

Post 177 General Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Colors were presented, POW/MIA chair, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to TAL Constitution and a quorum was confirmed with 30 members present

Reading of Minutes:

- Minutes from August were read and unanimously approved

New Members: Colin was introduced as the new First Vice Commander. Steven Fred, James Kane, Harvey Knowles, Rodolfo O'Shea, Anthony Schaffer, and James Schillinger. None were present, unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- None

Reports and New Business:

Finance Officer:

- August financial report was presented
- Noted the corporate assistance should be backed out
- Down \$13,000 for month
- Beer sales and Gaming are down

Adjutant: No update. However, Commander noted that the Adjutant position is vacant and Post is looking for volunteers

First Vice:

- Final membership count for 2015 was 976
- Estimated 2016 membership is at 570
- Goal for the year is 1,015
- Have a few things in the work
 - Setting up a booth at a hardware store
 - Will be a booth at National Light Show
- In January fees will go up. Need to push for renewals before then
- Looking for ideas for the Early Bird Dinner

Second Vice:

- Newsletter is posted on website
- Next articles due on 16 October

Third Vice:

- Taco Tuesday starts every week at 5:00 pm
- Thirsty Thursday every week at 3:00 pm - close
- Sunday tailgates starting with Redskins games

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

- Bingo/Horse Racing game starting every Saturday night at 7:00 pm, except the 19th
- We will be hosting GMU Veteran's Night in the social quarters on the September 19th

Chaplain:

- Requested prayers for Jack McMahon who passed away yesterday.

Service Officer:

- Working to help a veteran build a wheelchair ramp
- 2 cards were sent to families of deceased members
- Ray Broadway's brother, Randy, passed away and cards will be sent to family

Judge Advocate:

- No update

Sergeant at Arms:

- We will be supporting several upcoming events
 - 9/11 Service at Post 180
 - Honor Flights are coming
 - Veteran's Day dinner November 7th

Historian:

- A WWI helmet was donated and is on display in cabinet
- Susan sent a thank you card for the support the Post provided her family
- Tennessee Honor Flight sent a thank you card
- September 18, 1947: AF Birthday
- September 11, 1814: Battle of Plattsburgh, NY. Lake Champlain Victory over the British
- September 2, 1945: Japanese formal surrender
- September 11, 2001: Global War on Terror begins

Members at Large:

- No update

Corporate Board:

- No update

Auxiliary:

- Breakfast this Sunday
- Supporting GMU night with cake

SAL:

- September 12th will be hosting a pig roast. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and if you buy a challenge coin will get \$2 off.
- Chili Cook-off November 8th

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Legion Riders:

- 7 Riders attended Legacy Run. Over \$1M raised for legacy, \$17K from the Post
- 6 Riders attended Still Brave
- Rattle the Runway is coming up. Starts by Dulles airport and ends at the Pentagon in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11th.
- Next meeting Saturday at 9:00 am
- Will be supporting some upcoming events
 - Boulder Crest retreat in support of Wounded Warriors
 - Warrenton Post bike and car show

Commander:

- No update

Announcements:

- Patriot Day September 11th - Flags at half staff until sunset.
- DAV meets September 19th at 1000. Help with claims after meeting.
- Honor Flight from East Tennessee, October 9th and 10th.
- Challenger baseball is starting this Sunday. Games at 1:00 and 3:00
- Mike has a list of volunteer programs run by the Post to help advertise opportunities
 - the list will be added to the newsletter and the Post website along with contact information
- September 17th, Ft Belvoir is having a mass casualty exercise. Contact post Red Cross volunteer coordinate to volunteer as a "casualty".
- Expect to have members of Boys and Girls State at next meeting to talk about what they did and learned.
- September 19th, PoW/MIA recognition day event at Jim Barnett Park in Winchester.

Good of the Legion:

- Luther Hodges has surgery scheduled and is in good spirits.
- Tony has 3 double barrels that can be used if needed for flags