



POST #216
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Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 19:05 Tuesday 18-June-2013

Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Vacant	-	-	-
Junior Vice Commander	Phil Weitlauf	X		
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Ed Merritt	X		
Historian	Vacant	-	-	-
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	-	X	
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowaniec	X		
Exec. Committee	Don Reddeman	X		
Exec. Committee	Vacant	-	-	-
Exec. Committee Aux	Jody Dowd	-	X	
Exec. Committee SAL	Butch Maxwell	X		

Approval of Minutes: Review of Regular Membership minutes from 21 May, 2013. Motion by Reddeman to accept, Second by Winder. Discussion: A motion was made by Past Commander Chaplin to strike the results of the invalid election. No first and no second from the floor. Motion does not carry. No further discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Guests Introduced: William McMillian; John Hutzbeth; Rich Cherf; Mike McDonnell; and Cathy Merritt. Motion then made by Commander Puente to suspend regular business to recognize two special guests. First by Reddeman, Second N. Tibbs. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Commander Puente requested Mr. McMillian and Mr. Hustzbeth to come forward. They are from the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree. Mr. McMillian is leaving the community, and has a significant amount for the Post and our community. Both gentlemen gave a brief overview of the service of Knights of Columbus, including restoration and retirement of flags. Visits and donations to the Veteran's hospital in Ann Arbor, and places for homeless vets to live. Assist the veterans and honor the flag. A round of applause for these gentlemen. A motion was made to resume regular business. First Reddeman, Second Green. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: Vacant

Jr. Vice Commander: Weitlauf. No report.

Financial Officer: Williams. For the month of May, total income \$39,427; Cost of Goods \$27,698; Gross Profit \$11,728. Expenses \$10,399, for net income of \$1,329. Loan balance due. All bills paid to date. \$578 net in General Fund with bills due. Motion to accept, Reddeman, Second Bowman. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Service Officer: Reddeman. No report.

Adjutant: Dobransky. Advised Ed Merritt has prepared a change of address form, copies available for those that need one after the meeting. Advised of upcoming Department convention, and we are allowed up to (9) delegates; volunteers needed to attend the convention. Ray Williams accepted as our only delegate. Then informed Membership that the election held last month was held invalid by the 18th District Judge Advocate, Rodney Galbraith, verbally and in writing. Also, the Judge Advocate advises email is a legal form of mail that can be used as Post notifications to Members in lieu of U.S. Mail. Out of 413 mailings by U.S. Mail, requesting Member email addresses, we have received 15 responses thus far. Informed Members of the cost of the mass mailing being about \$350. Mentioned that the bulk rate stamp is missing. Joe Salvia advises Allegra Printing has a bulk rate process for our Post. Noted. John Robinson recognized the hard work that went into the mass mailing. Also, By-Laws are outdated from 1992 as the last on record By-Laws for our Post. A committee was suggested to update the By-Laws. Thomas Neff agreed to take on the task. I will share with him the By-Laws obtained from 1992 via Department, and the 2003 By-Laws on the Post website, that are not official, will be reviewed and updated for submittal to Department for authorization.

Auxiliary: Cathy Merritt: No report.

SAL: Maxwell. Advises of steal fry each Thursday of the month.

Chaplain: Merritt. This past month we had (2) holidays: Flag Day and U.S Army celebrated their 238th birthday. Also the Navy Hospital Corp was established 115 years ago. Continue prayers for the families of Eugene Symons and James Valentine, both Legion. Sick call list: Dave Horst, Legion, Pat Dowd, SAL, and Patrick Sullivan, SAL.

Historian: Vacant

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



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Motion presented by Commander Puente to suspend Regular Meeting to conduct Election of Officers. First by Reddeman; Second by M. Tibbs. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Election Results (non-Legion members, SAL and Auxiliary, and guests asked to leave the room during the vote, except for vote counters: (1) Legion; (1) SAL and (1) Auxiliary).

