



**POST #216**  
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**Adjutant Notes – Executive Committee Meeting – Milford POST 216**

**Commander Cherf called the meeting to order at 19:08 on Tuesday, 2-August-2016.**

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Rich Cherf</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Senior Vice Commander</b>	<b>Ed Merritt</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Junior Vice Commander</b>	<b>Gary Dykstra</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>Tom Kemper</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	<b>Tom Neff</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Ron McCall</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Norm Tibbs</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>John Robinson</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Bill Colegrove</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Joe Bishop</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee Aux</b>	<b>Cathy Merritt</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Exec. Committee SAL</b>	<b>Mike McDonnell</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Guests:** Mike Kotas

**Old Business:** Per E. Merritt, welcome to new members & transfer letters are completed. Mike Kotas will be distributing a mass mailing later this week to area Legion members belonging to Post 225 (Lansing) soliciting their transfer to Post 216.

R. McCall advises the canon repair will cost \$200, supplies being \$120 and welding \$80. Williams will issue a check to Ron for this cost. A steel frame will be constructed to sit the canon on, and the wheels will actually not be holding the weight of the canon, as the brace will take the weight. This will occur in short order, but remains as an open item. Also, the tank will be re-marked, Ron has the materials out in his truck.

Commander Cherf advised volunteers are still needed to man the parking lot for Milford Memories. Other logistics related to parking cars in our lot discussed. Cost per car will be \$10.

Commander Cherf advised the fall raffle is still on track. The mass mailing will occur in September, but he needs a current member mailing list. Mike Kotas will provide same, as his list is up to date, and this is to be provided to Commander Cherf by the next General Membership meeting this month.

Dykstra advises the Post picnic is moving forward and will be ready for August 6. Also, there are about twenty 40-pound bags of charcoal in the garage, and we would like to reduce the number of bags on hand, as this charcoal has been in the garage for about 5 years. It was agreed we would sell the bags at \$5 each to members that may want some, keeping a few bags on hand for future use.



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Per C. Merritt, October 22 is the Auxiliary Halloween dance, more Legion members in attendance is requested.

**New Business:** Commander Cherf advised he received a phone call from a lady offering up free haircuts at the Post once a month, as a way of giving back to our veterans. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Club Room, and Dobransky will send out an email to members advising of same.

Ron McCall advised he has spoken with John Moore, and Ron will now be the Post's webmaster. Ron will incorporate the other organizations of the Post to be inclusive on the website, including meeting minutes of each organization, subject to approval of each group. John will still be an administrator.

Commander Cherf advised he received a letter from the 18<sup>th</sup> District regarding a Commander's Tour that will occur the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November. It was agreed Post 216 would be part of the tour. It was discussed that we typically contribute \$50 toward the cost of the tour bus. Exact time of the tour arrival to the Post to be determined. This is a good way to show off our Post to other Legion members.

Commander Cherf advised he found some stucco repair material at Home Depot that can be used to repair holes around the base of the building that is not part of the stucco repair that has been contracted out. We are looking for in-house volunteers to do this work, and do the work in September. Also, the entire exterior of the building will need to be painted after all the stucco repairs are completed, and we are looking for in-house volunteers to paint the building.

Williams received a \$100 donation with a request that it be used for injured soldiers. It was agreed that N. Tibbs would reach out to one of our injured veterans, or a local injured veteran, and provide that person with the \$100.

Williams advised our current flag maintenance company, Flagpoles, Inc., has presented us with a new contract starting this month that is almost double of what we paid this past year, with the new contract being \$1,250. Their reasoning being they have been out to the Post more than they had anticipated. Williams did some research and N. Tibbs knows of Rocket Enterprises who had serviced our flags and poles in the past. Rocket Enterprises submitted a bid to us, and for under \$1,000 they will maintain the flags and poles, to include flags made in the USA. It was agreed Dobransky would send a letter of cancelation to Flagpoles, Inc., and we signed the new contract with Rocket Enterprises.

Dobransky read correspondence from Post 269, that they are hosting a four-day cruise to the Caribbean, November 7-11, to include drinks and tips. This will be shared with General Membership at the next meeting. Appears to be a good deal for those that may be interested.

N. Tibbs informed the board of several building repair items that are being worked on, such as the building stucco, caps on the chimney, inspection of the fireplace, and work needed on the A/C unit and general electrical work. The A/C work was \$1,600, and electrical will be about \$800. The stucco work coming in under the \$6,500 budget.



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Neff presented information related to the American Legion legacy fund that assists children of deceased while on active duty veterans, or 50% or more disabled veterans, with college education expenses. The amount of tuition and room and board costs allowed depends on the amount of money in the fund divided by the number of participants in the program. The college the student attends also cannot be a for profit university, such as Harvard. He has further information if a member is looking for information, and the document will also be placed on the Post's website.

E. Merritt advised that the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund is being revamped. There is about \$50 million in the fund. The State of Michigan has attempted to take over handling of this fund, and the American Legion is working to prevent this from happening, but each district does need to be involved via representation, but not all the districts have provided representation, and this needs to be corrected. Ed will keep us posted as this develops.

E. Merritt will have all (5) Boys State attendees at our October meeting for recognition.  
C. Merritt advises that on September 24, from 10:00am and 4:00pm, there will be a blood drive at the Post. Appointments are desired, but walk-ins are welcome.

**The meeting ended at 20:45. Date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.**

**Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant**