

POST #216  
Ernest F. Oldenburg, The American Legion  
510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381  
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**Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216**

**Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 19:07 Tuesday 15-Jan-2013**

**Opening Ceremonies observed.**

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Tony Puente</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Senior Vice Commander</b>	<b>Vacant</b>			
<b>Junior Vice Commander</b>	<b>Phil Weitlauf</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>Chaplin</b>	<b>Ed Merritt</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Vacant</b>			
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Skip Davison</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Rich Chowaniec</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Don Reddeman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Gary Dykstra</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee Aux</b>	<b>Jody Dowd</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee SAL</b>	<b>Butch Maxwell</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Approval of Minutes:** No review of minutes from 18 Dec, 2012.

**Officer Appointment:** Commander Puente introduced Dobransky as the newly appointed Adjutant.

**Officer Election:** Commander Puente introduced Ray Williams as a candidate for Finance Officer, being vacated by Ron Nevorski. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Robinson, Discussion, Voice Vote Passes.

**Guests Introduced:** Mike McDonnell. Mike Williams, District Commander 18<sup>th</sup> District. Gerald Lynch, Historian 18<sup>th</sup> District.

**Reports of Officers:**

**Sr. Vice Commander:** Vacant

**Jr. Vice Commander:** Weitlauf, A search of archives in Maryland found records of a previously unknown war dog buried at the War Dogs Memorial. He has been identified as Sgt. Sparks, Army, who had been deployed at Guadalcanal, Okinawa, and Guam during WWII. At the end of WWII, his handler was given custody of Sgt. Sparks, and was brought to Rochester, MI, where he lived until his

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death in 1947. A ceremony will be held on March 9, 2013, at the War Dogs Memorial site, where his headstone will be engraved bearing his name.

**Financial Officer:** Williams, Reported the current balance of all accounts is \$14,232. However, the General Fund has current expenses in excess of current balance. May have to borrow against the Special Fund to cover current expenses. See reports attached. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Schmetz, Discussion, Voice Vote Passes.

**Chaplain:** Merritt excused. Commander Puente advised Joy Wender is recovering. Also, Ron Mantella, a Legion member, is in hospice care.

**Service Officer:** No Report

**Historian:** Vacant

**Adjutant:** Dobransky, introduced myself as the new Post Adjutant, advising membership of my Vietnam veteran status, serving six years in the Navy, and joined Post 216 during September 2012, as a Legion Rider.

**Auxiliary:** No Report

**SAL:** No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Scott Hungerford – Goal of 407 Members, 85% of current members paid to date.

New Members to vote in:

Tesolin, Army, Active Duty, Gulf War. Motion: Reddeman, Second: Robinson. Discussion: Post will pay Membership dues. Voice Vote Passes.

Edward Hallo, Army, WWII. Motion: Robinson, Second: Holkam. Discussion: Is a Band of Brothers member. Voice Vote Passes.

**Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:**

**Color Guard:** No Report

**Honor Guard:** No Report

**Poppy:** No Report

**Honor Walk:** No Report

**Memorial Day Parade:** Cost to Post 216 has been vacated.

**Education and Scholarship:** Applications to be sent out in February, due in March.

**Bingo:** No Report

**Club Room:** Mike McDonnell discussed year-end results. See attached report. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Davison. Discussion. Voice Vote Passes.

**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** No Report

**American Legion Riders:** First meeting for 2013 in March.

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**House & Building:** No Report

**Executive Committee:** No Report

**Unfinished Business:** No Report

**New Business:** None

**Correspondence:** Legion bowling tournament in April. Also, Flagstar Bank is offering VA mortgage rates with zero down. See flyers on Club Room bulletin board.

**Good of the Legion:** Commander Puente mentioned a Laughs of Legion comedy act, to be held at Post 216 on 16 February, 2013, 19:00. See flyer posted on Club Room bulletin board. Also mentioned a donation of audio and video equipment to the Post by SVT Technology, where Post Member Richard Wright, is employed. Commander Puente and Adjutant Dobransky will be presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to SVT.

Mike Williams, District Commander, 18<sup>th</sup> District, read a letter from Department Commander, Thomas Brown, regarding a blood donors award program, with the awards varied based on the amount of blood donated. Also, there is a District 18 meeting being held on 10 March, 2013, 14:00, at Oxford Post 108. All are invited to attend. Also, an award was presented to Post 216, from the Department of Michigan, recognizing our web-site.

A veteran is coming home, and the Auxiliary wants to host a welcoming committee. Also, veteran Ryan Kidd, a medic and Purple Heart recipient, is coming home on 16 March, 2013, and his family is hosting a reception at Post 216, open to all to attend.

**Closing:** Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 19:55, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant

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

**Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 18:08 Tuesday 15-Jan-2013**

**Opening Ceremonies observed.**

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Tony Puente</b>	<b>X</b>		
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No review of minutes from 18 Dec, 2012.

**Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:** No Reports

**New Business:** Commander Puente introduced Dennis Dobransky as the newly appointed Post Adjutant. Also, introduced Ray Williams as a candidate for Finance Officer, to be voted upon at the Membership Meeting this evening. Ray presented account balances for all Post accounts, and a General Fund report. All bills due have been paid to date. Ray also presented a new Expense Reimbursement form for all to use. Ray discussed the potential use of sub-users for PNC Bank on-line use. Discussion took place that donations from funerals are to be deposited to the Special Fund vs. the General Fund.

Commander Puente mentioned the need for an audit of our financial books at a cost to the Post to use an external auditor. This is part of the Post budget, and is required by National and Post by-laws.

Judy Rickert is the Post book keeper, and sends the Post financial records to an external CPA, Jan, who then prepares and submits financial reports to the Post.

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Rich suggest member units, SAL and Auxiliary, provide \$50 to \$100 per month for Post monthly expenses. Also discussed Amvets to contribute monthly for use of the POST building. Further discussion is we need to better understand the Post expenses and income before we solicit additional funds from member units and Amvets.

Gary Dykstra suggested internal fund raisers. Reddeman suggested a fireworks container on Post property to sell fireworks to generate revenue. Says this is a successful revenue generator for other places he is aware of. It was agreed revenue and expense discussions will be ongoing.

Ray mentioned that for 2012, the Post had expenses \$12,000 more than revenue earned.

**Closing:** Commander Puente made motion to close Executive Committee meeting, Second Reddeman. Discussion Voice Vote Passes. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 18:55 with the proper closing ceremonies being observed. The next meeting is 19 February, 2013, 18:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant