



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 16-July-2013

Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Tibbs	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Bill Colegrove	X		
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Ed Merritt	X		
Historian	Ivan Emiline		X	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Denny Lloyd		X	
Exec. Committee	Don Reddeman	X		
Exec. Committee	Jack Winder	X		
Exec. Committee	Matt Tibbs	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Butch Maxwell	X		

Motion by Skip Davison to suspend the Regular Membership meeting to present scholarships to the two scholarship recipients. Second by Reddeman. No discussion. Voice vote passes. He presented Dana Morse from Milford High School, and Megan Kalanik from Lakeland High School. Also introduced their present family members. Both young ladies read to Membership their essays, titled, “What it means to me to be an American.” A job well done by both of these recipients. Each was presented \$1,000 scholarships checks from the Post, for use in college.

Membership also received a presentation from Ron and Richard Valko, on behalf of the UAW and Ford Motor Company, provide handicap ramps for disabled Veterans, and is looking for names of Veterans in need of ramps, and trying to expand into the area, and would do their best to help Veterans in need. Phone No. (248) 762-5289. Thomas Neff mentioned a local food bank, Community Sharing, in Highland, that may be in need of ramps, and he will provide Mr. Valko with a contact phone number.

Motion to resume regular membership business. First, Moore, Second, Merritt.



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Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 18 June, 2013. Motion by Reddeman to accept, Second by Weitlauf. Discussion: Thomas Neff advised info regarding By-Law Committee has to be moved on page 2, to the New Business part of the minutes. Adjutant will do, and also Dobransky mentioned making a correction to the Commander vote results, adding that the vote was done by ballot. No further discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: N. Tibbs. No report.

Jr. Vice Commander: Colegrove. No report.

Financial Officer: Williams. CPA computer broke down so he did not receive a summary report, so he has no report to provide this month.

Chaplain: Merritt. This past month we celebrated the 4th of July, 237 years ago. On July 27, 1953, the Korean War cease fire occurred. Sick call and continued prayers. Dave Horst, Legion; Pat Dowd, SAL; Patrick Sullivan, SAL; and Denny Lloyd recovering from lung cancer surgery, now back home and doing better.

Service Officer: Reddeman. No report.

Historian: Ivan. Absent. No report.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Asked if Tom Neff, By-Law Committee, making progress. Dobransky mentioned John Robinson had requested an audit of the recent officer's election. On June 25, I and Mike Kotas reviewed sign in book and checked signatures to National membership list, and the findings are that the listed entries match to the membership list and all of those that voted are current paid members. Based on this audit, the election is valid.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt: No report.

SAL: Maxwell. Steak night is Thursday. SAL golf outing is August 2. Sign-up sheet is in the Club Room.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Lloyd. Excused absence. No report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. Absent. No report.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

Color Guard: Vacant. No report.

Honor Guard: Moore. We have an obligation for this month to support the Great Lakes National Cemetery. We did 10 memorial services last month. Also, is working on his replacement for this position. Will keep the Post advised.

Poppy: Reddeman. No report.

Honor Walk: Davison. Turned over duties to Gary Dykstra. There are several pavers on order expected to be received soon.



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Memorial Day Parade: Williams for Salvia. \$9,000 in revenue generated, and parade cost \$6,000, leaving \$3,000 in net revenue turned into the General Fund

Education and Scholarship: Davison. Presented \$1,000 to each of the two scholarship recipients. No further report until about April 2014.

Bingo: No report – computer issue.

Club Room: No report -- computer issue.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: No report -- computer issue.

American Legion Riders: Paul Kolleda. On July 6, retired 6,338 flags that took 8 hours to retire all these flags. Butch Maxwell gave kudos to the ALR for this hard work, to include housekeeping of the grounds.

House & Building: Puente. No report.

Executive Committee: Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for June 18, 2013. Motion to accept. First, Reddeman, Second, Weitlauf. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Unfinished Business: Tom Neff. Reported on By-Laws review, and has found problems with the Corporation report, and we are missing the 2012 report. Adjutant will try to locate 2012's report. Tom also did comparison of By-Laws to the State By-Laws. Will review 1992 By-Laws to the unofficial By-Laws as posted on the Post website. Errors found in the By-Laws, and will further his review into next month.

New Business: Correspondence: Merritt read note of appreciation from the Valentine family. Dobransky. Read letter of appreciation from National Commander, James Koutz, thanking our Post for the \$100 donation to the National Emergency Fund. Read discount prescription drug coverage info to be posted in Club Room.