Commander – Two nominees on sign-up sheet: Commander Puente and John Robinson. Both accepted the nomination. No other nominees from the floor. Based on ballot vote: 35 votes Puente and 30 votes Robinson. Commander Puente re-elected.

Senior Vice Commander – Two nominees on sign-up sheet: Norm Tibbs, accepted; Phil Weitlauf, declined. No other nominees from the floor. Norm Tibbs running unopposed. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, T. Burke. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post. Norm Tibbs elected.

Junior Vice Commander – One nominee on sign-up sheet: Bill Colegrove, accepted. No nominees from the floor. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, Rodger. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post. Bill Colegrove elected.

Finance Officer -- One nominee on sign-up sheet: Ray Williams, accepted. No nominees from the floor. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, Lehr. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post. Ray Williams elected.

Chaplain -- One nominee on sign-up sheet: Ed Merritt, accepted. No nominees from the floor. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, Emiline. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post. Ed Merritt elected.

Historian – Ivan Emiline nominated from the floor, accepted. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, N. Tibbs. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post. Ivan Emiline elected.

Sergeant-At-Arms – One nominee on sign-up sheet: Denny Lloyd, accepted. No nominees from the floor. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, Emiline. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post. Denny Lloyd elected.



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Executive Committee (3) positions – Three nominees on sign-up sheet: Matt Tibbs, Jack Winder, and Don Reddeman, all (3) accepted. No nominees from the floor. Reddeman motioned the Adjutant to make one vote representing the entire Post membership. Second, Lloyd. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Adjutant placed one vote for the Post for each of the three openings. Matt Tibbs, Jack Winder, and Don Reddeman elected.

Adjutant – Appointed office. Appointment by Commander Puente to Dennis Dobransky – Dobransky accepts.

Adjutant Note. It was requested by John Robinson that the election results for Commander and other offices be audited to ensure only Legion members voted. On June 25, 2013, Adjutant Dobransky and Membership Committee person, Mike Kotas, reviewed the meeting sign-in log, and compared the names that could be read to the National membership record for Post 216, and all names that were readable are verified to be valid voting members for Post 216. Based on this audit, consisting of at least 90% of the names on the sign-in log (all names that could be read), the election is deemed to be valid.

Motion by Commander Puente to resume regular meeting business. First, Green; Second, Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kotas. At end of May, we have 413 members, with 381 paid to date. New Members to vote in:

Major Paul M. Kotas, Army Harlen Thome, Army, Active duty. Transfer from a Georgia Post. Motion to accept. First, Reddeman, Second, Emiline. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Stephen Manning, Air Force, Gulf War. Motion to accept. First Reddeman, Second, Neff. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:

Color Guard: Robinson. No report.

Honor Guard: Moore. Multiple funerals and other activities this past month. Commander Puente recognized Mr. Moore's leadership over the last 6.5 years, to include over 600 funerals and memorial services. He has done service to the community and the Post above and beyond the call of duty. John has decided to retire from the role of Honor Guard leadership. Dobransky then read a farewell letter from T. Lynch & Sons funeral home.



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Poppy: Reddeman. Waiting on final report.

Honor Walk: Davison. No Report

Memorial Day Parade: Salvia. \$7,300 in donations received to date. Less expenses of \$4,500, the Post will receive about \$2,800. Final report to be provided to the Finance Officer.

Education and Scholarship: Davison. No Report

Bingo: McDonnell presented the Bingo report. \$12,040 income; Tickets \$15,147. Cost of Bingo \$11,198. Gross profit \$6,415. Contribution to Legion \$4,000. Motion to accept. First, Winder, Second, Green. Discussion – report is for May 2013. Voice Vote Passes.

Club Room: Mike McDonnell discussed May 2013 results. Income \$10,331. Cost of Goods \$3,312. Gross profit \$7,018. Expenses \$4,402. Net income for May \$2,616. Check to Legion for \$1,000. See attached report. Motion to accept. First, Reddeman, Second, Merritt. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: McDonnell advises about \$1,551 was received during May.

