

POST 177 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

10 February 2016

- 1. Call to order:** Present Colors. Pledge of Allegiance. POW/MIA Chair. Invocation. Preamble to TAL Constitution. Confirmed Quorum. Recognized VIPs.
- 2. Read and approve minutes of previous meeting:** No minutes reviewed.
- 3. New Members:** 6 total: 2 members present; 4 absent. **Motion made and approved without objection, to accept new members.** Two members who were present were initiated.
- 4. Old Business:** None.
- 5. Reports and New Business:**

5.1. Finance Officer: The Post lost \$9235.88 in January, primarily due to snow storm which caused the Post to be closed for three days. Despite this, gambling revenue has increased, and food sales as well as gambling are trending upward.

The Post has budgeted \$10,000 for Boys State expenses, which amounts to \$400 per week per each boys sent to Boys State. The Interview are set for March 17, 2016. Volunteers are needed for interviews.

5.2. Adjutant: New adjutant was introduced. Adjutant will prepare the Consolidated Post Report with the Finance Officer, which will be forwarded to National Headquarters. The Report is due in May 2016, since the Post's calendar year runs from July –June.

Post Commander requested that all members forward their community service hours. Post Commander will forward to members a form for reporting volunteer hours. The Finance Officer will accept service hours in any format (email or paper).

New Members are urged to volunteer for Boys State interviews.

5.3. First Vice: The Post is at 920 Members, which is 90.64% of its goal.

5.4. Second Vice: Not present at meeting. However, all newsletter submissions are due by February 19, for the March/April newsletter.

5.5. Third Vice: Initiatives at Social Quarters include Buckets of Beer on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and a Daytona night planned for 21 Feb 2016, at 1300. This is being planned with SAL, and will include a 50/50 raffle, pulled pork, and buckets of beer for sale.

5.6 Chaplain: No report.

5.7. Service Officer: The DAV will be at the Post on 20 Feb 16 to offer assistance to members as needed.

5.8. Judge Advocate: The Post is currently redrafting the contract with McDonalds. The Donations Committee has issued checks to the following groups: (1) Legion Riders, to support a Gold Star Family on Memorial Day; (2) Childhood Cancer group; (3) Challenger baseball (\$5000) and Girls' State (\$2000).

5.9. Sergeant-at-Arms: Valentine's Day Breakfast at Post.

5.10. Historian:

3 Feb 43 – USAT Dorchester sank/heroism of the 4 Chaplains.
23 Feb 45 – Raid at Los Banos Internment Camp in the Philippines
23 Feb 45 – Raising of U.S. flag on Iwo Jima

5.11. Members-at-Large:

Post Commander reported on the success of the Four Chaplains Service on 7 Feb 16. Commander also reported on the Jewish Chaplains Memorial.

5.12. Corporate Board: Board members met with McDonalds regarding planned refurbishment of their leased property. Board is working on renegotiation of lease with Boyd School, which was recently acquired by corporate entity that want an extended lease of 5 years rather than the 2 year lease. The new lease will likely include an escalation of rent clause. The apartment complex adjacent to the Post is being redeveloped. PVI High School is being sold to IDI, and will be redeveloped as mixed use property. IDI will hold community meetings on 2/11 and 3/10 at the Post.

5.13. ALR: A planning meeting was held for the annual Run to Thunder. A Maryland Group located near Andrews AFB, which has campsites available to the bikers, wants to participate with the Post. The Run to Thunder weekend activities include the Gold Star Mothers ride on Friday, a ride to Arlington Cemetery and wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, and on Sunday, the bikers will gather in the parking lot and ride to the Pentagon. The next Run to Thunder planning meeting is 5 Mar 16.

5.14. Auxiliary: No report.

5.15. SAL: No report.

5.16. Commander:

5.16.1 Post 177 oratorical winner going to department 3/11 in Virginia Beach.

5.17. From the Floor: Nothing involving Motions.

6. Announcements:

6.1. Funeral for Jeff Wolfhope, 2/13/1100 at St. Leo's Church.

6.2. Legionnaires serving breakfast 2/14. Price increased from \$7 to \$10 for adults.

7. Good of the Legion:

Honor Flight meeting at BWI next weekend. An Alaska group has contacted the Post for support, but no date has been set. A group from Lake County, Illinois is expected in late April. We have not had contact from the Tennessee group yet.

Tribute to Fallen Soldiers motorcycle group ride from Oregon has requested Post support for end of July/early August. They would like to spend the night at the Post, and have a dinner and breakfast served, as well as guards needed for the flame they are transporting across country. This item will be added to agenda for Corporate Board.

Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Camp will be held at GMU on 6/13-6/17. Post has been asked for support for 1-2 nights, to include dinners, social, and box lunches.

Update on two members physical conditions.

Post Commander received positive reviews about the 4 Chaplains Service.

8. Benediction:

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.