Good of the Legion: N. Tibbs suggested a Legion picnic, maybe at Camp Dearborn. This generated interest. Puente advised of several committees needing leaders and volunteers. Color Guard and Honor Guard coordinators are needed. Work with the area funeral home and Great Lakes National Cemetery. Reddeman will do Poppy Fund. Honor Walk is Gary Dykstra, plus Butch Maxwell and Norm Tibbs. Education and scholarship to be worked by Skip Davison and Butch Maxwell. Bingo needed. Club Room is Puente, as well as gaming tickets. House and Building needed. ALR will be Paul Kolleda. Executive Committee will be Adjutant, Commander Puente and Judge Advocate, Tom Neff. The position of Judge Advocate is not in the By-Laws. Neff to look into this. Butch Maxwell mentioned the movie premiere of *Approaching Midnight* on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak. All are invited to attend, as some of our Post members were in the movie. Williams mentioned the Post garage sale coming up beginning of August, and Jennifer Ricketts could use some assistance. Kolleda advised that the ALR will be visiting the veterans' hospital in Ann Arbor on August 3. Will be taking books and magazines to the veterans.

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 20 August, 2013, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant

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ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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Senior Vice Commander	Norm Tibbs	X		
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Review of minutes from 18 June, 2013. Motion to accept, First Reddeman, Second Merritt. No corrections, no discussion. Voice vote passes.

Agenda Items: Commander Puente brought to our attention a Hometown Hero advertising billboard that promotes local businesses, and is seeking to have the billboards posted in the club room. No cost to the Post. Advertisers pay to have their business promoted.

Commander Puente read a letter from Joseph Salvia, Commander, Huron Valley AMVETS, Post 2006, that they have decided to move their monthly meetings to another facility to better accommodate their membership. Loss to Post revenue of \$50 per month plus income from Club Room sales.

Good of Legion: It was mentioned that a request has been made to donate (4) hours of hall use for Tim Burns' son, a local Boy Scout member, so he can hold his Eagle Scout court of honor ceremony. We have (3) scout troops related to the Post.

Norm Tibbs advised the Post has 15 plots left at the Oakgrove Cemetery located in block 12, plots 17-40, for use by Veterans in need, at no cost to the Veteran. Information regarding these plots is maintained at the Milford Township office.



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Old Business: Commander Puente to check into the deeds for plots at Oakgrove Cemetery. Also, need to update status of Parade fund net income to the General fund. Status of the internal finance audit committee? This was to have been completed by two weeks from this meeting. In addition, Commander Puente revisited the need for a formal external financial audit. Ray advises an outside auditor would cost about \$500. Reddeman agrees this is necessary.

Finance Report: Williams. Advises due to computer issues, does not have the consolidated reports. But June is looking good. We are receiving income net of expenses from the Parade fund of about \$3,000 to the General fund. Ray mentioned we are low on Veteran medals for next year, and we will need to make a purchase of more medals. Also, received a contract from Flag Poles for \$625 to renew the annual service. Signature needed to renew the contract, and Dobransky signed same. About \$1,400 in expenses to pay this month still, but a check from Bingo for \$1,500 coming in, plus the Parade fund money, so we are doing good.

Dobransky mentioned the need to complete an internal self-audit of the Post financial records, for submission to Department. It was agreed a committee would be formed, headed by Norm Tibbs, with committee members Bill Colegrove and Jack Winder. Mike McDonnell also needs to be present. Once completed, the audit form to be signed by Ray Williams and Commander Puente, and the (3) committee members.

New Business: Commander Puente discussed various committees in need volunteers. He will also bring this up to membership. Membership will be covered by Mike Kotas. But, we have no Color Guard chair or Honor Guard coordinator. Don Reddeman will still chair poppies. We need Honor Walk, and Norm Tibbs accepted. Memorial Day parade, has been headed by Joe Salvia. Education & Scholarship, still open, but Butch Maxwell is interested. Bingo will be Mike McDonnell and Commander Puente. Club Room and Gaming Tickets will be Mike McDonnell. Legion Riders is Paul Kolleda, Director. House & Building is Commander Puente unless other volunteers. The Executive Committee will remain Commander Puente and Adjutant Dobransky.

Closing: Commander Puente made motion to close Executive Committee meeting, First, Merritt, Second, Winder. Voice Vote Passes. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 18:45 with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 20 August, 2013, 18:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant