



POST #216  
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**Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216**

Senior Vice Commander N. Tibbs called the meeting to order at 19:10 Tuesday 19-August-2014.

Opening Ceremonies observed.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente		X	
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Tibbs	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Bill Colegrove	X		
Adjutant	Dennis Dobransky	X		
Finance Officer	Ray Williams	X		
Chaplain	Tom Kemper	X		
Historian	Ed Merritt	X		
Sergeant-at-Arms	Matt Tibbs		X	
Exec. Committee	Paul Kolleda	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Cherf	X		
Exec. Committee	Chris Cook	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Cathy Merritt	X		
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	X		

Guests: Cathy Merritt, Auxiliary; Matthew and Rick Duncan, potential new Legion members.

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Regular Membership minutes from 15 July 2014. Motion to accept by E. Merritt, second by Cook. Discussion: R. Cherf advises under ALR the correct name is David Kidd, not Jason Kidd. Correction to be made. Voice vote passes.

**Reports of Officers:**

**Sr. Vice Commander:** N. Tibbs. Advises the front steps to be covered over by trex material for \$3,500, and Executive Board approved 50% down payment to contractor for \$1,750. Work should be completed in about a week.

**Jr. Vice Commander:** Colegrove. Reminded membership of upcoming picnic at Camp Dearborn this coming Saturday, shelters 7 & 8.



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**Finance Officer:** Williams. July report: Gross income \$28,383; Cost of Goods \$22,063; Gross Profit \$6,320; Expenses \$8,323; Net Loss (\$2,003). YTD net loss (\$1,526). General Fund balance is \$4,709. Special fund balance is \$6,130. The Bank of America loan balance is \$4,314. All bills received to date have been paid. The final Memorial Day parade bill has been paid, with net cost of parade to the Post of \$188.75. Motion by Nevorski to accept finance report, Second by Colegrove. Discussions: R. Cherf questioning upcoming expense of the porch for \$3,500 that will further dwindle the General Fund balance. Dobransky asked if Highland paid \$1,000 for the fly-over, and Williams advises they have not. Also, there were less donations received from the community and veterans toward the parade. Voice vote passes.

**Chaplain:** T. Kemper. No report. Mike McDonnell advises Frank Serridge, 92 years old, is in Huron Valley hospital with pneumonia.

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

**Historian:** E. Merritt. Advised this month the Star Spangled Banner celebrated its birthday from 1779, and became the National Anthem in 1931. On August 2, 1990, the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait leading to Desert Shield. On August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. On August 7 we honored Purple Heart day.

**Adjutant:** Dobransky. Read letter from the Oakland Park & Recreation advising veterans of free admission to Arts, Beats and Eats in Royal Oak on August 23. Flier to be placed in Club Room. Location is the AL Post 32 in Livonia at 0930.

**Auxiliary:** Cathy Merritt: No report.

**SAL:** McDonnell. Advised the golf outing was a success with 28 teams. Hamburger night starts the first Thursday of October.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Kotas. Post has 142 paid members so far for 2015. No goal issued by Department as of yet.

**New Members:**

Mark Lyman, Marine, Grenada and Lebanon. Motion to accept Nevorski, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Casey Letarte, Navy, Gulf War, Motion to accept Nevorski, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

George Denskey, Army, Purple Heart, Vietnam. Motion to accept Nevorski, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Matthew Duncan, Army, Gulf War. Motion to accept Nevorski, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Rex Duncan, Army, Gulf War. Motion to accept Nevorski, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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**Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:**

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

**Honor Guard:** Nevorski. Rendered honors for (8) veterans at Great lakes National Cemetery the past month.

**Poppy:** Kolleda. Working on information to help a veteran in need for damage to his home from recent storm in Highland.

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

**Memorial Day Parade:** No report.

**Education and Scholarship:** Davison. No report.

**Bingo:** McDonnell. June: Gross Bingo \$8,375; Gross tickets \$11,355; Ticket prizes \$8,378; Bingo prizes \$6,932; Gross Profit \$4,060. Deposits tickets \$2,977; Deposits Bingo \$1,104; Beginning check book balance \$2,349. Ending check book balance \$1,186; Bingo turned over \$1,800 to the Post. Motion to accept by McDonnell, Second Colegrove. Discussion: McDonnell advises progressive jackpots were hit in both July and August. Voice Vote passes.

**Club Room:** McDonnell. Income \$6,735. Cost of Goods Sold \$2,679; Gross Profit \$4,056; Expenses \$4,119. Net loss (\$62.88). Motion to accept McDonnell, Second Nevorski. Discussion: McDonnell advised this is the lowest income he has seen in the last (17) years. Voice Vote passes.

**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** McDonnell. Beginning checkbook balance \$703; Ending balance \$489. Motion by McDonnell, and second by Colegrove. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

**American Legion Riders:** Kolleda. Advised the new bar rail is complete and ready to be installed. Raffle tickets for sale for November 1 drawing of \$500.

