



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 19:00 Tuesday 21-January-2014**

**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>Norm Tibbs</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Junior Vice Commander</b>	<b>Bill Colegrove</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>Ed Merritt</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Ivan Emiline</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Denny Lloyd</b>	<b>X</b>		
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<b>Exec. Committee SAL</b>	<b>Butch Maxwell</b>		<b>X</b>	

Guests: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary. Rich Cherf, Legion.

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Regular Membership minutes from 17 December, 2013. Motion by Schimetz to accept, Second by Kolleda. Correction name of Merritt and business name of Soltac. Voice Vote passes.

**Reports of Officers:**

**Sr. Vice Commander:** N. Tibbs. Advised that Legion member Ray Lapine is not doing well, and his dues are past due. Requested that Post pay his dues. Cash contribution made by Post members in attendance.

**Jr. Vice Commander:** Colegrove. No report.

**Finance Officer:** Dobransky for Williams. December report: Total income \$19,065; Cost of Goods Sold \$10,485; Gross Profit \$8,580; Expenses \$6,762; Net Income \$1,818. Bank of America loan balance \$5,349. General Fund balance as of 1/21/14, \$7,893. Special Fund balance as of 1/21/14, \$4,333. All bills for January have been paid. Ended year of 2013 with a total net income of \$8,210.88. Motion by Reddeman, Second by Winder. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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**Chaplain:** Merritt. Two deaths this past month: George Gates, Legion; Continued prayers for speedy recovery from sick call: Dave Horst, Legion; Pat Dowd, SAL; Ray Lapine, Legion; Brian Hamilton, SAL; Paul Lear, Legion; and Scott Hungerford, Legion.

**Service Officer:** Reddeman. No report.

**Historian:** Emiline. Excused. No report.

**Adjutant:** Dobransky. Read a note of thank you from the family of James Williams Reynolds, along with a \$100 cash donation; and a note of thank you from the family of Paul Zelony, along with a check donation of \$375. Also, read correspondence from the Michigan American Legion Bowling Association, advising of the 78<sup>th</sup> annual bowling tournament to be held beginning on April 5, 2014, in Flushing, MI. Correspondence to be posted in the Club Room.

**Auxiliary:** Cathy Merritt: Advised the Auxiliary assisted at Bingo. Also, Auxiliary membership is at 88.2% of goal, and looking for new members.

**SAL:** Maxwell. Excused. No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Kotas. Post has 335 paid members so far for 2014, membership goal for 2014 is 386, and at this time we are at 87% of the goal for 2014.

**New Members:** Charles Banacker III, Marine, Active Duty. Motion Chowaniec, Second Reddeman. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

**Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:**

**Color Guard:** Commander Puente – No report, but we do need a Commander.

**Honor Guard:** Chowaniec. Honors provided for (2) members. Discussion about rounds needed for the Honor Guard rifles, and trailer for shelter at Great Lakes National Cemetery. N. Tibbs made a motion to have the Post provide a class C motor home at a cost of \$200 per day, for use on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, to provide our Post Honor Guard a place of shelter until a permanent shelter is obtained. Second, Kolleda. Discussion: Issues about use permits at the cemetery are a concern. The Post would drive it to and from the cemetery on an as-needed basis. Voice vote passes with (3) nays.

**Poppy:** Reddeman. No report.

**Honor Walk:** Puente. No report.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Salvia. No report.

**Education and Scholarship:** Skip Davison advises applications are being submitted by Lakeland and Milford high schools.

**Bingo:** McDonnell. December: Gross Bingo \$5,146; Gross tickets \$6,823 Ticket prizes \$5,349; Bingo prizes \$3,919; Ticket profit \$1,474; Bingo profit \$1,086. Check to Legion \$2,000. Beginning check book balance \$1,431, ending balance \$1,259. Motion to accept Winder, Second Reddeman. No discussion. Voice Vote passes. For the year 2013, Bingo turned over to the Post \$27,690.



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**Club Room:** McDonnell. Income \$8,870; Cost of Goods Sold \$3952; Gross Profit \$4,918; Expenses \$3,957; Net Profit \$961. Motion to accept, First Reddeman, Second Kolleda. No discussion. Voice Vote passes. For 2013 the Club Room profited \$4,232, with \$3,500 to the Legion.

