



POST #216  
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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 18-March-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>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Don Reddeman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Jack Winder</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Matt Tibbs</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee Aux</b>	<b>Cathy Merritt</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee SAL</b>	<b>Butch Maxwell</b>	<b>X</b>		

Guests: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary. Cub Scout leaders for troop 52, Chris Cook and Steve Anderson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Regular Membership minutes from 18 February, 2014. Motion by J. Schimetz to accept, Second by Winder. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

**Reports of Officers:**

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

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

**Finance Officer:** Williams. February report: Gross income \$26,478; Cost of Goods \$19,263; Gross Profit \$7,215; Expenses \$8,089; Net Loss (\$874). General Fund balance is \$6,770. All bills paid to date for March. No expenditures from the Special Fund this past month. The Bank of America loan balance is \$5,015. The snow removal expense for February caused us to end up in the red. Motion by Reddeman, Second by Kolleda. T. Neff asked why Post was in the red for February. Attendance was down for Bingo, and electric bill was \$900, combined with the snow removal expense. Voice vote passes.



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**Chaplain:** Merritt. On March 19 we celebrate K-9 Veteran's Day, and the K-9 Veteran's Day memorial ceremony will be held on Saturday April 12 at the War Dog Memorial. On March 17 the American Legion National turned 95 years old. Continued prayers for the family of John Wolford, Legion; the family of Gordon McCormick, Legion; and the family of James Kleban, Legion. Continued prayers for speedy recovery from sick call: Dave Horst, Legion; Pat Dowd, SAL; Ray Lapine, Legion; Brian Hamilton, SAL; Paul Lear, Legion; Jan LaClair, Aux; and Susan Troyer, Aux. Commander Puente recognized Chaplain Merritt to his appointment as District Chaplain.

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

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

**Adjutant:** Dobransky. Read notes of thanks from the family of Gordon McCormick with a \$100 donation to the Post; and from the family of John Wolford, in their time of sorrow.

**Auxiliary:** Cathy Merritt: Aux to help out at bingo on 3/21. On 3/23 is the kid's Easter party. April 5 & 6 is the Junior convention at the Post. SAL to assist with meals.

**SAL:** Maxwell. Burger nights on-going. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in May starts the steak nights.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Kotas. Post has 353 paid members so far for 2014, 100% membership goal for 2014 is 386, and at this time we are at 94% of the goal for 2014.

New Members: Krystal M. Carroll, Army, Persian Gulf. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second B. Welbaum. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Michael J. Carroll, Captain, U.S. Army, Persian Gulf, Active. Motion to accept Welbaum, Second Kolleda. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

**Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:**

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

**Honor Guard:** Chowaniec. Honors for James Klebaum, Army, at Oak Grove; John Wolford, Air Force; Highland; Gordon McCormick, Army, St. Mary's; Cornelius Watson, Marines, White Lake; and honors for (6) veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

**Poppy:** Reddeman. Poppy drive is in May.

**Honor Walk:** Davison. No report.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Salvia. Asked if he will continue as chairman. Commander Puente advised to be taken up with the Executive Committee.

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

**Bingo:** McDonnell. February: Gross Bingo \$7,524; Gross tickets \$9,352; Ticket prizes \$7,640; Bingo prizes \$5,447; Gross Profit \$3,582. Beginning check book balance \$2,713. \$3,000 to Legion. Ending check book balance \$807. Motion to accept Reddeman, Second Ryan. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.



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**Club Room:** McDonnell. Income \$7,720. Cost of Goods Sold \$2,661; Gross Profit \$5,059; Expenses \$4,060. Net Profit \$999. Motion to accept, First Nevorski, Second Winder. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** McDonnell. Beginning balance \$966; Ending balance \$1,264.

**American Legion Riders:** Kolleda. Bowling fund raiser on April 19 from 1-4pm. A 50/50 raffle fund raiser is underway. Flag retirement to be on June 14 at home of John & Claudia Schimetz, and requesting Honor Guard presence. On August 2, the ALR Post 216 is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with a dinner dance at the Post, to include a poker run. May 10 will be Legion Post clean-up day and looking for volunteers assist. Also, the ALR has purchased a POW/MIA table and kit, to be presented to the Post at the April meeting.

**House & Building:** N. Tibbs. Outdoor flags not holding up well, and are short-lived. Looking to find a better quality flag supplier. Have replaced some lights with LED lighting, better efficiency. Ceiling tiles with water damage to be replaced.

**Executive Committee:** Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for February 18, 2014. Motion to accept. First, Merritt, Second, Kolleda.

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

**New Business:** Dobransky. Reminded membership of the mailing that was sent out regarding the upcoming election of officers to be held on May 20; also, the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to be read at the April meeting; and a listing of all upcoming meetings for the next year. Posting to be placed in the Club Room for officer nominations.

Chaplain Merritt advised of Boys State program applicants from Milford high school. Cost is \$325 per student. Cost to Post would be \$650 for two (2) boys. Lakeland applications pending. SAL to send boys as well. Motion to support Boys State program costing Post up to \$650. First, N. Tibbs, Second, M. Tibbs. Discussion. Merritt to check with Lakeland again on their applications. If Lakeland does not respond, then SAL will accept one of the Milford boys. Voice vote passes.

**Good of the Legion:** Chaplain Merritt presented to Commander Puente on behalf of the Post his Chaplain's book covering the past 3.5 years.

Chowaniec questioned why Executive Board meetings ask members to leave during the meeting. It was discussed that no member has been turned away from such meetings.

Davison resigned from the Education and Scholarship committee, after this tenure expires.

Williams mentioned the summer Department Convention being held in Livonia on June 26-29.

Delegate hotel cost is covered by the Post.

Kolleda doing a project to place on the Club Room video, and is looking for members in military uniform. Anyone interested send Paul your photos.

Scout leaders Chris Cook and Steve Anderson for Troop 52 requesting a donation to help the troop be successful. Prior troop leaders left the troop with no money. Will assist with flag retirements and grounds clean-up. Motion by N. Tibbs to provide \$300, Second by B. Welbaum. Williams asked how many boys are in the pack – 43 boys. Other fund raisers include popcorn sales. Voice vote passes.



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**Closing:** Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:00, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

**The next meeting is 15 April, 2014, 19:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Executive Committee minutes from 18 February, 2014, including Special Memorial Day parade meeting minutes held on 5 March, 2014. General discussion on if the City of Milford will charge the Post for parade expenses incurred. Butch will meet with the City and advise. Motion by Merritt to accept, Second Colegrove. Voice Vote passes.

**Old Business:** 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 and will be provided to the Adjutant prior to the April meeting.

Dobransky issued an annual mailer 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.

Williams reported for the Laughs at the Legion event the Post grossed \$1,066, expenses were \$400, for a net to the Post of \$666. Also, Commander Puente will need to follow-up on a check to the Post for the fish fry income. Snow removal cost for December and January was \$4,682. February's bill not in yet – expected to be \$2,500.



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N. Tibbs advised the energy audit has been done with various recommendations made, such as seals on doors and refrigeration units.

Need to research procedure to follow in regards to maintaining membership DD214's. Need for confidentiality of information of the forms, such as social security numbers. A committee has been created to handle this business to include: Don Reddeman, Bill Colegrove and Paul Kolleda.

Paul Kolleda advises the ALR 50/50 raffle tickets are pending an approved license from the State of Michigan.

**New Business:**

Dobransky read correspondence from Wilwin Lodge looking for donations. Motion by Reddeman to table this request for future discussion, considering snow removal costs and the upcoming parade costs. Second, Lloyd. Voice vote passes.

N. Tibbs reminded us of an upcoming parade committee meeting on April 1 at 18:00.

Dobransky read a note of thank you and \$100 donation for military honors from the family of Gordon McCormick.

Chaplain Merritt advises he has been working on Boys State applicants from Milford and Lakeland high schools. Cost to the Post is \$325 per student.

Williams mentioned a bulk rate postage cost that can be renewed at the Milford Post Office for \$220. The current permit expires on April 29. Also, Allegra printing is a bulk rate option. To be discussed further at the next Executive meeting.

Kolleda advised the ALR is doing a bowling fundraiser to be held on April 19, and flyers are posted in the Club Room. Also, the ALR has purchased a new POW/MIA kit and table to be placed in the Club Room. Kolleda is suggesting a ceremony take place in April to present the new item. Also, ALR will again do a flag retirement ceremony, and the Post will look into providing an Honor Guard presence.

Butch Maxwell advised the ALR will be doing a 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary party on August 9, to include a poker run. Motion by Reddeman to donate the hall to the ALR for the party, Second by Merritt. No discussion, Voice Vote passes.



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Bill Colegrove having a meeting with Camp Dearborn for a Legion picnic on August 23 or 24. Cost is about \$80 for (2) pavilions. Motion by Colegrove for up to \$100 to cover the reservation cost, Second Reddeman. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Merritt, Second Reddeman. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 18:40.

**The next meeting is 15 April, 2014, 18:00.**

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