**House & Building:** N. Tibbs. Advised the Executive Board voted to allow a partial payment of \$1,750 toward the cost to repair the damaged front porch, total cost is \$3,500, to be completed in the next week or two.

**Scouts:** Chris Cook. Had the first leader meeting last Monday. September popcorn sales to commence and requests support by purchasing popcorn. Sales to take place at local locations.

**Executive Committee:** Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for July 15, 2014. Motion to accept Kolleda, Second Colegrove. Discussion: Dobransky advised the last paragraph regarding use of Poppy Fund money for the Bank of America loan balance is null and void, as we cannot use Poppy Fund money for this reason. Voice vote passes.

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

**New Business:** R. Williams advised the residents of Wolverine Lake Village and Military Families United of Michigan and K-9 Defender Fund is holding a packing party in October at Shepard of the Lakes Lutheran Church to support our troops and dogs still serving on the battlefield. Info to be posted in the Club Room. Looking for volunteers to help pack the boxes and donations.



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**Good of the Legion:** N. Tibbs asked Chris Cook to provide flags to local schools. C. Merritt advised that on September 6, the head stones will be cleaned and is in need of volunteers. An article was placed in the Milford Times related to the Officer installation ceremony. E. Merritt advised he has a book he is creating for the Post, and will be in the Club Room for viewing. R. Williams advised of the up-coming fall conference. Also, a vendor was at the Department convention called Hear-Pro that specializes in hearing aids. Info to be posted in the club Room.

**Closing:** Senior Vice Commander N. Tibbs: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:05, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

**The next meeting is 16 September, 2014, 19:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Executive Committee minutes from 15 July, 2014. R. Williams advised the Bank of America loan discussion related to using Special Fund money to help pay off the loan be stricken from last month's minutes, as use of this fund cannot be used for this purpose. Motion by E. Merritt, second by Colegrove to strike from the minutes. Membership will be informed of same at regular meeting. Voice vote passes.

**Old Business:** The front porch has been bid for \$3,500 to rebuild same using trex material, but the contractor, All-trades Contracting, requires 50% down payment to order materials. Motion by Kolleda, second by E. Merritt, to provide 50% payment of \$1,750 to the contractor. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

At July meeting, Commander Puente advised he appoints Bingo, Club Room and House & Building committee members (after meeting it was shown these committee members are appointed by the Executive Board – to be discussed further at the August meeting). It was agreed in the absence of Commander Puente at this meeting, we would further discuss this issue at the September meeting.

Internal Post financial audit to be conducted by Dobransky, Colegrove and Kolleda on 21 August 2014 at 17:00.



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Parking lot and sidewalk project, as presented by Mr. Grissom, Village of Milford, may move forward regardless if the Post agrees to fund or not fund any portion of the project. To be reviewed and discussed further at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding cemetery plot at Oakgrove cemetery to be given to Legion member, Mark Griswold. Dobransky advised he made contact with Mark's wife, Arlene, and informed her that we would deed the plot to her husband with the stipulation if it is not used by her husband, then the plot would then be deeded back to the Post. She advised a donation of \$500 would be made to the Post in exchange for the plot. Dobransky to draft a letter for review by the Post Judge Advocate, Tom Neff, describing the details of this agreement, then the letter will be issued to Mr. Griswold. Kolleda expressed concern about just giving away plots at this cemetery, and the lack of a formal procedure to provide remaining thirteen (13) plots to veterans in the future. Future requests for plots will be an Executive Board decision on a case by case basis.

**New Business:** R. Williams advised the fall conference us approaching, and is requesting the Post pay for travel and hotel expenses to attend the conference. Also attending would be Kolleda and E. Merritt. Motion by Cherf, second by Kolleda, to allow up to \$300 per member to attend the fall conference. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Chris Cook advised of an upcoming district scouting event that needs a facility to house the event in November. He is requesting the use of the Post hall. Motion by Cook to have the Post donate the use of the hall for this event, based on availability, second by Colegrove. Discussion: Cook to check with Butch Maxwell for dates of availability. Voice vote passes.

Cherf made motion to be sure the parking lot is left open for use to rent out parking spaces as a fund raiser during next year's Milford Memories event. Second by Kolleda. Discussion: Cherf to discuss with Butch Maxwell to be sure the hall is not rented out during Saturday and Sunday for this event next year. Voice vote passes.

C. Merritt advised the Junior's Convention was held at the Post hall this year, and she has been approached to host the event again in March 2015. Motion made by Cherf to allow use of the hall for this event, subject to availability, second by Dobransky. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

Motion to adjourn meeting by E. Merritt, Second by Kolleda. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 18:48.

**The next meeting is 16 September, 2014, 18:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant