



Post No. 216

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Adjutant Notes – Regular Membership Meeting – Milford POST 216

Commander Puente called the meeting to order at 19:00, Tuesday 21-September-2010

Opening Ceremonies observed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	Tony Puente	X		
Senior Vice Commander	Jared LaBelle	X		
Junior Vice Commander	Phil Weitlauf			X
Adjutant	Ike Eickholdt	X		
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	X		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	X		
Historian	Open			
Sergeant-at-Arms	Skip Davison	X		
Exec. Committee	Rich Chowaniec	X		
Exec. Committee	Bob Godwin	X		
Exec Committee	Nordie Caswell	X		
Exec. Committee Aux	Sheila Maxwell			X
Exec Committee SAL	Dan Shiedaman	X		

Motion was presented by Janoska to accept the August 2010 Post 216 Legion Minutes upon corrections as required.

Motion was seconded by: Jack Winder

Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests Introduced: Arnold Stevens - Ariforce 1953 to 57 - going down to Florida so last meeting
Warren Johnson
Butch Maxwell - SAL Jr. Vice Commander

19:40 – Ashley – will attend OU, English. Frank Farmer – grandfather is vet. He was in the Army during peace time – stationed in Alaska. Ashley reads her essay on Americanism.



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Reports of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commander: No Report

Jr. Vice Commander: No Report

Financial Officer:

Report available upon request.

Net income July negative \$7,535.25

Net income August negative \$1,994.37

YTD finances - negative \$9,529.62

We cannot borrow ourselves out of debt – everything is slow so we need to monitor our spending

Motion to approve the report subject to future audit Bruce Hayden, Second Waldren

Motion carries with voice vote.

Commander: We need to keep our finances in mind while folks are asking for our support for recommendations that require funding.

Chowaniec: If we have savings, how do we have a negative?

Ron N: The savings are called a reserve. We have about depleted the reserves.

Chowaniec: How much in the hole if we take the reserves into consideration?

Commander: Ron is speaking to income – cash flow.

Ron N: At one time we had 13k in our general fund. We are now down to 3k in our checking account. We have a 20k line of credit. We could borrow 6k if we had to. We did not think these times would be this bad so we need to really watch our spending.

Commander: Comparison to a check overdraft account. Electric bill has been over 2,400 per month due to how hot it's been.

Ron N: One bill was 1,089 0 bingo turned over 1,200. We are really tapping into our cash reserve.

Commander: We need to support things that generate income – Bingo as an example.

Chaplain: We don't have to pay the \$500 per month? If things were tight enough, we could just pay the interest for some time?

Ron N: Yes, we could do that but it is not fiscally responsible.



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1 Audit Committee report:

Chaplains Report: No report of deaths

Marge Vernier is in the hospital – problem with kidneys – rehab in Brighton – Joe is past District Commander

Chad who is grandson of Jerry Bollinger – Chad was wounded in Afghanistan by an IED.

Service Officer: No report

Historian: No report.

Adjutant:

UPS email print of minutes

Constant Contact for augmenting communications from Post out to members

Commander explains Constant Contact, what it is and why it is required.

Auxiliary: No report

SAL:

Steak Nights have now ended – October 7th starts Burger Night

Commander: You need help Dan?

Dan: Yes, we will definitely take help



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Bruce Heyden – several

1.	Branch of Service					Military Theater				
	US A	US N	US MC	US AF	US CG	WW 2	K	VN	L-G	PG
Full Name			X						X	
Theodore B. Hall (Bear)										
Support was Ron N. Motion was approved by voice vote.										

2.	Branch of Service					Military Theater				
	US A	US N	US MC	US AF	US CG	WW 2	K	VN	L-G	PG
Full Name			X							X
Paul K. Young										
Support was Godwin. Motion was approved by voice vote.										

3.	Branch of Service					Military Theater				
	US A	US N	US MC	US AF	US CG	WW 2	K	VN	L-G	PG
Full Name				X						X
Paul K. Young										
Support was John Moore. Motion was approved by voice vote.										

4.	Branch of Service					Military Theater				
	US A	US N	US MC	US AF	US CG	WW 2	K	VN	L-G	PG
Full Name				X			X			
Thomas F. Brandon										
Support was Skip Davison. Motion was approved by voice vote.										

Motion carries by voice vote.

280 processed for 2011 – 10 are new members

Ceremonial Unit: John Moore

August 23rd unit went to Great Lakes – five or six burials

Wilbur Welch presented a thank you card – US Army Korean Aar

Rober M Johnson – US Navy – St Mary's Cemetart

Robert Garrity – Sunday Night – full rifle team, pal bearers – US Army WWII – Post 216 and VFW –
Owner of the Milford Times

Commander: Should both reports come from you John

John: No, John Robinson will present the Color Guard

Poppy: A \$25 check was provided to Finance Officer



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Honor Walk: No Report

Memorial Parade:

Education and Scholarship: There are two Thank You letters – young ladies read their reports – no new business until next March

Education & Scholarship: Skip – both scholarships are issued, next March is when next is held

Bingo: Bruce – Took in \$2,105.50 - turned over \$1,000 – report available upon request
324 people attending Bingo

Motion to accept – support Winter – motion passes with voice vote

Bruce: We may lose the guy that sets up the Bingo hall – I can get through the third quarter but I need help – need replacement – Bob Godwin retired

Commander: What are the responsibilities?

Bruce: Bruce explains the process that ‘this person’ performs – I NEED HELP – the Club Room has 14 Chairmen

Chaplain: What do you mean the Club Room has 14 chairmen?

Commander: We need someone

Bruce: I told everyone that I wanted to transfer on and I see no motion in that direction – I need someone else that knows what they are doing and are committed.

Commander: I will make that a priority

Bingo Gaming Tickets: Combined with Bingo

Clubroom: Mike McDonald – income \$8524.93 – report available upon request

Loss for August \$913.48

Motion to accept report – Davidson – second Janoska

Game Room: The machine is shut down due to a license that was not renewed. The state has now received the check and the machine will be turned back on.

Legion Riders: Butch – Riders are getting more active – more riders – cider mill ride coming up.

We would like to do a chili cook off October 30th and we would like to use the hall and get a temp liquor license.

Motion to support this event: Janoska - second John Moore – motion passes with voice vote.

Chaplain: Need a drawing and all supporting materials

Mike McDonald – if you have a licensed area – you cannot smoke there due to Michigan law

Commander: Butch, you will be responsible for ensuring the state guidelines are met.



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House: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bonnie: A \$500.00 check was requested last month to support the video for the Vietnam Vets “Our Vietnam Generation”. Has this been approved? Commander: I will look into this.

Note: This cannot move forward due to our current financial state.

Chaplain: I do not recall the above item as being finalized

Commander: That was due to the fact that the motion was not properly structured – this was actually a fund raiser for a dinner at \$50 per plate.

Chaplain: You did the right thing Commander

Correspondence:

Adjutant reads the correspondence

NEW BUSINESS COVERED:

No new business

GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Mike McDonnell – I realize there was some colorful discussion but, we will get through all this. Summer has always been tough – with football season coming up, we should have an increase in folks coming in.

Chaplain: The Jr. Vice is not here tonight but Phil W. had requested funds for the flags for the War Dog Memorial. Phil spent \$54.00 out of pocket for the flags.

Bear: My company made the flag holders and the photo lights for the flags.

Chaplain: I make a motion that we provide funds, up to \$175.00 to the Jr. Vice Commander to reimburse his expenses.

Second: Jack Weber Motion carries by voice vote.

Chaplain: I will give the money from the tickets.

Commander: The Commander explains the work performed and the reason the memorial exists, and where it is.

Commander: I received a note from the St. Paul Cathedral – recognition dinner on Sunday November 7th 4:00 pm – all Korean War veterans – I need someone to chair this. On Woodward near Wayne State University



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There being no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at f with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by: Ike Eickholdt Adjutant

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