



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

Commander Cherf called the meeting to order at 19:00 on Wednesday, 5-October-2016.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Rich Cherf	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Ed Merritt	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Gary Dykstra		X	
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Tom Kemper		X	
Judge Advocate	Tom Neff		X	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Ron McCall	X		
Historian	Norm Tibbs	X		
Exec. Committee	John Robinson	X		
Exec. Committee	Bill Colegrove	X		
Exec. Committee	Joe Bishop			X
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell		X	

Guests: Mike Kotas

New Business: Commander Cherf advised he has spoken to Gary Dykstra, and the WWII dinner will be held at the Post on December 7. Sam Poel was able to have (4) turkeys donated for this dinner. Bear Hall is having local community people volunteer to cook; the Auxiliary will be providing desserts. So the dinner is progressing well. Entertainment is being pursued. An invitation will be extended to State Senator Mike Kowall, who has been very active in veteran affairs. Also, the Color Guard will be in attendance. Gary Dykstra will communicate to the area WWII veterans to invite them to the dinner. Also, Commander Cherf will solicit a donation from the local Meijer.

Veteran's Day falls on November 11. Commander Cherf will not be in country, so the next ranking available officer will need to make the annual speech at Central Park. There is a speech available to read in the Officer's Guide. The Color Guard will also be in attendance.

Dobransky will place an order for (8) Officer Guide booklets from Flag & Emblem Sales. Commander Cherf advised of an article that Bonnie Welbaum had published in a local publication, that promotes the Post and our activities.

A local Eagle Scout contacted commander Cherf for a possible project the scout could do for our Post. Ron McCall advised that the scout will do refinishing of one of the round tables in the Club Room, to include symbols from each of the military branches.

Commander Cherf is looking for veterans from our Post to provide a write-up for inclusion in the Post's monthly newsletter, that highlights an experience related to their military service.



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The Auxiliary is hosting a Halloween party at the Post on October 22. Also, the SAL is hosting a New Year's Eve party at the Post, with proceeds going toward the purchase of some new chairs for the hall, and for the Wilwin Lodge.

McCall advised he is the Director for the 2017 Legacy ride, and Post 216 is the host Post with the ride starting at our Post. The ride stops at various Posts ending at Ludington and Wilwin Lodge, Day 2 the ride ends at the Department convention at Grand Blanc.

Robinson advised the Honor Guard from Post 216 is at GLNC the 4th Monday of every month. Also, he will be attending a Color Guard event in Detroit for the USS Detroit on October 18.

Williams advised of a new start-up company in Milford that rents out tents and folding chairs, and this may be a viable source for the Parade committee.

Tibbs advises he is still waiting on Pat Lloyd to provide an electrical bid for repair to the building's electrical issue – this work will need to be completed prior to the next cooling season.

Colegrove advises that people need to police their use of the storage garage. There are people that just throw stuff in the garage rather than storing neatly. The garage is not a dump, please do your part to help keep the garage organized.

E. Merritt advised the Post has received (9) transferred members to date from our mass mailing. Further advertising of our Post will be pursued, such as providing info on local community boards.

C. Merritt advises of head stone cleaning on October 15 at GLNC, and volunteers are needed. Also, the Auxiliary Halloween dance is on October 22. On October 30 is the kid's Halloween party.

Old Business: Commander Cherf reminded us of the upcoming Commander's Tour that will occur on November 13. Post 216 will be the lunch stop for this tour. This is a good way to show off our Post to other Legion members.

The canon repair material is on order; McCall working on same.
The fall \$1,000 raffle mass mailing went out.

Commander Cherf advised free haircuts are still being done at the Post once a month. See the sign-up sheet in the Club Room.

Commander Cherf advised the stucco repair has been completed, and he and Scott Hungerford did some painting of the building exterior. However, in the spring, further painting will be necessary, and we will solicit Post volunteers to complete the painting.

The meeting ended at 20:15. Date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant