

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION POST 177
Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

1. **Call to order:** Colors presented. Pledge of Allegiance. POW/MIA Chair. Invocation. Preamble to TAL Constitution. Confirmed Quorum. Recognized VIPs.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Read and unanimously approved.
3. **New Members:** 11 new members accepted with unanimous approval; one new member present.
4. **Old Business:** None.
5. **Reports and New Business:**
 - 5.1. **Finance Officer:** Net loss of \$4907 for month of November.
 - 5.2. **Adjutant:** No report.
 - 5.3. **First Vice:** 775 members registered, which is 78.44% of goal of 988 for 2017.
 - 5.4. **Second Vice:** Newsletter inputs due by 23 December.
 - 5.5. **Third Vice:** New Off-Hours menu for Social Quarters; food every night. Holiday Hours for Post are posted in Social Quarters. New Year's Eve party is being planned.
 - 5.6. **Chaplain:** No report.
 - 5.7. **Service Officer:** No meeting of DAV in December and January. Next meeting is February 18.
 - 5.8. **Judge Advocate:** Has completed annual review of Post 177 Constitution and By-Laws for compliance and alignment with the Department of Virginia and the American Legion's Constitution and By-Laws.
 - 5.9. **Sergeant-at-Arms:** No currently scheduled Honor Guard activities for December.
 - 5.10. **Historian:** 8 Dec 2016 – John Glenn died. 7 Dec 1941 – Pearl Harbor. 8 Dec 1941 – Wake Island. 20 Dec 1989 – Panama Canal Campaign began. 15 Dec 2011 – Iraq War end. 15 December - Bill of Rights Day.

At the Centreville Moose Lodge on 18 December, a Celebration of Life service will be held for former member. Thank you note received from W.T. Woodson Adult High School for Honor Guard ceremony.

5.11. Members-at-Large: No report.

5.12. Corporate Board: Pulte lease termination in process. L.F. Jennings started repair work around building to seal brick. January 18, 2017 is next Corporate Board meeting. Lions Club presentation of donation for Honor Guard ceremony. Finance report given.

5.13. ALR: Plaque received from U.S. Park Service for ALR's volunteer service of cleaning of the Disabled for Life Memorial. Participated in SGT Mack foundation by wreath laying at Quantico National cemetery. Wreaths Across America still looking for volunteers to lay wreaths at Arlington.

5.14. Auxiliary: Legion members can have dual membership in Legion and Auxiliary without having to pay additional dues for Auxiliary. Christmas Party will be held at Post on 18 December at 1300. Virginia Senator Jane Woods, wife of deceased Post member and her daughter, Carol Ann Woods contacted Commander to create scholarship fund and also provided donation to start fund to send more girls to Girls' State camp.

5.15. SAL: At DAV Christmas party on 11 December which was attended by Commander and Rick Garris, where plaque was presented to Post in thanks for donation of proceeds from Jim Salus golf tournament.

5.16. Commander: No other items other than already discussed.

5.17. From the Floor: No report.

6. Announcements:

6.1. 18 December 2016 – Children's Christmas Party at 1300.

7. Good of the Legion: Various news articles discussing Viet Nam pin available, a memorial, and 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor ceremony.

8. Benediction: completed.

9. Adjourn: 2000 hours.