American Legion Riders: Paul Kolleda. Fundraiser at Milford High.

House & Building: Puente. No report. Paul Kolleda requested weed & feed for Post grounds.

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

Unfinished Business: Rich Cherf, ALR, questioned where the funds are located for the purchase of bricks for the Walk of Honor. Finance Officer, Ray Williams, advises he has accounted for \$350 as a line item in the General Fund since he took over as Finance Officer in January 2013. But he is not aware where the funds are located prior to his tenure. This requires further research and discussion.

New Business: Commander Puente brought to membership the 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. All agreed this is a good idea. Motion to accept. First, N. Tibbs, Second, Lloyd. No discussion. Voice vote passes. Also, By-Laws are outdated from 1992 as the last on record By-Laws for our Post. A committee was suggested to update the By-Laws. Thomas Neff agreed to take on the task. I will share with him the By-Laws obtained from 1992 via Department, and the 2003 By-Laws on the Post website, that are not official, will be reviewed and updated for submittal to Department for authorization.

Correspondence: Dobransky. Read letter from SAL Squadron Adjutant, Frederick Morin, advising that Junior Vice Commander, Butch Maxwell, has been appointed as the SAL representative to the American Legion Executive Board for the year 2013 to 2014.

Also, read an invitation from The Salvation Army to attend a Military Appreciation Day, on July 13, free of cost to veterans and their families. A poster is provided in the Club Room describing the event.



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Good of the 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. The Executive members agreed this is a good use of the hall. Membership also agrees.

Steak fry is the third Thursday of each month.

Rich Cherf, ALR, asked about brick pavers that have been purchased and received, for the Walk of Honor, but have not yet laid. Why? Commander Puente advises that Skip Davison is the coordinator for the brick paver project, but he is absent this evening. This will be looked into.

Jennifer Ricketts brought up the suggestion of a rummage sale, which could be held as a Post fundraiser, for the first weekend in August. Looking for donations from Legion members, and if this is a good idea. A motion was made to proceed. First, N. Tibbs, Second, Reddeman. Voice vote passes.

SAL: Maxwell. No report.

Auxiliary: Dowd, excused absence. Cathy Merritt, No report. introduced Cathy Merritt as the newly elected President for the Auxiliary.

Closing: Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 21:55, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

The next meeting is 16 July, 2013, 19:00.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Vacant	-	-	-
Junior Vice Commander	Phil Weitlauf	-		X
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Ed Merritt	X		
Historian	Vacant	-	-	-
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowaniec	-		X
Exec. Committee	Don Reddeman	X		
Exec. Committee	Vacant	-	-	-
Exec. Committee Aux	Jody Dowd	-	X	
Exec. Committee SAL	Butch Maxwell	X		

Review of minutes from 21 May, 2013. Motion to accept, Puente, Second Reddeman. 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. All agreed this is a good idea to be presented to Membership.

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. The Executive members agreed this is a good use of the hall.

Old Business: Butch Maxwell mentioned that his son will be working to select a location for the gazebo project, and will be holding a dinner fund raiser at the Post on July 13.

Finance Report: Williams. Advises that the ALR donated \$25 toward the Great Lakes National Cemetery golf outing. Also, presented financial results year-to-date. Reddeman mentioned the lack of participation for the Poppy fund cause brought in minimal money, so there will be no money to assist area veterans this year. Bingo provided a check to Post for \$2,500.

New Business: Paul Kolleda, Director, ALR, requesting money for mulch for the Post. ALR planted flowers and put down mulch, paid for same, and needs a contribution from the Post.



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Closing: Commander Puente made motion to close Executive Committee meeting, Second Merritt. Voice Vote Passes. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee the meeting was adjourned at 18:40 with the proper closing ceremonies being observed. **The next meeting is 16 July, 2013, 18:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant