

Post 177 General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Colors were presented, Pledge of Allegiance, POW/MIA chair, Invocation, Preamble to TAL Constitution, and a quorum was confirmed with 18 members present.

Presentations

- Cub Scout Pack #1865 presented their community project to interview a Veteran for their great contribution to the community.
- Auxiliary presented Lady of the Year pin to Donna Frank.
- Commander presented Auxiliary Commander two national level awards for Best Overall VA&R Program and Outstanding Promotion of Supporting Activities.
- Presentation of plaque containing Iwo Jima sand in honor of the 240th USMC birthday.

Minutes

Minutes were read from last meeting and unanimously approved.

New Members

Samuel Bakalian, Stanley Derr, Gary Finneyfrock, Michael Graf, Jon Ostrowski, Kenneth Rudnicki, John Waddick.

All new members were unanimously approved with two members present to take the oath (Samuel Bakalian and Gary Finneyfrock).

Old Business

- None.

Reports and New Business

Finance Officer

- \$38 profit last month
- \$2,000 increase in social quarters
- \$1,000 increase in beer sales
- \$14K in gambling, a little below the goal of \$20K
- \$11K in banquet hall rental
- Question was asked on commissions and bonuses as the understanding was there is not a contract.
 - The Commander replied the contract expired one year after signing and is not technically in force. The Executive Committee has formed a group to review and create a new contract.

Adjutant

- None.

First Vice

- 713 new members puts at just above 65% towards annual goal.
- This weekend 1500 Early Bird Dinner, but have to be signed up for 2016 or you can pay at the door.
- In January the dues go up and Post will pay more for each member, but individual member dues will not increase.
- Member added that there is a Paid up for Life option and information is available on the American Legion website.

Second Vice

- None.

Third Vice

- Not present.

Chaplain

- Not present.

Service Officer

- Not present.

Judge Advocate

- Not present.

Sergeant-at-Arms

- Honor Guard supported three different events for Veterans Day.
- Post was well represented at District Commander's Dinner and our Honor Guard provided POW/MIA table.
- Supported two funerals on Monday and the Annandale parade.
- Any new members that want to join the Honor Guard please see the Sergeant-at-Arms, Commander, or Bill Anderson. The more people we have the better.
- Revitalization at Post 139 (Arlington) where Post 141 members will be contacted to invite them to a local post.
 - Member added to please reiterate membership requirements when contacting them.

Historian

- 10 November 1775 USMC established.
- 11 November 1918 WWI ended (Armistice Day).
- 8 November 1942 US Forces landed in North Africa for Operation Torch.
- 13 November 1982 the Vietnam Veterans memorial was dedicated.
- Alaska sent a license plate and a letter to thank the Post for supporting them.
- NY State assemblyman sent a letter along with a \$100 donation.

Members-at-Large

- None.

Corporate Board

- None.

Auxiliary

- Dinner this Saturday night will be German night from 5:30 - 8:00.

SAL

- Chili cook-off was this past Sunday. There were seven entries including Bear's. Janet Saunders 2nd and Sandy Price was awarded 1st, Janet Saunders received 2nd place and there was a tie for 3rd.

ALR

- Riders participated in a couple Honor Flights last weekend.
- Rode to Arlington today (Veteran's Day) and also visited an assisted living home in Reston. They met with about 20 veterans, spent a few hours talking with them and each were given a certificate and Rider poker chit.
- Malawi project pill bottle is in place in the Social Quarters. Pill bottles are being collected so doctors in Malawi can distribute their medicine instead of using paper. Please make sure the bottles you donate are empty and the labels are removed.
- Semper canine, the Riders are going to forgo donations to the group at this time.
- Staples provided a \$5,000 donation to the Legacy Fund.
 - A lot of organizations will donate, ask that members keep the Legacy Fund in mind. The fund pays for college tuition for kids who have lost a parent since 9/11.

Commander

- Veterans Day observance and Flag Retirement Ceremony went well. The meal was served in the Social Quarters, but could not perform the flag retirement due to the weather. We were able to pack everyone into the social quarters (couple hundred) including the Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, boy scouts, girl scouts, and Knights of Columbus.

- Received a resolution from Stafford Post #290 that they have endorsed David Stein to run as Department Commander next year.
- Presented Certificate of Recognition from commonwealth of Virginia establishing American Legion week November 8 - 14, 2015.

Good of the Legion

- On the chairs are letters from Paul VI students to Veterans that were dropped off. They will be given to the Historian.
- Boyd school day care students made us a new banner.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2006.