion passed by voice vote.
- A check for \$1500 from the Clubroom to the Post was submitted to the Finance Officer.
- Mike McDonnell reminded the membership that as of January 1, 2008, non-members are not permitted in the club room, and that their electronic clubroom access cards are de-activated. A discussion followed regarding non-members accessing the club room. This discussion led to the following motion made by **Bruce Hayden**:

“A Legionnaire not a member of Post 216 family, and lives in the Milford area (Southwest Oakland County) shall only be admitted in the clubroom a total of four (4) times before they are required to either become a Post 216 member, or transfer back to a Post where they are currently a member”

This motion was seconded by Bob Janoska, and passed by voice vote. **(This motion was recinded in the February 19, 2008 General Membership Meeting).**

Legion Riders:

- A reminder was given by Mike McDonnell that tickets for Legion Riders Beach Party on January 21st were on sale behind the bar. Tickets are \$25.00

House: No Report

Unfinished Business:

Chrysler LLC. Freedom Calls:

- Commander Nelson reported that the Freedom Call program sponsored by Chrysler LLC. Will continue past the January 14 deadline.

2008 Budget Preparation:

- Commander Nelson reminded those committees requiring 2008 funding for their activities; need to submit those budget requests by January 31, 2008.

New Business:

Correspondence:

- The Adjutant read a note from the Harwood family thanking Joe Salvia and the Ceremonial team for interment services rendered for his father Norman Harwood. Norman was a Post 216 member.
- Commander Nelson reported having received a check for \$500 from the Harwood family. A motion was made by Joe Salvia and seconded by Chuck Bowman that the money be used to enhance the outside lighting for the Post's flags, tank, and signage in Mr. Harwood's name. The motion passed by voice vote.

Clubroom Air Handling System:

- A tentative schedule for the implementation of a new air handling for the clubroom was set for February 14, 2008. Commander Nelson reminded the membership that implementation of this project could not start until a complete project plan, including budget projections were submitted.

Good of the Legion: No Report

There being no more business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by John W, Moore, Acting Adjutant.