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Ernest F. Oldenburg, The American Legion  
510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381  
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**Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216**

**Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 19:20 Tuesday 16-September-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; Mike McDonnell, SAL; Butch Maxwell, SAL; Al Duncan; Gary Johnson, Rite Aid Pharmacy.

**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Regular Membership minutes from 19 August 2014. Motion to accept by N. Tibbs, second by T. Kemper. No discussion & no corrections. Voice vote passes.

Motion by E. Merritt to suspend regular meeting, second by T. Kemper, to hear from Gary Duncan, Rite Aid Pharmacy, to inform membership of flu shots available after the meeting at the Post, open to all, including friends and family, at a cost of \$31.99, also covered by insurance plans. Voice vote passes. Motion to resume regular meeting by E. Merritt, second by N. Tibbs. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

**Reports of Officers:**

**Sr. Vice Commander:** N. Tibbs. No report.

**Jr. Vice Commander:** Colegrove. Advised the Legion picnic cost was \$718.19. Cash received via bingo, 50/50, donations, and can refunds = \$319.05. Net cost was \$399.14. Divided by three Post groups (Legion, SAL, Auxiliary = \$133.04 for each group. Job well done.



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**Finance Officer:** Williams. Excused. No report

**Chaplain:** T. Kemper. Attended funeral service today for Frank Serridge. Mike McDonnell advised of the passing of fellow SAL member and ALR member Andy Russell. N. Tibbs advised that Ray Lapine's wife passed away.

**Service Officer:** (open office) No report.

**Historian:** E. Merritt. Advised September 11 was Patriots Day; September 18 will be the Air Force's 65<sup>th</sup> b-day; September 21 is POW/MIA recognition day; and September 29 is Gold Star Mother's Day.

**Adjutant:** Dobransky. Read letter from Prisoners War Committee of Michigan inviting Veterans to attend the Michigan National POW/MIA recognition day ceremony on September 19 at 6:30pm at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden in Novi. RSVP is requested for those that want to attend. Letter to be posted in the Club Room.

**Auxiliary:** Cathy Merritt: Kids Halloween party to be held on either October 19 or 26. Also, fund raisers to commence for use toward Girls State's 75<sup>th</sup> year.

**SAL:** McDonnell. Last steak night is this coming Thursday. Burger nights to start the first Thursday of October.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Kotas. No new members to present. Post has 188 paid members so far for 2015, and = 55% of goal.

#### **Veterans Honors, Ceremonial:**

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

**Honor Guard:** Nevorski. Rendered honors for (9) veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery the past month. On Friday will be honors for Dave Horst.

**Poppy:** Dobransky for Kolleda. Advised of two new members for Poppy Committee: Rich Cherf and Matt Tibbs. Poppy Fund paid out \$487.58 to Henderson Glass to pay for windows in a Veteran's home damaged by a recent hail storm.

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

**Memorial Day Parade:** No report.

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

**Bingo:** McDonnell. August: Gross Bingo \$10,300; Gross tickets \$14,857; Ticket prizes \$10,814; Bingo prizes \$8,368; Gross Profit \$5,568. Deposits tickets \$4,043; Deposits Bingo \$1,522; Beginning check book balance \$1,186. Ending check book balance \$1,138; Bingo turned over \$3,000 to the Post. Motion to accept by Nevorski, Second Neff. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.

**Club Room:** McDonnell. Income \$8,516. Cost of Goods Sold \$2,836; Gross Profit \$5,680; Expenses \$4,456. Net income \$1,224. Club Room turned over a check to the Post for the month of August in the amount of \$500. Motion to accept McDonnell, First Nevorski, second Kemper. No discussion. Voice Vote passes.



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**Charitable Gaming Tickets:** McDonnell. Beginning checkbook balance \$489; Ending balance \$296. Gaming tickets turned over a check to the Post for \$500. Motion by McDonnell, First by Nevorski, second by Neff. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

**American Legion Riders:** Cherf for Kolleda. Advised that member Andy Russell passed away. ALR had a new bar rail installed in the Club Room. November 1 drawing raffle tickets on sale with proceeds toward the bathroom improvement fund.

**House & Building:** N. Tibbs. New lights installed on tank to illuminate flags; hedges trimmed out front; new front porch remodeling is complete. Items to be completed prior to winter: Plants in planters need trimming; Sprinkler system to be winterized on 10/13/14; Kitchen to be cleaned on 9/20/14. Furnaces to be inspected for upcoming winter in October.

