



Post No. 216

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Minutes of the January 19, 2010 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, proper opening ceremonies were observed. Chaplain Robert Janoska gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	John Nelson	x		
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente	x		
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Herron	x		
Adjutant	Ike Eickholdt	x		
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	x		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	x		
Historian	Robert Maxwell	x		
Sergeant –at-Arms	Skip Davison	x		
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowaniec	x		
Exec. Committee	Joe Salvia	x		
Exec. Committee Aux	Sheila Maxwell		x	
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	x		

Motion was presented by Bob Janoska to accept the December 2009 regular meeting minutes upon corrections as required. Motion was seconded by: Robert Maxwell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests Introduced: Terry Murlindhar US Census Bureau

Motion was presented by Skip Davison to suspend business to allow guest to present. Motion was seconded by: Robert Maxwell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. M.: Explains his purpose of the U.S. Census. The Census Bureau is looking for temporary employees to help with the U.S. Census. Describes the purpose and the history of the U.S. Census. “We need people” Clerical jobs, a few. Most open jobs are enumerators who go door to door. Four day training. You are paid and are also paid for mileage. There is a website indicated on a flyer in the Legion Hall. You can download a form, fill it in, take a test to see if you qualify. There is a sample test you can take.

Motion to continue with the normal order of business. Motion was supported by Bob Janoska. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: Tony Puente reported:

- Legion Baseball, winter meetings last month. Baseball has become pretty popular due to the cost which is less expensive than travel ball. Up to 16 teams will be around this year. Thirty game season. Need to do something different due to time commitment.

Hosting state tourney in Milford for 2011. Will need some help.
2012 world season of baseball will be at Comerica Park.

- Cub Scout Pack 52 helped 2 families at Christmas - provided gifts for children and gift certificates for parents. Chris Cooper of Highland was one of the recipients.
- Boy Scouts Troop 33 are still working to acquire a used trailer for all of the Troop's gear. Have \$900 now toward the anticipated \$1500 needed. Expect a large increase in the troop when Webelos are promoted. Trailer would be 10 or 20 foot long to hold all the equipment and supplies needed for the troop outings
Will be an ice fishing derby next month.
- Citizenship class for some young scouts – flag folding etc. colored pictures for Legion.
- Boys Life Magazine, which is nationally sent to all scouts features Milford Troop 33 doing Ice Fishing at Lost Lake.
- Planning fundraisers to benefit Milford Legion Baseball and other programs of the post. Poker Tournament in spring/summer. Plan to apply all four annual licenses to consecutive 4 day events at Card Sharks in Waterford. Expected return is \$16,000 for these four events.

Jr. Vice Commander: No report

Finance Officer: No report. Did not receive financial statements from accountant in time for this meeting.

Chaplains Report: Chaplain Janoska reported Norm Tibbs past commander was hospital but is home now.

Dorothy Yakel, elderly lady, dressed as statue of liberty has passed just short of her 100th birthday.

Service Officer: Assisted a family with the poppy fund and made several referrals.

Historian: I have an upgraded system so please provide me with whatever media you can provide. Going through archives and have pictures, need names with pictures.

Auxiliary: Sheila could not make the meeting but provided a report that has been read. A veteran and family were left stranded when their belongings were stolen while moving under military relocation orders. Truck was found and returned but trailer was not found. Insurance will not cover the trailer or contents. We can support with Poppy Funds but it will not be enough.

SAL: No report

Committee Reports

Membership: Bruce Hayden made a motion to accept into membership in Post 216:

Keith Young	US Army	Vietnam	supported by John Robinson
Ryan Lee Kidd	US Army	Persian Gulf	supported by Chuck Bowman
Jessie Warner	USMC	Persian Gulf	supported by Ron Nevorski
Lawrence J. Wozniak	USA	Vietnam	supported by Bob Janoska

Motion to approve these new members was approved by voice vote.

351 paid to date. 392 is target – have 24 to send in tomorrow. Dept says we have 83.42% with 22 new members. Report available for membership if needed

Ceremonial Unit: John Moore – Closed out 2009 – 94 funeral honors both at National and Local Cemeteries and Post. Full honors for three veterans. Supported MSGT Rector's team. Seven of the ceremonies were past post members. Names read.

Education & Scholarship: No report

Bingo: Month of December 2010 report given. Report available upon request – see Bruce Hayden. Bruce Hayden made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support Finkbeiner. The motion was passed by voice vote. \$45,700 turned over to post for 2009. Bruce is retiring as of May 1st due to 30 years of doing this job, nothing related to the smoking thing. Jim, co-chair, will have to resign as co-chairman due to moving a good distance from post.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: No report

Clubroom:

Mike McDonnell presented the November 2009 Clubroom report.

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Both reports available upon request.

Support Davison. Motion carries with voice vote.

Liquor license is only for the downstairs, It is against the law to have alcohol from the club in the hall.

Legion Riders: No report – last meeting we decided to not meet until February meeting time.

House: Ron Neveroski presented the House Report. Have rearranged the flag storage: put in a 4” tube mounted on walls in under-ramp storage room. Put service branch insignias on tubes. Mike McDonnell: We have upgraded the facility with new cameras. Need to see parking lot better. There used to be spot lights on but these would need to be reinstalled. Lights were on a different meter. Mike indicated that the lights we used to have on the building corners gave very good illumination for the cameras. But since the building renovation, we do not have those lights. We need lights installed on the two north corners of the building. Commander instructed Mike to put together a proposal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Received a packet of letters to vets, written by Highland Middle School students.
Robert M: I can scan the letters for history. Various suggestions provided for the use of the letters to help vets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correspondence:

Lakeland Senior All-Night Party Request. Motion to contribute \$100 to each Lakeland and Milford HS. Support, John Moore. Motion carries with voice vote.

Fire Department Childres Fire Safety Training. Motion to contribute \$100 to the Milford Fire Dept activity. Support, Robert Maxwell. Rich Chowanec: Milford funds the fire department, don't these funds come out of that fund? Table a motion until next month to review the D.D. Budget.

Todd Herron – Presented a proposal that Post 216 sponsor an American Legion Junior Shooting program. Dean Hayden and Todd would be the adults involved to run the program. The focus is gun safety. Would be held at the post. We have 8 or 9 initial members.. A Daisy 953 pellet rifle, some traps and other materials are required. There would be some start-up costs. Members had some questions about the program (insurance, safety concerns indoors, type of rifle (not truly a 'firearm?'). The subject was tabled by Commander Nelson until Todd has enough information to make a full presentation.

Commander: We will be affected by the new no smoking law. This is going to happen. We are not exempt. Every location that provides Bingo will be non-smoking. Every facility that provides food is not exempt.

GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Bob J: Education scholarship event, part of it, is an event where a speech is given pertaining to the constitution. A young lady wants to be sponsored. Name given Alyssa Stevens Motion to provide a \$100 prize for winning the contest. The motion passed by voice vote.

Call for any further business...

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

Prepared and submitted by: Ike Eickholdt Adjutant