**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** McDonnell. Ending check book balance \$1,043. For 2013, the ticket machines provided \$7,500 to the Post and total Club Room contribution for 2013 of \$11,000.

**American Legion Riders:** Kolleda. Advised of brat night last week, and made a few dollars. Next brat night will be after Easter and fish fry.

**House & Building:** N. Tibbs. Have a couple of flags that need replaced. A lock on flag pole needs replaced. Filters replaced on furnace. Would like to replace existing lights in Club Room with LED lights, but needs funds to replace (11) main bulbs to reduce energy costs. Motion by N. Tibbs to have the Post provide \$250 to replace some of the lights now with LED lights. First Schimetz, Second Moore. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

McDonnell suggested installing motion sensors but learned they will not work in the building due to its construction. Could try outside sensors. Still being reviewed.

**Executive Committee:** Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for December 17, 2013. Motion to accept. First, Reddeman, Second, Winder. Discussion: Mike Kotas asked about the IRS issue related to form DD214, and was advised the IRS has backed off due to Veteran organization pressure. Voice Vote passes.

**Unfinished Business:** Dobransky. No report.

**New Business:** Dobransky. Mentioned the By-Law suggested changes to be read at an upcoming meeting, after Tom Neff does a final draft review. Commander Puente advised of what has occurred to date to update the By-Laws to be read at the April meeting, prior to a Membership vote at a meeting subsequent to the April meeting. A mailing will be issued to Membership with the upcoming dates of meetings.

**Good of the Legion:** Skip Davison asked about property tax forgiveness, and was advised this has been resolved. Commander Puente advised of the upcoming fish fries to commence on Friday, February 14, 2014, coordinated by the local Fire Department. Chaplain Merritt advised he is putting together a Chaplain's book and is asking if any Member have a devotional thought or prayer or bible verse that has personal meaning, let him know before May, 2014, so he can include in the book.

**Closing:** Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:05, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

**The next meeting is 18 February, 2014, 19:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Executive Committee minutes from 19 November, 2013. Motion by Lloyd to accept, Second Merritt. Correction: Change Soletek to Soltac. Voice Vote passes.

**Old Business:** Commander Puente introduced Fire Department and Post 216 members Jared Labelle, and Chris Walker, SAL, to discuss fish fry to start on Friday, February 14, 2014, through Good Friday, April 18, 2014, and requested start-up money. Discussion ensued as to amount of start-up money needed. Motion by Reddeman to allow \$500 for start-up money, Second N. Tibbs. Voice vote passes.

N. Tibbs advised of IRS reviews of DD214's, proof not required unless the IRS is of the belief we are doing something illegal. Advised this has been removed as a concern due to efforts on the part of several Veteran organizations.

Matt Tibbs worked on By-Law updates. Tom Neff will be at Regular Membership meeting to review. Matt advises all suggested changes are in draft form. Dobransky read from the By-Laws what is required to make changes to the By-Laws, to include a 30-day advance notice to Membership that a reading will take place 30 days before the proposed changes will be voted upon. Dobransky suggested the vote takes place during the officer election meeting on May 20. Suggested changes to be provided to Tom Neff for final review, to prepare a final draft for reading at the April 15, meeting.



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An annual mailer will be issued to Membership to include the dates of monthly meetings, reading of proposed By-Law changes/additions to occur on April 15, and officer elections on May 20, 2014.

Commander Puente advised the Club Room will close at the discretion of the Club Room manager when there are not enough people in attendance to warrant keeping the doors open until the posted closing time. No further discussion.

**New Business:** Dobransky read correspondence from Huron Valley Youth Assistance requesting a cash or prize donation to their annual "Taste of the Valley" fundraiser to be held on February 27, 2014. No motion made to support this item.

Dobransky read correspondence from the Highland White Lake Business Association, that provides educational meetings and networking socials to promote various organizations and businesses. The annual membership fee is \$50 for a community organization. There are several events, including Laughs at the Legion scholarship fundraiser on March 1, 2014. Commander Puente advises he already had the Finance Officer issue the \$50 annual membership payment for Post 216.

N. Tibbs advised about an energy use audit done by an electrical consultant, Jeff Long, and the results show the Post building is wasting energy, to include light bulbs, electrical circuit issues, and other items. This provides us with a benchmark as to what we need to consider going forward to reduce our energy consumption costs.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Reddeman, Second Lloyd. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 18:45.

**The next meeting is 18 February, 2014, 18:00.**

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