**Scouts:** Dobransky for Chris Cook. Pack 52 had a fall recruitment meeting last Thursday. Thirteen new boys and two adult leaders joining the pack. The pack now has 54 boys. Look for Pack 52 scouts selling popcorn as a fundraiser at local venues. New flags were purchased by N. Tibbs for Muir Middle School and Milford High School. Chris made contact with the schools and they are eager to receive the flags. N. Tibbs advised a Honor Guard presence is also being requested to present the flags. Commander Puente to reach out to Rich Chowanec to obtain the use of the Honor Guard for this request.

**Executive Committee:** Reviewed Executive Committee minutes for August 19, 2014. Motion to accept Cherf, Second N. Tibbs. No discussion.

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

**New Business:** E. Merritt sent out a letter to the two applicants that attended Boys State to present a report to membership at the October meeting, but has not yet received a response. The 18<sup>th</sup> District meeting to be held in Holly and a topic of discussion will be membership.

**Good of the Legion:** Commander Puente advised the Post is looking for a Bingo Chairperson.

**Closing:** Commander Puente: There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 20:00, with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

**The next meeting is 21 October, 2014, 19:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant



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

**Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 18:15 Tuesday 16-September-2014.**

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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	
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**Approval of Minutes:** Review of Executive Committee minutes from 19 August 2014. Motion to accept by Cherf, second by E. Merritt. No discussion. Voice vote passes.

**Old Business:** The front porch remodeling has been completed and looks fantastic! Final cost to the Post was \$3,500.

Committee chairpersons needed for Bingo, Club Room and House & Building. According to the Post By-Laws, these positions are appointed by the Executive Committee (reference By-Laws Article II, Section 3). R. Cherf volunteered for Club Room chairperson. N. Tibbs volunteered for House & Building chairperson in conjunction with Bill Colegrove.

Motion by Dobransky to appoint R. Cherf as Club Room chairperson, second by E. Merritt. Discussion: Club Room manager McDonnell and Commander Puente expressed general concerns about this appointment due to lack of familiarity with this position. Cherf presented comments related to his qualifications and desire to take on this responsibility. Voice vote passes.

Motion by Dobransky to appoint N. Tibbs and Bill Colegrove as joint House and Building chairpersons, second by Kemper. No discussion. Voice vote passes.



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Bingo chairperson. Commander Puente agreed to continue as Bingo chairperson for at least the next month, to be further reviewed at the October meeting under Old Business. There are no volunteers for Bingo chairperson at this time.

The Post internal financial audit was completed on August 21, 2014, by Dobransky, Colegrove & Kolleda. No discrepancies noted.

Parking lot and sidewalk issue with the Village of Milford. Cost of the proposed project to the Post (about \$7,500) would be prohibitive and was voted down by the Executive Committee. The Village of Milford manager was informed of this and nothing more has transpired to date. It is possible the Village will move forward with or without our support and/or agreement.

Dobransky met with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Griswold at Oak Grove cemetery to select a plot, and they are going to research further with the Village of Milford the exact location of the Legion plots in the cemetery. Dobransky also advised the Post has (14) plot sites in section 12, plus (10) more plot sites in section 1, for a total of (24) plot sites belonging to the Post. Mike Kotas advised he had not yet processed membership for Mark Griswold, and it was determined the membership should be processed regardless of the cemetery plot item.

Dobransky read an email from Chris Cook advising cub scout pack 52 is working with the Village of Milford building permit and zoning department for best placement of a scout shed on the Post property, to be updated at the October meeting.

C. Merritt advised the Junior's Convention that we had voted upon and agreed to allow use of the hall in March 2015 for this event is no longer needed. She will inform B. Maxwell this event will not take place at the Post and the hall is no longer needed.

**New Business:** R. Cherf made a motion to allow for expansion of the Honor Walk to include all members of the Legion family (SAL, Auxiliary, ALR) related to Post 216. Second by Kemper. Discussion: N. Tibbs advised the original intent of the Honor Walk is to honor only Veterans of the Post. E. Merritt advised the Honor Walk can also include other Veterans of the community; also, rather than allow non-Veterans among the Veterans, perhaps another walk could be created to include non-Veterans. Voice vote fails.

R. Cherf entered into a general discussion regarding Post financial income and expenses and the desire to allocate income to cover known expenses and set aside a certain portion of income to cover desirable projects/plans.



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E. Merritt advised the 18<sup>th</sup> District will be doing a Commander's tour on November 2. Not sure if our Post is on the agenda. Commander Puente advised a letter from District will likely be forthcoming.

R. Cherf advised of a project to create an email list of membership and is looking for volunteers to assist in perhaps mass phone calls to all members to obtain email addresses. This is an on-going project.

Motion to adjourn meeting by N. Tibbs, Second by E. Merritt.. Voice vote passes. The meeting ended at 19:10.

**The next meeting is 21 October, 2014, 18:00.**

Prepared and submitted by: Dennis Dobransky, Adjutant