



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

**Sr. Vice Commander Schimetz called the meeting to order at 19:00 on Tuesday, 4-May-2016.**

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Rich Cherf	X		
Senior Vice Commander	John Schimetz	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Jerry Guest		X	
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Tom Kemper	X		
Historian	Vacant			
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ed Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee	John Robinson		X	
Exec. Committee	Robert Matheson		X	
Exec. Committee	Sam Poel	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell		X	

**Guests:** Mike Kotas and Joe Salvia.

**New Business:** The Memorial Day parade has received to date in excess of \$6,000 in donations, so there is no need to worry if the Post will have enough money to cover expenses related to the parade. All the fly-over planes have been scheduled, and jeeps are being pursued. Williams suggested to persuade owners of Army trucks to join the parade to offer them \$50 fuel cards to help cover the cost of fuel for the trucks.

General discussion pertaining to Post committees; does a committee chairperson have to gain Executive Board approval in naming members to a particular committee. The general consensus is that the committee chairperson is free to select their committee members, but just let the Board know who is on any one particular committee. However, any decisions made by a committee that would cost the Post money does require approval by membership to expend the money.

General discussion regarding hall set up for events, and who can bartend in the hall. Appears to be some confusion as to who has the authority to hire a bartender, and who is in charge of the hall set up and cleaning. N. Tibbs has been involved in some of these discussions, but he is out of town, so this topic will be tabled until his return for further discussion, considering he is the House & Building chairperson.

Discussion regarding who will count votes at the Officer elections; the past two elections have had the Judge Advocate and one member each from the Auxiliary and SAL. It is the consensus of the Board to have only Legion members, that are not running for an office, count the vote.



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Discussion pertaining to a possible conflict of interest when an Officer of the Post also is an Officer for another branch of the Post, such as Commander of the Post and Director of the ALR, etc. A review of the National By-Laws will be done to determine if there are any rules prohibiting dual officer roles by any one person. E. Merritt suggested that the Legion would need to approve dual officer roles. It is suggested any approvals be documented in the Executive Board meeting minutes, that are then shared with general membership for review and approval. A review of the National By-Laws will need to be done, so this item is tabled pending completion of the National By-Laws.

Poppy drive. Commander Cherf is requesting as many Executive Board members as possible volunteer to assist with the poppy drive.

The riders cook and staff the last burger night on May 19.

Commander Cherf advised the Post will be looking to do another \$1,000 raffle for later in the year, and will need \$400 up-front money to move forward with the raffle. Motion by Kemper to allow the up-front \$400 for a raffle, second by Neff. Discussion: If not enough money has been raised to pay out \$1,000 to the winner, then the raffle reverts to a 50/50. No further discussion. Voice vote passes; however, final approval to expend this money rests with the general membership.

Officer installation will take place immediately after the Officer elections at the May 17 meeting. A ceremonial 18<sup>th</sup> District installation can take place later in the summer if the incoming officers desire such an event; this would be in conjunction with the Auxiliary and SAL to select a mutual date. C. Merritt will check with the 18<sup>th</sup> District ritual team as to date availability.

Joe Salvia updated the Executive Board as to the status of the Memorial Day parade. Donations are coming in; jeeps are being lined up; the fly-over planes have been taken care of. Military vehicles are being pursued. Carnations will be handed out to all veterans in attendance. Is pursuing the replacement of banners reflecting each conflict, as the existing banners are worn. Is looking for more veterans to march in the parade.

Cathy Merritt has been reelected as the Unit 216 Auxiliary President, and Dan Scheiderman reelected as the Squadron 216 Commander. Congratulations!!

**Old Business:** A notice has been received from the Village of Milford regarding a possible high-rise residential building being built near the area of the Post. A Post member that is a Milford resident may want to sit in on any planning commission meetings so we are kept informed.

We need to look forward to planning the Post's picnic for August 2016, but not to conflict with the SAL golf outing.

Poppy Fund Raising will be May 19, 20 and 21.

Ray Williams indicated that one of the \$1,000 scholarship selectees, David Vernon from Lakeland High School, still has not come in to a meeting to accept his money. However, this student appears to be able to come to one of the upcoming meetings to collect the money.

**The meeting ended at 20:08. Date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.**

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